



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for -FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - 10th March 2024

Saturday 9 th March	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Special Intention (MC)	
Sunday 10 th March FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Maureen Gordon People of the Parish Tom Weighill (B'day Rem.) Mothers of the Parish	Mothering Sunday Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 noon	Win Edmondson (Successful Op)	Ferial <u>Commonwealth Day</u>
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	B Murphy (Op) Matt Murray (Requiem)	Ferial Adoration HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am 7.00 pm	Paul Collins (Get Well) Station Mass at <u>Sacred Heart Wythenshawe</u>	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Priest's Intention John Noel Rice	Ferial Tea & Toast after Mass at HF
Friday	7.30 am 9.30 am 7.00 pm	William and Dorothy Richards (RIP) Sister Eoghan Callaghan (RIP) Stations of the Cross	Ferial
Saturday 16 th March	12.00 noon	Harry Dixon (RIP)	Ferial Adoration SJ 11.00 am
Sunday 17 th March FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	6.00 pm (Vigil) 9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Paul Tanney (RIP) Priest's Intention Paddy Power (B'day Rem 6.3) Peter Doyle (RIP) Paul Keogh (RIP)	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Mena & Jimmy Hollywood RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 3 rd March 2024 SJ £2013.06 HF £383.14 Many Thanks
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How To Make Good Choices

From the minute we open our eyes in the morning, we are faced with choices. By the end of the day we have made hundreds of choices and not all of them good. In fact, we probably fail to choose God in a hundred and one different ways, yet God still loves us. How do we know? We know because every time we look at a Crucifix we are reminded of the sacrifice Jesus made out of love for us. Just as Moses held up a bronze snake on a pole to remind the Israelites of God's love, so we look to the Crucifix as a reminder that God doesn't condemn us for our mistakes, but offers us a second chance of salvation. Too often we take God's love for granted. How could we make ourselves more deserving? We could begin by looking at all those choices we make on a daily basis. Do we choose to fritter our lives away in inconsequential activities, or do we choose to make the world a better place? Do we choose to bury our heads in the sand when we see someone bullied at work, or do we make a brave stand? Do we determine to look after ailing family members or do we put it off until we are less busy? Do we shroud our decisions in darkness and secrecy, or do we walk in the light with our heads held high?

But how do we start making good choices when we have spent so much time making poor ones? This is the beauty of reconciliation; our mistakes are part and parcel of making better choices from now on. We remember how it felt to make a bad choice and we don't want to go there again. Knowing what we are about is also a part of making good choices. Jesus knew what he was about and so must we. There's no better time than Lent to sit down and think about who we want to be. Lastly, once we have decided what choices we are going to make, we mustn't procrastinate. The Bible never tires of telling us that time is of the essence.

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.</i>			
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!</i>			
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!</i>			
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.</i>			
Year B	Chronicles 36: 14-16. 19-23	Psalm 136	Ephesians 2: 4-10	John 3: 14-21

LENT 2024

During this Holy Season we shall have additional Masses, devotions and activities to help us focus our hearts and minds on the Passion and Death of Christ.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is Lenten Adoration at Holy Family on a Tuesday at 10.00am and at

St. Joseph's on Saturdays between 11.00am and 11.50am, during confessions.

Come and spend some quiet time.

ADDITIONAL MASS

Father Stephen will celebrate an additional Mass on the **Fridays**

of Lent at 7.30am at St. Joseph's.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7.00pm at St Joseph's.

This week the Stations of the Cross are for Marriage & Family Life

STATION MASSES AROUND THE DEANERY

In this Year of Prayer, in preparation for the Holy Year 2025, Mass will be celebrated in a different parish around the Deanery each week. Mass will be at 7.00pm with an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6.30pm or after Mass. Refreshments will also be served after Mass.

This week Mass will be at Sacred Heart, Wythenshawe

Wednesday 20th March Holy Angels, Hale Barns

Please try and support this new initiative.

CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Will take place at 10.30am on Good Friday. If any child in the parish (Reception and above) would like to take part, please email Alison Macdonald – ali.macdonald.937@gmail.com with your child's name, age and a contact phone number. Names will be needed by Thursday 21st March. After the performance, there will be the tea and coffee in the parish centre, with arts and crafts for the children.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Winifred Fitzgibbon and Martin Murray, who have died recently.

May they rest in peace.

We extend to their families and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

Death is not extinguishing the light.

It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.

ST. PATRICK'S AFTERNOON TEA

To celebrate St. Patrick's day, St Joseph's school PTA are holding an afternoon tea next Friday 15th March from 2.00pm. There will be lots of cake, tea and Irish coffee as well as a variety of performances from the children. All are very welcome.

A PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord Jesus, may I never lose sight of the signs of your presence in my life, and the signs of your action in the world today. Free me from spiritual dullness, indifference, and every distraction that would keep me from you. During this time of grace, may I listen to your word, seek you in prayer, serve you in others and long for your resurrection in my life. Amen.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday has been celebrated in the UK on the fourth Sunday in Lent from the 16th century. On this Sunday it was expected that families should attend their 'Mother Church'. This history is largely forgotten, but it remains an opportunity for us to show our mothers just how much we appreciate and love them.

On Mother's Day we pray especially for all mothers and thank God for the care and love they give to their children. We ask God's blessing especially for mothers who struggle to protect their children against poverty and injustice.

We pray for and remember all mothers who have gone before us in faith.

We extend a 'thank you' to all mums, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, godmothers, expectant mothers, mothers-in-law, stepmothers, foster mothers and not forgetting all Reverend Mothers!

To all who are honoured with the title of 'Mother'
A Very Happy Mothering Sunday to you all.

ASK YOUR MP TO SUPPORT THE ABORTION TIME LIMIT REDUCTION AMENDMENT

Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law.

Take Action: Postcards are available at the back of church here today, please collect one and post it to your MP asking them to support this amendment!

ST JOSEPH AND HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Next Saturday 16th March 2024

Ashop Head & Kinder Downfall

Meet St Joseph's Church Car Park 9.00am for

This is a 9 mile strenuous walk with the first hour uphill! Levels out on the Kinder Plateau taking in wreckage of 2 RAF jets and cross Kinder Downfall and along The Pennine Way with lunch at Edale Rocks and then back towards Edale Cross and Hayfield. For more information please see the website www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk or email kieronwalsh25@outlook.com

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new Offertory Envelopes are now available in the narthex at St. Joseph's & Holy Family.

GIFT AID: If you have been in the scheme and are no longer paying tax or, alternatively, if you wish to join the scheme please contact our Planned Giving organisers Anne Stanley on 973 9159 for St. Joseph's and Veronica Saunders on 973 3773 for Holy Family

TOO LATE FOR LENT?

So you haven't got round to doing anything for Lent and wonder if it's too late? Are you thinking that you might as well forget about it now and try it next year instead? The answer is that it's never too late to do anything for God. Even if there is only one day left to do something, it's worth the effort because, after all, an effort made even if it is small and late, it is still an effort God will see. It's not too late to do something for Lent and one of the places we might start is to say we are sorry, whether to God or to another person.

VACANCY

Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College have a vacancy for a School Chaplain. Full details are on the noticeboard in the narthex. Job description and application forms are available at <https://www.bthcc.org.uk/vacancies>.

Closing date: Tuesday 9th April