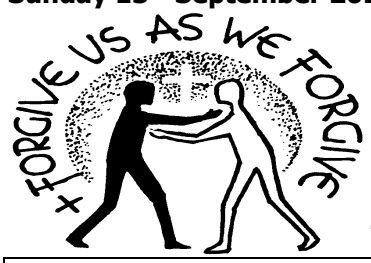
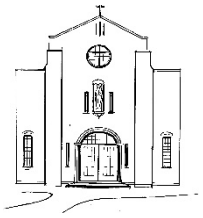
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 13th September 2026





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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are reminded today of how important it is to forgive one another. When Peter asks Jesus how many times he needs to forgive someone, Jesus tells him not seven times, but seventy-seven times. He is essentially saying that there is no limit that should be put on forgiveness. After all, the Lord forgives us all constantly. And we need it! It's the least we can do to forgive someone who has hurt us. Let us call to mind our own sins and our own need for forgiveness even as we consider those to whom we should offer that same gift.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 12th September		6.30pm McLoughlin & O'Connor Families RIP
Sunday 13th September	**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday**	8.30am Tess Priddle RIP
	In Ordinary Time	11.30am People of the Parish
		6.30pm Orietta Cesario RIP
Monday 14th September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10.00am
Tuesday 15th September	Our Lady of Sorrows	10.00am Cannosian Sisters
Wednesday 16th September	Cornelius	10.00am Safe Travel
Thursday 17th September	Robert	10.00am
Friday 18th September		10.00am Nora Walsh, Rose Slattery, Rita Leahy RIP
Saturday 19th September		6.30pm Maureen Hollebrand RIP

TODAY'S READINGS:	**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**
Sirach 27:30-28:7	Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 103	Psalm 145
Romans 14:7-9	Philippians 1:20c-24,
Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 20:1-16
CBC Missal: Page 411	CBC Missal: Page 423
CTS Missal: Page 775	CTS Missal: Page 779

LIVE STREAMING FROM THE CHURCH

The live stream runs twenty-four hours a day, so you can 'visit' the Church whenever you wish. There is a link on the Parish Website and it is also accessible at our-lady-of-the-immaculate-conception-and-st-joseph-waltham-cross - MCN

PRAYER INTENTIONS

During Ordinary Time: Autumn: We are asked to pray: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their families.

For those who are ill: Agnes Curtis, Janina Prusiene, Maria Dos Santos, Lily Harker, Ignatius Fessal, Marco Avanzato, Meghan & Conor Bennett Kelly, Bridie Burke, Jacub Joubert, Kevin Haselwood, Nicola Masterson, Dennis Keating
For those who have died recently: Giuseppe Cassenti, Shirin Ford, Tara Clark, Robert Smith,
And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Tess Priddle,

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Saturday from 10.30am – 11.00am and from 5.45pm – 6.15pm.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory collection which came to £909.99 plus, the August Standing Orders £4,549.00; Online Donations £287.54; Contactless £686.00

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Shirin Ford will be celebrated on Thursday 17th September at 11.30am.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 13th September at 1.30pm – Daisy & Rosie Facey

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2026-2027

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated here in May 2027. If you normally attend Mass here, and are in year Ten at Secondary School, or older, you are eligible for Confirmation here at St Joseph's. If you wish to be prepared here, please come and speak to Fr John. Application Forms must be returned by this Sunday, 13th September 2026. There will be a Meeting for the Candidates who have returned a Form, and their Parents on Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

ALTAR SERVERS

If you have recently celebrated your First Holy Communion, or have recently moved into the parish, and would like to join the Altar Servers in the Parish, please speak to Father John.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

There will be a meeting for the First Communion parents on Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 19th September at 10.00am in the Parish Centre. These meetings are for the families who have returned an enrolment form and attended the Meeting last July.

AFTERNOON TEA

On the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 2.00pm – 3.30pm, Afternoon Tea is available in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

LOTTERY FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE UPSTAIRS HALL

We have been successful with the application we made earlier in the year to the Grants for All Scheme funded by the National Lottery. We have received £14,822 towards the cost of installing acoustic tiles, and upgrading the lighting, in the Upper Hall. The works will begin later this month.

RCIA

If you are not already a Catholic, or have been away from the Church for some time, or just did not get around to celebrating one of the Sacraments at the 'right age', or would like to discover more about the Catholic Church, then this is the Group for you! For further details, please see Fr John. The Meetings will start in in the Presbytery at 8.00pm on Monday 14th September.

200 CLUB WINNERS – AUGUST 2026

1st No. 33 Francesca Miceli; 2nd No. 123 Mary Holmes; 3rd No. 124 Rita Odumosu

BINGO

Join us for a fun and lively Bingo Social! Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, laughter, and friendly competition on Friday, 18 September, 2026 at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre. All ages are welcome—bring your friends and family to experience the joy of community. Cash prizes will be awarded, and refreshments will be served. You can also bring your own food and refreshments. There will also be a raffle. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to connect and have fun together. We look forward to seeing you there!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Help the SVP alleviate poverty. Their members, volunteers and staff provide friendship, practical help and daily support to people in need in your community. The SVP will be running a tea and coffee morning after the 8.30am & the 11.30am Masses on Sunday 27th September.

LIVING WELL CAFE 11.00am -1.00pm

The Living Well Café is open every Wednesday between 11.00-1.00pm. The Parish has now taken on the running of the café. The café supports a regular group of 25-30 people aged between 60-94yrs, many of whom have been bereaved and isolated, offering a safe space to connect, make friends, have simple refreshments and take part in seated exercise session. It is a lifeline for many of them. Everyone is welcome to come along.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Darren Sylvester, a Solicitor from DJS Law, will be offering a free legal advice surgery. If you would like free, independent, impartial and confidential advice, (for example) debt, employment, housing, consumer rights, wills & probate, lasting powers of attorney (the list is not exhaustive) then come along on the last Wednesday of every month between 7.30pm – 9.00pm. The next session is Wednesday, 30th September 2026.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – YOUTH GROUP

In summer 2026, St Paul's Catholic Church will be launching a new Youth Group for young people aged 13–18. This group is a welcoming space for teenagers to relax, connect with others, and explore faith in a way that relates to everyday life. While rooted in Catholic teaching, sessions will focus on real-world topics such as identity, friendships, mental health, music and culture, social media, and the challenges young people face today. Each meeting will include games and activities, open discussions, and time for reflection and prayer. The aim is to help young people discover how God and faith connect with their lives in a meaningful and practical way. Whether you are already involved in parish life or simply curious, you are very welcome to come along.
Email: stpaulsyouthgroupcheshunt@gmail.com for more details.

FREE COACHING

Swetlana Wolf is offering free Professional Coaching to women in the parish aged 22 - 40 years old. Coaching is a collaborative, goal-orientated process that uses powerful questions to support a person working through current issues or for professional/personal growth. Coaching can be useful, for example, when working through decisions, preparing for key conversations or considering making changes in one's job. To talk through what coaching is and if it would be useful to you, please contact Swetlana on sw3.coaching@gmail.com.

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE

St Ignatius College Admissions: Please join them for their Open Evening for prospective Year 7 pupils on Tuesday 15th September from 5:30pm to tour the school and hear from the Headteacher at 7.15pm. Please see noticeboards for more information.

A phone was found in the church on the afternoon of Sunday 23rd August, please contact the Parish Office.