



ST JOSEPH'S

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Welcome

St Joseph's is a flourishing inner city parish with many parishioners coming from India, Africa and Europe. The parish serves the spiritual needs of the catholic community through daily Holy Mass and Sacraments. It also offers opportunities to deepen one's faith, love and knowledge of God and to get involved with the local community, through prayer, study and joining groups within the parish.

All are invited to join us for tea and coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass in the Parish Centre.

Services this week

Mon 10 Dec	Tues 11 Dec	Wed 12 Dec	Thurs 13 Dec	Fri 14 Dec	Sat 15 Dec	Sun 16 Dec
			<i>St Lucy</i>	<i>St John of the Cross</i>		<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>
8am Adoration	8am Adoration	8am Adoration	8am Adoration		8.35am Rosary	
8.30am Morning Prayer	8.30am Morning Prayer	8.30am Morning Prayer	8.30am Morning Prayer		9am Holy Mass	10am Adoration
9am Holy Mass	9.15am Holy Mass	9am Holy Mass	9am Holy Mass		After Mass Confessions	10.30am Confessions
		After Mass Adoration			10am Holy Mass (Syro-Malabar Rite)	11am Holy Mass
		4pm Benediction			5.30pm Adoration	3pm Adoration & Devotions
				6pm Adoration	6pm Confessions	3.30pm Confessions
				7pm Holy Mass (Latin)	6.30pm Holy Mass *	4pm Benediction

* this Holy Mass fulfills Sunday obligation

If you wish to be notified about last minute changes to the schedule, please **subscribe for notifications** (text or email) on the parish website.

Mass Intentions received

Holy Souls, Plymouth Grove, Patrick Joseph Hanson A, Thanksgiving, Antonina Kowalczyk, Piotr Sciga, Guangzhou Xiong Chen A, David Cool



Christmas Day Masses



Holy Mass times for **Christmas Day** will be 12 Midnight and 10am (without exposition before either Mass).

Mass on **St Stephen's Day** (Boxing Day) will be at 12 noon. Then normal timetable will resume.

Advent Concert

On December 17th at 1pm children from St Joseph's school are giving Advent concert in Church and are retelling the Christmas Story.

They would love for parishioners to join them. Please do come if you can.

Walk with me

Walk with Me prayer booklets for Advent are available.

Please feel free to take one. They provide a useful structure for prayer during Advent as we prepare for Christmas

Humanae Vitae

It is to be anticipated that perhaps not everyone will easily accept the teaching about artificial birth control. There is too much clamorous outcry against the voice of the Church, and this is intensified by modern means of communication. But it comes as no surprise to the Church that she, no less than her divine Founder, is destined to be a "sign of contradiction." She does not, because of this, evade the duty imposed on her of proclaiming humbly but firmly the entire moral law, both natural and evangelical. Since the Church did not make either of these laws, she cannot be their arbiter—only their guardian and interpreter. It could never be right for her to declare lawful what is in fact unlawful, since that, by its very nature, is always opposed to the true good of man. In preserving intact the whole moral law of marriage, the Church is convinced that she is contributing to the creation of a truly human civilization. She urges man not to betray his personal responsibilities by putting all his faith in technical expedients. In this way she defends the dignity of husband and wife. This course of action shows that the Church, loyal to the example and teaching of the divine Savior, is sincere and unselfish in her regard for men whom she strives to help even now during this earthly pilgrimage "to share God's life as sons of the living God, the Father of all men."

Letter from St Joseph's School

On Tuesday Year 5 attended Mass and took part in a procession, taking the Blessed Sacrament to the school chapel. Some children had the opportunity to go to confession and we all spent some quiet time at Exposition with the Blessed Sacrament. Parents were also given the chance to spend time with their children in the chapel.

Last week we went on a trip to Lyme Park to test out our map reading skills as part of our geography topic 'Marvellous Maps'. We did a great job and were lucky enough to spot some deer!

In RE we have been learning about Abraham trusting in God and God's covenant with his people, the Israelites. We are also practising for our second Advent assembly, which Year 5 are leading.

Useful contacts

St Joseph's Primary School

0161 224 5347

www.st-josephs.manchester.sch.uk

Greygarth Club

0161 224 2582

club.greygarth.org.uk

The Catholic Medical Association

Fr Laurence Gambella

0161 276 4247

The Legion of Mary

Meets each Saturday after 9am Mass.

Choir

Contact Nicholas Ejeh

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Readers

Contact Miss Chris Hill

0161 224 5630

Sacramental Preparation

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Father Farrell

Sunday School (year 4-6)

Carlotta Abella

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Parish Centre

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For further information and full list of parish groups please see the parish website.

