



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – 3rd March 2024

Saturday 2 nd March	6.00 pm (Vigil)	D'cd members of the Roper Family	
Sunday 3 rd March THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	O'Mahoney Clan People of the Parish Edward William Prescott (RIP) Timothy John Hughes	Tea & Coffee after 11.00am Mass SJ
Monday	12.00 noon	Allan Radcliffe (RIP)	Ferial
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Special Intention Bridget Knight	Ferial Adoration HF 10.00am
Wednesday	9.15 am 7.00 pm	Priest's Intention Station Mass at <u>St Vincent's Altrincham</u>	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Eileen Howells (5 th Ann.) Harry Dixon (Requiem)	Ferial Tea & Toast after Mass at HF
Friday	7.30 am 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Eddie Cox (RIP) Paul (Get Well) Stations of the Cross – Our Lady	Ferial
Saturday 9 th March	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Patrick Joseph Phelan Special Intention (MC)	Ferial Adoration SJ 11.00 am
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

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit in loving memory of Jean McGeough RIP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 25 th February 2024 SJ £1881.54 HF £422.25 Many Thanks
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Living Temples

Once a year at Passover, Jews visited the Temple and offered a sacrifice to God. At this time of year the number of visitors to Jerusalem swelled and the moneylenders, with their eye to business, took to operating a scam. When visitors came to the Temple they were able to purchase animals or doves to offer as sacrifices. Because the Jews considered Roman coinage bearing Caesar's head as idolatrous, they were given the opportunity to exchange their Roman coins for Temple coinage. The idea was originally a good one, but the moneylenders were operating an unfair exchange rate for over-priced animals. What had started out as a good idea had turned into an abuse.

and this in God's name! Was it any wonder that Jesus was so angry?

To see Jesus angry enough to take a whip and drive out the villainous traders might surprise us. We are brought up with a vision of a Jesus as both meek and mild. In our modern times, where disputes have to be settled over a table and those who display temper are sent off for anger management counselling, the story might even make us raise a disapproving eyebrow. But what this story makes us realise is that there are situations that warrant our righteous anger. Jesus simply could not tolerate injustice, and neither should we.

What injustices do we need to drive out of our society today? We don't have to look far. How can we claim to be Christians yet settle for injustices that Jesus would not have settled for? Can we really sit back and allow rich countries to profit greedily at the expense of poor countries? Can we really condone the unfair distribution of our planet's resources just for our own convenience? Can we continue to let governments ride roughshod over those who cannot speak up for themselves?

What has to be driven out of our lives and communities because instead of bringing us closer to God they prevent us from meeting him? Today's story is not about protecting a sacred building. God after all does not live in a building. Each of us is a living temple. God lives through us.

Entrance Antiphon : Responsorial Psalm : Gospel Acclamation : Communion Antiphon :	<i>My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.</i> <i>You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.</i> <i>Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!</i> <i>The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.</i>
Year B	Exodus 20: 1-17 Psalm 18 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25 John 2: 13-25

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 will be 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 Our Lady's stations

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 St Vincent's Altrincham

Wednesday 13th March 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 Harry Dixon, 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.

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.

CHILDREN'S SAINTS CLUB

The next Saints' Club will be this afternoon 4.30 - 5.00 pm. We will get to know St Joseph (our Patron Saint and the Patron Saint of families) and the saints who loved him very much. Pray, sing and have fun together. Email Ilona Harrison on ilonaharrison19@gmail.com for the zoom link.

MONDAYS TOGETHER

The next Mondays Together is tomorrow Monday 4th March 2.00pm – 4.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Do come and join friends for a cup of tea and a chat.

The speaker this month will be from a local bank, to talk about fraud prevention, specifically for the senior generations - such an important topic these days. All welcome!

CAFOD 39TH CHRISTMAS FUN RUN / WALK

completed in Liverpool in December 2023 by 24 parishioners and friends raised a total of £3105.00
Thank you for your wonderful generosity helping CAFOD help the poorest in communities around the world .

FURTHER THREAT TO THE UNBORN OF ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

In the next couple of weeks an attempt is to be made to widely decriminalise abortion up to the birth. This is a further assault on the sanctity of human life in our society. This extreme amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill is being made by Diana Johnson MP and parliamentarians will be under pressure to support the amendment on grounds of compassion for mothers who seek to abort their unborn child beyond the legal limits. The effect would be to withdraw legal protection from the unborn.

It is important to make our voice heard in support of the unborn child.

Please contact your Member of Parliament to ask that they oppose the decriminalisation of abortion up to birth(email: Mike Kane

mike.kane.mp@parliament.uk or Graham Brady altsale@parliament.uk or write to them at House of Commons London SW1A 0AA).

The *Right to Life* website has details under 'Take Action' which enables you to find and contact your MP directly and the website of the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* has helpful information under 'Resources.' The Right to Life website also has details of an alternative amendment by Caroline Ansell MP to reduce the legal limit for abortion from 24 to 22 weeks on the basis of the increased survival rates for babies being born at 22 and 23 weeks. We cannot doubt the impact which your e-mail or letter will have in making known opposition to decriminalising abortion up to birth and in support of the value of every human life.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION - MARCH

This month we are invited to join Pope Francis' prayer intention, "*...for those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal.*"

ST JOSEPH AND HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Saturday 16th March 2024

Ashop Head & Kinder Downfall
Meet St Joseph's Church Car Park 9.00am for

This is a ~ 9m 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