



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE

This liturgical year, which began in November last year, we use the majority of readings from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew; known as 'Year A'. Levi, as he was formally known, was a tax collector who was called by Jesus to "follow" (Mt. 9:9). Matthew writes his 'life of Christ' (The Gospel according to St. Matthew) for the Jewish nation, so that the new converts to Christianity could see how Jesus was the fulfilment of all the prophecies of the desired Messiah. Matthew also sets Jesus as the new Moses; the great intercessor on behalf of the people of God, hence his Gospel is spilt into five distinctive parts, akin to the five first books of the Bible; the Torah. Matthew is also keen to show that Jesus' ministry is in collaboration with humankind - Jesus chooses men and women to be his Disciples; just as Matthew was.

Appreciating Matthew's Gospel is for a Jewish community helps us to understand why Matthew mentions Jewish traditions and the figures within the Jewish community like the Scribes and Pharisees. Jesus, for Matthew, is the Immanuel (God-with-us), the long-foretold messiah who would come into the world. And the final words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel reminds us of his abiding presence amongst us: "know that I am with you always, yes, even until the end of time" (Mt. 28.20).

St. Matthew's feast is celebrated on the 21st September, a time to celebrate his life of Christ and its meaning for us.



Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 21st September St. Matthew	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	• 10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre
Tuesday 22nd September	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	• 10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre • 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Wednesday 23rd September St. Padre Pio	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	• 6:30 - 7:30pm, SJ: Journey in Faith (RCIA)
Thursday 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	• 9.30am - 11am, SSAO, Knit & Natter • 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Friday 25th September	9am, SSAO, 9.30am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	
Saturday 26th September SS. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs	10am, SJ 10.30am, SJ 4.45-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass Confession Confession (Vigil) Mass	
Sunday 27th September XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ	Mass Mass	• 7-9pm, SSAO: AA

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3rd October 12-4:30pm Day of Recollection for all Eucharistic Ministers at St Joseph's Church and Parish Centre
- 24th October 11am-12pm Baptism Preparation Course at St Joseph's Church (See Fr. Gavin)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a meeting for the children (and their parents) who wish to join this years Sacramental Programme to prepare them for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The meeting will take place at 7pm, 3rd November at SJ Parish Centre.

Tea, Coffee, and snacks provided.

PRIESTHOOD VOCATIONS

Have you thought about your vocation in life? Could God be calling you to be a priest? It is a wonderful life; lived in service of God and His Church. Please let your Parish Priest know so we can start to discern God's Will in your life (we will have some local events

coming up for those interested in learning more about the priesthood).



St. Francis of Assisi



All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle

YOUTH CORNER

SUPPLEMENTARY FORMS

Please ensure that you give the form in person, in an envelope with your name, your child's name and your mobile phone number no later than FRIDAY 16th October. New dates have been added below, so if you haven't yet booked a slot, please ensure you do as soon as possible.

Scan the QR code to book an appointment with Fr Gavin.



HOSPITAL

Going into Hospital or know somebody who is in hospital?

If you would like to organise a visit from a Roman Catholic Priest contact Royal Oldham Hospital: 0161 624 0420 or Tameside General Hospital: 0161 922 6000 Ask for the on call Catholic Priest.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Bishop John Arnold will celebrate Mass in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham on Thursday 24 September 2026 at The Church of St. John the Evangelist, Salford Cathedral, 250 Chapel Street, Salford M3 5LE, 7pm.

SAVE THE DATE

One big Parish Christmas Fayre on Sunday 13th December 10am-2pm in St Joseph's school!

DONATIONS VIA QR



ST JOSEPH'S

This week, our worship focus has been Education, reflecting on how God calls us not simply to learn, but to use our knowledge and gifts to help others and make our world a better place. It was wonderful to see our Saint Joseph's Workers once again helping to plan and lead worship. On Monday, our four houses – Saint George, Saint Andrew, Saint David and Saint Patrick – gathered to learn about their patron saints and pray together. We also celebrated Holly in Year 6, who shared her God-given talent by beautifully playing Riptide on her ukulele. Well done, Holly!

SS AIDAN & OSWALD'S

We began the week with our GIFT Team leading the Celebration of the Word, reflecting on Sunday's Gospel. The children were reminded that God is always with us, helping us to forgive, strengthening us when it feels difficult and showing us that forgiveness lies at the heart of all relationships. Throughout the week, we welcomed parents into school for our Meet the Teacher events. These sessions offered families a valuable opportunity to hear about the curriculum, understand the learning planned for the year ahead, and spend time getting to know their child's teacher.

CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

We need items for our big Christmas tombola! If you wish to donate items then please label your bags and leave them in the church porches so we know what they are for. Thank you for your generosity.

Recently Deceased: Raymond Coverley, Mrs Olive Low

Anniversary: Peter Hickman, Michael Joseph Slicker, Barbara Slicker

General: Winifred and Wilfred Tootill, Paul James Carroll, Michael and Mary Catherine Slicker, Slicker Family, Kathleen Louise Carroll, prayers for a positive test outcome

'Do you begrudge my generosity?' (Matthew 20:1-16)

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