

ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 11th October 2026			
Saturday 10th October	**6.00 pm (Vigil)**	**Mairead Roebuck (30th Ann.)**	
Sunday 11th October TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	**9.00 am** **10.00 am HF** **11.00 am** **5.30 pm**	**Brian Whiteside (RIP)** **People of the Parish** **Brian Moore (B'day Rem.)** **Danica Herceg (RIP)**	*Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners & Their Dependents* Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass
Monday	**12.00 noon**	**Michael Broderick (Requiem)**	Ferial
Tuesday	**9.30 am HF** **12.00 noon**	**Winifred Scallon (RIP)** **Patricia Ann Ganderton (1st Ann.)**	Ferial Adoration 10.00am HF
Wednesday	**9.30 am**	**Lilly Joseph (7th Ann.)**	Ferial
Thursday	**9.30 am HF** **12.00 noon**	**Special Intention (Family)** **James Coleman (Ann.)**	St Theresa of Avila *Tea & Toast after 9.30 HF Mass*
Friday	**9.30 am**	**Giuseppa DiCello (B'day Rem)**	Ferial
Saturday 17th October	**12 noon** **6.00 pm (Vigil)**	**Hilary Mann (SI)** **Edward (Ted) Woolley (B'day Rem.)**	St Ignatius of Antioch Confessions 11.00am – 11.50 am
Sunday 18th October TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	**9.00 am** **10.00 am HF** **11.00 am** **5.30 pm**	**Ron Priestner (RIP)** **People of the Parish** **Philip Broadhurst (RIP)** **Carol Bloor (RIP)**	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 **Tino Marchello** RIP	this week is lit for **Dale Bonser** 1st Ann 15th Oct. RIP	this week is lit for **Eamonn Kennedy**	4th October 2026 **SJ £1565.08 HF 327.32** **Many Thanks**

Must Try Harder!

Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us just the way we are? We are told often enough that God loves us warts and all. But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment?

In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as they do so, the king notices one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has not really very much to do with wedding receptions and even less to do with wearing the right tie. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his cavalier 'accept me just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as making choices between good and evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking us to choose between good and an even greater good. What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is.

Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live out that acceptance that really matters.

Entrance Antiphon:	***If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.***
Responsorial Psalm:	***In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending;***
Gospel Acclamation:	***Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia!***
Communion Antiphon:	***The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.***

Year A Isaiah 25: 6-10a Psalm 23 Philippians 4: 112-14, 19-20 Matthew 22: 1-14

PRISONERS' SUNDAY

Today is Prisoners' Sunday when we will remember prisoners and their families. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families is challenging; act, the national catholic prison charity supports prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. There are envelopes at the back of church to support Pact's important work in the year ahead

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2027

The date for First Holy Communion 2027 has been arranged for Saturday 15th May (schools) and Sunday 16th May (those at Non-Catholic schools).
However, if your child is at a Non-Catholic School and is 7 years old or above and in year 3 or above and would like to celebrate their First Forgiveness and Holy Communion, please collect a Form of Enrolment from the Sacristy. There will be a meeting for all First Sacraments parents – schools and parish on Thursday 12th November at 6.00pm at St. Joseph's
It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.

CONFIRMATION 2027

Forms are now available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed on Friday 14th May next year. The Confirmation Programme will begin with a welcome session for all candidates, *together with their parents,* Sunday 15th November at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre. *Registration must be received before the programme begins.*

ALTAR SERVERS' 'THANK YOU'

Father Stephen would like to invite all the altar servers at St Joseph's & Holy Family to an evening out at the Christmas Pantomime – Robin Hood

Thursday 14th January 7.30pm at Robert Bolt Theatre

If you would like to go and have the permission of your parents/guardians then please sign the list in the sacristy. Parents/guardians do not need to attend. Meet at the theatre at 7.00pm.

SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN – SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER

Please join us for a peaceful act of public witness for the unborn, and for the women and families hurt by abortion. We stand quietly at the roadside holding placards – placards are provided, just bring yourself. All welcome.
Saturday 24th October 11.00am – 1.00pm
on Washway Road at the junction with Harboro Road, Sale, M33 4RA (meet at the Stanley Mount bus stop just before 11.00am)

APF – MISSIO ST JOSEPH

The RED BOXES for the Mill Hill missions are due to be emptied over the next couple of weeks.
Last quarter we raised a total of £693.67.
If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Mick Ryan on 0161 905 3468.
Thank you for your continued support

ST JOSEPH & HOLY FAMILY WALKERS

Next Walk - next Sunday 18th October 2026
The Rivers Walk Manchester
Meet at St Joseph's Car Park 12.45pm for 1.00pm prompt departure.
We will travel into Mcr City Centre on the tram (Metro) and the walk
will be ~ 4.5 miles with easy walking on good paths. Refreshments towards the end for those who wish @ Aviva Studios before returning on the tram back to Sale. Further details please phone Walk Organiser Charles on 0797 0 807775 or from the web site www.stjosephswalkers.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Monday 30th November – Bridgewater Hall
Father Stephen has now booked tickets for all who put their names down. The cost is £18 per person.
There are envelopes in the sacristy in alphabetical order with your name on.
Please can you return to the office with your money asap

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL OFSTED REPORT

In the recent Holy Family school Ofsted Inspection on 15th and 16th September we are delighted to report that the school achieved 'Strong Standard' in all areas: Achievement, Attendance & Behaviour, Curriculum & Teaching, Early Year, Leadership & Governance and Personal Development & Wellbeing. The criteria for Strong Standard is that 'The school reaches a strong standard. Leaders are working above the standard expected of them.' Many congratulations to the Headteacher, Mrs Ciara Sharvin, the Deputy Headtacher, Mrs Anna Burke and all the staff, governors and senior leadership team.

CAFOD NEWS

Thank you from CAFOD for your generous response to Family Fast Day.
The final total will be available shortly but £180 was raised at the soup lunch and £60 has been received from coffee mornings recently. If you didn't have a chance to bring back your envelope last week, please put it in the collection basket this weekend or drop your envelope off at the presbytery.
Dates for the diary: **CAFOD Quiz and Chilli Night** Saturday 14th November 7.30 pm
CAFOD Taizé service Sunday 29th November 7pm

ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY

We have a number of 2027 catholic diaries and 2027 religious calendars. Also, boxed and individual Christmas cards; snow globes; children's nativity story / colouring books; advent calendars; candles; nativity sets - and much more.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers Michael John Broderick, Peter McBride, Kieran Connolly and John Barry Evans 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.