

ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 10th May 2026			
Saturday 9th May	**6.00 pm (Vigil)**	**Peggy Logan (RIP)**	
Sunday 10th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	**9.00 am** **10.00 am HF** **11.00 am** **5.30 pm**	**Margaret Kennedy (RIP)** **People of the Parish** **Edwin (4th Ann) & Michael (1st Ann) Thomas** **John Kearney (RIP)**	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	**12 noon**	**Thomas Womersley (RIP)**	Ferial
Tuesday	**9.30 am HF** **10.00 am** **12.00 noon**	**Raphael Kene** **Kathleen Marcella Kelly (Requiem)** **Geroge Heathcote (5th Ann.)**	Ferial Adoration 10.00am HF
Wednesday	**9.30 am**	**Special Intention (CM)**	Ferial
Thursday HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	**9.30 am HF** **9.30 am** **12 noon** **7.00 pm**	**Ann Dunne (RIP)** **Anthony Cragg (RIP)** **For Favour Received (GC)** **Dolores Murphy**	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Friday	**9.30 am** **7.00 pm**	**Lynne Moorhead** **Confirmation Mass**	Ferial
Saturday 16th May	**10.00 am** **12 noon** **2.00pm** **6.00 pm (Vigil)**	**First Holy Communion** **First Holy Communion** **First Holy Communion** **Vincent Morrison (RIP)**	Ferial **NO CONFESSIONS TODAY**
Sunday 17th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	**9.00 am** **10.00 am HF** **11.00 am** **5.30 pm**	**Clifford James Pitman (RIP)** **Andy Rourke (Ann.)** **Clare Compton (2nd Ann.)** **John Michael Farrell (8th Ann.)**	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass

OUR LADY'S LAMP	SACRED HEART LAMP	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP	OFFERINGS WEEKEND
this week is lit for Paul & Lec Collins	this week is lit for Richard Phillips RIP	this week is lit for our First Holy Communion & Confirmation Candidates	3rd May 2026 SJ £2259.59 HF £476.56 Many Thanks

If You Love Me

Jesus' 'farewell discourses' are a bit like a teacher's final lesson before an exam ….. packed with important advice. "If you love me you will keep my commandments." "Love one another as I have loved you." "The Spirit of Truth will abide with you when I am gone."

Love of course is key to all Jesus' last minute advice. There's lots we already know about love from our own relationships. If we love and care about each other we say where we are going and what time will be back home. If we love each other we don't keep secrets or have affairs. If we love each other we put our loved one's needs before our own. It's the same with God; we show God we love him by keeping his commandments. Commandments aren't there to create unnecessary discipline, they are there to keep us in love with God and with each other.

Jesus knew that once he was gone some of his commandments would become less clear. Two thousand years down the line there are many issues that have grey areas, such as euthanasia, and the sciences that govern nuclear energy or fertility. For instances such as these, Jesus left us an 'Advocate' a 'Spirit of Truth'. We are promised that the 'Spirit of Truth' will guide us through all of life's difficult decisions. Jesus left us with hope and help, now it's down to us.

Entrance Antiphon :	***Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.***
Responsorial Psalm :	***Cry out with joy to God, all the earth***
Gospel Acclamation :	***Alleluia, alleluia If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.***
Communion Antiphon:	***If you love me keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia***

Year A Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 Psalm 66 1 Peter 3: 15-18 John 14: 15-21

MAY AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES

For the month of May, once again, Father Stephen would like to have Afternoon Tea on Sunday afternoons 2.00pm – 4.00pm to celebrate Our Lady. The first one, today will be hosted by **Dougie Gordon, 18 Selsey Ave, Sale, M33 4RL** followed on 17th May by Fiona and Hugh Douglas, 6 Ferndale Road, Sale, M33 3GP. And the final one on 24th May by Moira and Mike Stanton, 39 Homelands, Sale, M33 4BJ

NOT JUST EASTER SUNDAY

The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. In older traditions, it's called 'Whitsunday' because the traditional colour for church clothing and decor on Pentecost is white. On that day the Holy Spirit arrives to be with us, and that Spirit sends a fresh wave of joy. During these fifty days of Easter, while we are singing alleluia to our Risen Saviour, we are also listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

It is a long held tradition of the Church to bless the homes of parishioners with the Easter water. If you would like your home blessed in the Easter season, please contact Father Stephen.

PREPARING FOR PENTECOST

As we approach the vibrant season of Pentecost, you are invited to St Hugh and St John's church next Friday 15 May from 7.00-8.30pm for a service to prepare for the great feast. This will be a time to reflect, pray, and ready our hearts for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The service will consist of prayer, scripture, reflection and song, and we will end by praying together the first day of the 9-day Novena to seek a fresh outpouring of grace and renewal for Wythenshawe and South Trafford. All are welcome to share in this time of spiritual renewal and community and wait in joyful anticipation together.

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

Father Stephen requests that when you complete a Mass Request please could you put a telephone number in case the requested date is not available. Please could you also print the name clearly. Thank you.

LORETO COLLEGE VACANCY

Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College is seeking to appoint a full-time teacher of Core Religious Education and Chaplaincy Support. Core RE has centrally planned resources and is not an examined subject. Therefore, there are no formal assessments and no significant marking commitments. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. For more information, please go to the Loreto Website vacancies page.
https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Please remember in your prayers this week the 46 young parishioners who will be confirmed by Bishop Mark this coming Friday. Also remember our First Holy Communion children who will receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time next Saturday and Sunday.

MAY

During the month of May you are invited to bring flowers to adorn the Lady altar and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at St Joseph's or the narthex statue at Holy Family. Each day after Mass at St Joseph's we honour Our Lady by praying the Litany.

SANDSTONE TRAIL

On Saturday 23rd May, Members of the St Joseph's and Holy Family Walkers and some of their friends and family are walking the 32 miles of the Sandstone Trail to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association and for the SVP South Sudan Appeal. If you would like to sponsor us, Walkers will be outside after all Masses this weekend, 9th/10th May and next weekend 16th and 17th May with their sponsor sheets to sign you up. Please sponsor us for these vitally important causes if you can. Thank you all! (More information on poster in the Narthex)
Money will be collected after the walk

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

This year the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark on Saturday 13th June at 12 noon at Saint Columba's, Chester. All married couples and families are welcome but, if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year (25th, 30th 40th, 50th, 60th), please email / let Father Stephen know and he will arrange for you to receive a special letter of invitation. He will need names, date of marriage and address.

There is a poster in the narthex giving all information

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Kathleen Marcella Kelly, Kathleen (Pat) Cottrel and James (Jim) Patrick Doherty who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

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

Death is not extinguishing the light.
It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community Benjamin Robbie Pickup who was baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome Benjamin into the Church and commend his parents for passing on to him the Faith of the Apostles.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - MAY

This month, Pope Leo invites us to pray that all people may have access to good, nourishing food. He asks us to reflect on our own habits, encouraging everyone—from large producers to everyday consumers—to avoid wasting food and to support fair, sustainable choices. As a community, we can honour this intention by being mindful of what we buy, sharing surplus with neighbours or local food banks, and valuing the work of those who grow and prepare our food. This month Pope Leo invites us to join in his prayer intention that *"…everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food."*

FOR OUR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS

Over the next days and weeks our younger parishioners will be busy taking exams. Remember to keep the young people of the parish in your prayers. We petition for clear thinking, inspiration, guidance and calm. Good luck to everyone!