

St Joseph's RC Church

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2nd February 2025 – The Presentation of the Lord

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 1 st February	5pm	The Spada Fora Family
Sunday 2 nd <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Fr Jim Reynolds RIP People of the Parish
Monday 3 rd	12 noon	Peter, Carly, James and Diego
Tuesday 4 th	12 noon	Allan Daniels RIP
Wednesday 5 th <i>St Agatha</i>	12noon	For all of our Benefactors
Thursday 6 th <i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	12 noon	Jim Hardy RIP
Friday 7 th	12 noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book
Saturday 8 th	5pm	In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
Sunday 9 th <i>5th Sunday Ordinary Time C</i>	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Special Intention People of the Parish

Daily Schedule	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)
Eucharistic Adoration	7am-9pm		
Confessions	11am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	On request
Rosary for Vocations	11.20am		11am

We pray for our sick: Jacobi Hill, Maddie Makonyola, Maria Sandiford, Jane Coupes, John McCormick, Michael Philbin, Linda Abel, Ged Gibbons, Robyn Gibbons, Cora Tierney, Mary O'Brien, Laurie Glenn, Carmel Mayo, Anthony Healey, Margaret Runcieman, Ron Runcieman, Doreen Rowan, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsean, Michael John Ford, Roy Curran, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Nathan Hatfield, Angela Mullin, Keith Morris, Pat Morris, Lesley Morris, Maureen McGuire, Rosemarie Hurley, Bobby Henshall, Tony Kiely, Joanne Kiely. **Anniversaries:** We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased: We pray for all those who have died recently.

Mass Intentions: Envelopes are available at the back of the church if you would like to request a Mass said for your intentions. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Please note we are approx 8 months behind. If you require a specific date, we will try our best to do that date or as near it as possible.

Thank you for your understanding.

Money Matters: we received £989.87 in the collection last week. Thank you very much.

Walsingham 2025 Pilgrimage: will be for 4 nights commencing on 5th May 2025. The cost is £508 Ensuite/£432 Standard. Please email Shelagh Humphries: shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com or phone 07853 176698 for details and to check availability. Thank you.

Lourdes Roadshow: In this Jubilee Year of 2025, Bishop Mark has asked that our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be our Jubilee Pilgrimage. To help raise the profile of the pilgrimage and to answer any questions your parishioners might have, we have organised a roadshow for those who are interested joining the pilgrimage to Lourdes. Saturday 15th February 2pm-4pm St Anthony's, Wythenshawe.

Parish Safeguarding Representative is: Rosemary Linnane. If you have any concerns about safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults, please contact Rosemary in the strictest confidence. Details are on the noticeboards in church and the parish hall.

Footsteps Approaching: The first event in the Footsteps programme of inspiring talks this year will be on Thursday 13 February at 7.30pm in the parish centre of St Peter's Hazel Grove, when Will Wilson will be coming to share with us "Life lessons from the Book of Ruth." Will is a Methodist lay preacher and a retired teacher in special needs education. He will be asking - and answering! - what encouragement for our walk through life can be derived from the characters in the Book of Ruth? And how does our own life story reflect the biblical truths referred to there? Join us in an informal, café-style setting; there's a large free car park, good disabled access, loop system, drinks and nibbles and no charge. All welcome.

Radio Maria: Join Radio Maria on Thursday, 6 February, at 10am for a special radio broadcast. Guest speaker Simon John will share insights into the inspiring life of St. Josephine Bakhita and the realities of slavery during her time. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about her journey of faith and perseverance. You can listen live via DAB+, online at www.RadioMariaEngland.uk, or through the Radio Maria England app.

Caritas Academy: Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching Discover Catholic Social Teaching – An Online Course for Parishes Are you ready to explore the heart of Catholic Social Teaching? Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) invites you to join Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction, a dynamic online course designed specifically for parishioners, staff, and volunteers. Whether you're new to Catholic Social Teaching or looking for a refresher, this course will inspire and empower you to bring your faith to life. Five one-hour Zoom sessions: Every Tuesday in March and Tuesday, 1 April 2025. Course costs just £95 for all five sessions! This includes a copy of Raymond Friel's "Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction for Schools, Parishes, and Charities" For more information and to register contact Bernadette at bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk.

Malachi 3:1-4: Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Responsorial Psalm: The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!

Hebrews 2:14-18: Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

Luke 2:22-40: When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'. Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.' And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed— and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.' And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.