



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

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3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Year A

24th /25th Jan 2026

Some Alpine valleys are so deep that the rays of the sun do not reach them at all for days or even weeks in the middle of winter. These days can be very depressing ones for the people who live in those valleys. It's almost as if life was one long night. A priest who ministered in one of these valleys tells the following story:

One day in the depths of winter he was in the classroom of the local school chatting with the children, who hadn't seen the sun for nine days. Then all of a sudden, a ray of sunshine shone into the classroom. On seeing it the children climbed onto their desks and cheered and shouted for sheer joy. It shows that even though the sun may not touch the skin it can still warm the soul.

This little incident shows how light is a source of great joy.

St Matthew compares the arrival of Jesus on the scene to the coming of a great light to a people who had been living in deep darkness.

And yet, though Jesus brought God's light into the world not everybody welcomed it. Sadly, some refused his light and opted to remain in the darkness. This is why he began his preaching with a call to repentance: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. To repent means to acknowledge our darkness, and to open ourselves to the light. For those who accepted him, Jesus truly became the light of their lives and the light of the world.

We still walk in the bright light Jesus brought into our world. By living in it, we become a source of light to others, a lamp for their steps and a light for their paths.

1st: Isaiah 9:1-4 In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light.

Ps 27 R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation

2nd: 1 Cor 1:10-13 I appeal to you that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia!

Gospel Mat 4:12-23 Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.

| Jan/ Feb 2026 | | | |
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| Sat | 24 th | 10:00* | Ian Noble, A |
| | | 18:30 | Adam Parkin, RIP |
| Sun | 25 th | 08:00 | Mr & Mrs Margaret Philip, A Agostinho Moreira da Costa, A |
| | | 09:15 | Mass of the Parish of Holy Family |
| | | 11:00 | Maria Flores, RIP Albert DeSouza, A |
| | | 17:00 | Ignatius Teo, A |
| Mon | 26 th | 11:00 | Funeral: Luigi Severino |
| Tue | 27 th | 10:00 | Beldom Family, SI |
| Wed | 28 th | 10:00 | Coleman Family, FM |
| Thu | 29 th | 10:00 | Henry Seet, SI |
| Fri | 30 th | 10:00 | |
| Sat | 31 st | 10:00* | Rodrigues Family, SI |
| | | 18:30 | |
| Sun | 1 st | 08:00 | Renee & Rey Dias, SI |
| | | 09:15 | Halina Skuza, A |
| | | 11:00 | Desmond Quigley, A |
| | | 17:00 | Mass of the Parish of Holy Family |

Adoration before Mass: *9-10am

Confessions on Saturday after 10am Mass / before 6.30pm Mass

A: Death Anniv; FM: Foundation Mass; RIP: Rest in Peace, SI: Special Intention

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our current records system is being replaced by a new self-service one! Please sign up at www.stjosephsparish.co.uk to keep receiving the enewletter and for us to serve you better!

ADULTS

CHILDREN

FEED THE HUNGRY

We are urged to "be united in the same mind and the same judgement" without any divisions. Let us all be "United" in our efforts to Feed the Hungry by our regular donations of nourishing dry and tinned food. With a good meal and a grateful heart, our Brothers and Sisters can survive the hardships that face them, particularly at this difficult time of year. Our donations, when put together, make a significant difference to "those who Hunger and Thirst". Contributions of clean, warm clothing are always welcome at this difficult time also. Thank you for your generosity

2nd Collection: Cathedral You can also contribute via Dona or online. Thank you.

St Mary's Catholic Pre School
Spaces available *September 2026!*

If you would like your child to join our wonderful Pre School please pop by for an application form or call us on 01628 627013 to book a visit.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

CLASSES/ EVENTS IN SJ CENTRE

See notice board/ website (some are privately run)

- **Tuesdays: Practical Art** Join U3A untutored Art Group. Bring your art materials and join in the fun every 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 2-4pm in SJ Hall. Contact Peter 01628 674097
- **Wednesdays: 5-6pm Taichi** in Hall.
- **Thursdays 7pm** Yoga with Una in Hall. All proceeds to SJ!

OUTSIDE OUR PARISH EVENTS / PILGRIMMAGES

- **7 Feb 6pm Evening of vocal & piano music** Tickets £10 from urcconcerts@gmail.com Mhead URC, West Street, SL6 1R
- **9 Feb 5N Lourdes Coach tour** £590. To book: 07957 594646
- **6 Mar 2pm World Day of Prayer** ecumenical service, hosted by United Reformed Church, in West Street followed by refreshments. The women of NIGERIA produced this year's service. Please, tell any of your Nigerian friends in the area so that they can be sure to attend.
- **8 Mar 5N Escorted Tour: Westport, Knock & Co Mayo** £899 01268762278/ 07740175557/ knockpilgrimages@gmail.com
- **1 Jun 5N Assisi Pilgrimage** journneys.com/assisi-june-2026

SACRAMENTALS All **forms** can be found here: <https://stjosephsparish.co.uk/newsletter/>

♦ **Baptism Course 3 Feb** For expecting parents and parents whose child(ren) is being baptised in M'head

♥ **Marriage:** Thinking of getting married? Enquire via our online form!

♥ **Retrouvaille** brings hope & healing to relationships. **12 Feb.** www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Classes:

○ **FHC Stage 2:** Next class **SJ: 9.30am 25 Jan.** Please refrain from bringing devices to class/church.

🔥 **Confirmation** Eligible Candidates begins this stage **Sat 24 Jan 4.30pm at SEC** school. Please bring along your Mass attendance cards. Please refrain from bringing devices to class/church.

🙏 **OCIA:** We continue to pray for our candidates as they prepare to be fully initiated on 4 April (Easter Vigil)

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🔑 **HFP:** Holy Family Parish

SE: St Elizabeth's **SEC:** St Edmund Campion

SJ: St Joseph **STM:** St Thomas More

CHOIR THEY WHO SING PRAY TWICE



Singers & musicians needed to join our 11am Choir. Rehearsals on Sundays 10.15am. Just come along or contact Claire clairesamber@yahoo.com

HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

30 Jan NOSTALGIA NIGHT Tickets @ £20 from SEC office.

VISION GROUP PRESENTS
in Support for Parish charities

@ ST JOSEPH'S HALL

QUIZ NIGHT + RAFFLES

TEST YOUR BRAIN
PRIZES FOR WINNING TEAM!

21 FEB - 7:30 PM

DOORS OPEN 7PM

Light refreshments included!
BYO drinks!

£10/TICKET

REGULAR EVENTS

- ❖ **3rd Sundays 3pm** Filipino Mass SJ Church
- ❖ **Mondays 10am** Mother's Prayers SJ Church
- ❖ **1st & 3rd Tuesdays 2.30 – 4.30pm** Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) SJ St Liz Room
- ❖ **Thursdays Zoom Room: 2pm** Rosary
- ❖ **6pm** Journey together through Holy scriptures www.tinyurl.com/2hz5axvp
- ❖ **Fridays 8.45-10:45am** Baby & Toddler Group SEC Centre (term time)
- ❖ **6pm** Legion of Mary SJ Church. Contact Tereza for more info 07878 117907