



**ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY
YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope**

“In Service to God’s Kingdom of love, justice and peace.”

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Mass Times and Intentions for –TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –19th October 2025

Saturday 18 th October	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Bernard Flannery (RIP)	<u>No Confessions today</u>
Sunday 19 th October TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Martin Quinn (21 st Ann.) Katie Murphy (39 th Ann.) Marie Carry (RIP) Elizabeth, Donnell & Family	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mas
Monday	12.00 pm	NO MASS	St Peter of Alcantara
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Theresa McGinity Tess Waldron (RIP)	Ferial <u>Adoration 10.00am HF</u>
Wednesday	9.30 am	NO MASS	Ferial
Thursday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Tommy Duffy Patricia Ganderton (RIP)	Ferial
Friday	9.30 am	NO MASS	Ferial
Saturday 25 th October September	12.00 noon 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Maureen Gordon & Maureen Costello Rachel McPeake (3 rd Ann. 27.10)	Ferial <u>No Confessions today</u> BST ends tonight - Clocks go back one hour
Sunday 26 th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	John McCaffney People of the Parish Thomas Meehan (RIP) Brenda Stait (RIP)	Tea & coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mas

OUR LADY'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for John William Keegan Rest in Peace	SACRED HEART LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Florence Taylor Rest in Peace	ST CARLO ACUTIS'S LAMP This week the lamp is lit for Margaret Rigby Birthday Remembrance	OFFERINGS WEEKEND 12th October 2025 SJ £1766.64 HF £359.07 Many Thanks
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Persistence in Prayer

Whether you're a fan or not, few can have avoid tuning into Saturday night TV to watch contestants on game shows pursuing their dreams. In an attempt to realise the ambition closest to their hearts, candidates will do almost anything to earn a favourable judgement. Whilst not always applauding their talent we have to give the would-be stars top marks for nerve. It appears that success is more about not giving up than anything else. So what if we adopted the same persistence when it comes to matters of faith and prayer?

All too often we lack persistence when it comes to prayer, sometimes losing faith in it altogether. We give up on prayer for lots of reasons. We give up on prayer because we have stopped believing that God is really listening. We give up on prayer because we think that we are unworthy of God's attention, or that God must be busy doing other things. We give up on prayer because we have an immature expectation, and can't understand why God doesn't pander to it. Whatever reason we have for giving up on prayer we need to re-think, because at worst, giving up on prayer can mean giving up on our relationship with God.

Today Jesus urges us to persist in prayer. However disillusioned we might feel, we are urged not to give up. Just because God hasn't granted a prayer in the past doesn't mean God won't grant a future prayer. The key is to remember that God isn't a magician giving us quick fix answers whenever we're feeling at a loss. God sees the overall picture, and as long as our prayer fits that picture how much more readily will he answer us, than the unjust judge gives in to the widow in today's parable.

<i>Entrance Antiphon :</i>	<i>To you I call; for you will surely heed me O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm :</i>	<i>Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.</i>
<i>Gospel Acclamation :</i>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the God is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.</i>
<i>Communion Antiphon:</i>	<i>Behold the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.</i>
Year C	Exodus 17: 8-13 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 2 Luke 18: 1 - 8

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a **Day of Recollection** for all **Eucharistic Ministers** at St Joseph's & Holy Family on **Saturday 13th December** in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Please would all Ministers make every effort to come to this important day. Further information to follow.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Father Stephen has now paid for and collected tickets for the Manchester & District Hospitals' Choir Carol Concert on Monday 1st December. The cost is £18 per ticket. Please can those who have asked for tickets make payment asap, in an envelope with your name on it, to the parish office. Thank you.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

Tuesday 9th June – Tuesday 16th June 2026,

staying at the Hotel Padoue which is central to the Domain. Full board.

The cost is £949, sharing a room or £1119 for single occupancy. Full liturgical programme, including Holy Mass, every day.

Completed forms (available in the sacristy at St Joseph's) to be sent as soon as possible direct to Northern Star with a deposit of £300 per person.

FIRST FORGIVENESS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN 2026

The date for First Holy Communion 2026 has been arranged for Saturday 16th May (schools) and Sunday 17th 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 6th November at 6.00pm at St. Joseph's

It is very important that the children are enrolled before the course begins.

CONFIRMATION 2026

Confirmation for St Joseph's & Holy Family will be on Friday 15th May 2026, in St Joseph's church.

Forms are now available in the sacristy for anyone in Year 8 and above wishing to be confirmed next year.

The Confirmation Programme will begin with a welcome session for all candidates, *together with their parents*, on Sunday 16th November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. **Registration must be received before the programme begins.**

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Patricia Ganderton** and **Robert Duff** 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.

SALE ROTARY CLUB

is looking for nominations for the annual Tom Morris Community Award!

This is a "people's honour" for normally unsung heroes who believe in what they do and go the extra mile to help make Sale a better place to live.

The award is named after a distinguished former Sale Rotarian the late Tom Morris. Each year's winner receives a cash award and a framed certificate. It's all about community – for the people, by the people. This year's winner could be from any area of local life. If you know someone who is worth a special 'thank you' please nominate someone you believe deserves this recognition email Gareth@manchesterhoneycompany.com

SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA)

This weekend we extend a warm welcome to Fr Tom Ryan SMA who will be making an appeal at all Masses at St. Joseph's on behalf of the Society of African Missions.

Next weekend, whilst Father Stephen is away, Father Philip McGovern, who was ordained at St. Joseph's on 3rd June 1995, will be covering. Please note the changed Mass schedule for weekdays.

FRIDAY MORNING CAFÉ

The Friday morning café run by the students of Brentwood College has been very successful. It is generally open every Friday between 12.30pm and 2.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre and all are very welcome. *However, please note there will be no café on Friday 31st October as this is the Friday of half term week.*

PARISH ROSARY

The next House Rosary Group will be next Friday 24th October at 7.00pm at the home of Mary Houghton, 21 Ashlands, Sale, M33 5PB. All welcome.

MONEY COUNTERS REQUIRED

We need more volunteers to help out every six weeks to count the offertory donations.

Do not be afraid... you will be given training by your team. Please see Fr Stephen or contact Joanna on 07964 781194. We're counting on you!!

BOILER RENEWAL

The boiler has now been disconnected which means there is no heating in church. Fortunately, until now, the weather has been quite mild. However, this could change! We suggest that you wear warm coats and clothing over the next few weeks. Father Stephen apologises and asks for your understanding whilst these necessary works are undertaken.

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT

The annual and very popular CAFOD Quiz Night will be Saturday 15th November at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

£10 per person includes chilli supper (veggie and non-spicy options available). Bring your own drinks and glasses. Pay on the door. To help with numbers, please reserve tickets for you and your team by email to cafod.sjh@gmail.com.

We can then reserve you a table for a team of four or five or team you up with others if there are fewer of you. Any other enquiries also to that email.

ROSARY RETREAT DAY AND JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

at Saint Joseph's, Stockport Saturday 25th October Bishop Mark Davies will lead this Jubilee Pilgrimage at the Eucharistic Shrine of Saint Joseph's, Stockport.

The Rosary Retreat will begin at 9.30am with reflections and the praying of the Mysteries of the Rosary scriptural meditations. Holy Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop at 11.00am who will renew the entrustment of the Diocese to Our Lady especially entrusting in this shrine dedicated to Eucharistic Adoration and intercession for the sanctification of priests and new and generous priestly vocations all vocations to the Priesthood. The day will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession and Solemn Benediction at 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

SHROUD OF TURIN

A talk on the Shroud of Turin with Michael Kowalski – Author & Editor of The British Society for the Turin Shroud. Monday 3rd November at 7.00pm at St Teresa of Avila Church, Astley Rd, Irlam, M44 6AB.

Including a full-sized replica of the world-famous Shroud of Turin. Free entry. Refreshments included.