



St. Joseph's, Stockport

THE ST. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART FATHERS

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**Trinity
Sunday**

SACRED HEART FATHERS JUNE - A MONTH OF PRAYER

Throughout the month of **June**,
Fr John Gaul, scj, will celebrate Mass
each day for your intentions in the
chapel at his residence, in the company
of Brother Richard Moran, scj .

Please list your intentions and pop them
through the letter box either at
St Joseph's Presbytery, Tatton Street,
or at 266 Wellington Road North,
Stockport, SK4 2QR Thank you.

SACRED HEART NOVENA PRAYER (Thursday 11 – Friday 19 June 2019)

Jesus you have said,
Ask and you shall receive,
seek and you shall find,
knock and the door shall be opened
to you.

Relying on these promises,
I come with confidence
to ask you for the favours I need.

From whom shall I ask, O Jesus,
if not from you
whose heart is an unfailing source
of grace and mercy.

Most loving heart of Jesus,
I believe in your power,
I believe in your wisdom,
**I believe in your personal love for
me.**

Therefore, O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place all my trust in you. Amen.

Online giving to the Parish of St Joseph's, Stockport

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish
to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page
to allow you to donate to the Parish has been created for us.

[https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donor/page/
stjosephstockportdioceseofshrewsbury2183](https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donor/page/stjosephstockportdioceseofshrewsbury2183)

Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in
this way. You can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further.
If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the
screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form
in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or
Standing Order. Thank you for your support. Fr Jim

Private MASSES at St Joseph's 7 -14 June. Week 10 in Ordinary Time. Weekday Readings Cycle 11. Psalter Week 2.

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| SUN | Trinity Sunday | 5.00pm Vigil | People of the Parish | 11.30 | Deacon Brian McCarthy Recently Deceased |
| MON | Ferial | 12 Noon | Martin & Mary Sisson Anniversary | 7.30 pm | Angela Gibney Intentions |
| TUE | St Columba | 12 Noon | Alan Gell Intentions | 7.30 pm | Leslie Wray Intentions |
| WED | Ferial | 12 noon | Robyn Gibbons Intentions | 7.30 pm | Michael Clinton Recently Deceased |
| THU | St Barnabas | 12 noon | Richard Baines Recently Deceased | 7.30 pm | Annie McGiviney Recently Deceased |
| FRI | Ferial | 12 Noon | Canon Kevin O'Connor Ann - Ordination RIP | 7.30 pm | Josephine Reynolds Recently Deceased |
| SAT | St Anthony of Padua | 12 noon | Theresa Coonan Recently Deceased | | |
| SUN | Corpus Christi | 5.00 pm | Brother Richard Moran Intentions | 11.30 | People of the Parish |

Pray for the Sick of the Parish: Robyn Gibbons, Leslie Wray, Alan Gell, Bernadette
Matthews, Martin Harris, Bernadette Taylor, Leslie Wray, Caroline Reynolds,
Elizabeth Beattie, Margaret Slattery, Clare Graham and Margaret Wooley (both nee
Kenny), Gerard Kenny, Margaret Edwards, Vera Henderson, Tina Labella, James
Hayward, Eleanor Mulvey, Betty McIntosh.

Lately Dead: Theresa Coonan -mother of Canon Stephen, who was educated
here at St Joseph's and ordained at St Vincent's, Altrincham, 29/07/1978.
Richard Baines.

Part of the Mother of God Local Pastoral Area in Stockport

Stepping Hill Hospital Chaplaincy – phone 419.5889 for request for Holy
Communion. Catholic Chaplaincy In Emergency: page 483 1010 / ask for
Catholic chaplain

School Reopening 8th June

Recently Mrs Hamilton had a meeting with a Health and Safety advisor from the Local Authority to assess St Joseph's school for re-opening. She has consulted with staff and together they will work to the best of their ability to provide a safe, secure and positive start to the final half term for the summer.

The government has issued guidance for parents and carers, which can be accessed:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parentsand-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

There are some **key points** outlined in the guidance that have been summarised:

- Schools are now being asked to begin to plan and put in place measures to allow pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 back into school.
- The government is urging all pupils from the identified year groups to attend school from the 8th June. Please note there are not places for siblings from other year groups at this time.
- However, children of critical key workers, children with an Education and Health Care Plan and children who are classed as vulnerable can be in school regardless of their year group.
- Parents will not be fined if they choose not to send their child to school.
- Children who are 'clinically extremely vulnerable' are not expected to attend school.
- Children who live in a household with someone who is 'clinically extremely vulnerable' should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and the child or young person is able to understand and follow those instructions. This will form part of the school's risk assessment.

Guidance on 'clinically extremely vulnerable' members of society can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremelyvulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-personsfrom-covid-19>.

The school has completed a detailed risk assessment and there will be on-going planning as to how this can best be achieved, as safely as possible for children, staff and families.

The government, in their documentation, make it very explicit what schools should and should not do. It certainly is going to be schooling in a way that none of us have ever known before.

Whilst we will do everything we can to make sure that school is as safe an environment as possible for our children and staff, we are sure you will all realise that it will be almost impossible to socially distance children, particularly the younger ones. Reception and Year 1 children in particular will not be able to be kept the required 2m apart from one another during the day.

We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. In deciding to bring more children back to early years and schools, we are taking this into account.

(Government planning guide for Primary Schools 14 May 2020)

The following plans indicate how we will do our best to minimise contact within school for the children and adults in order to keep everyone safe.

We have tried to look at the schools reopening in stages:

- Pre-opening stage
- Partial targeted stage
- Potential full stage

As we don't have enough details for the final full stage at this point in time, this letter is only going to cover the **pre-opening and partial targeted stage** in as much detail as we know at this stage.

Pre-opening phase:

Over the past few weeks we have placed hand sanitisers around school that are accessible for all classes, purchased face masks, gloves and visors for staff.

Communal areas and some outside areas are marked with 2m distance indicators and routes around school. Classrooms have been organised to accommodate no more than 15 children sitting individually and spaced apart. Each child will be given their own basic stationery. This will be left in school at all times.

School will have been cleaned before 8th June. Staff availability is being monitored to ensure that any staff that are clinically vulnerable or shielding will not be expected to be in school.

Partial targeted stage:

Orientation week – w/c: 8th June

Following guidance from Stockport Local Authority, there will be two training days for staff on Monday 8th June and Tuesday 9th June. From **Wednesday June 10th** we will start to welcome back **year 6** children alongside children of Key worker families. They will be working in groups of no more than 12 children to one teacher. Year six and key worker group will enter through the front door of school, there is a one way system and 2M spaces marked out. **To enter safely, you need to park in the car park opposite Stockport village nursery and walk towards the church on Tatton Street, along the path towards school and exit through the gate onto Etchells street.** The children will be greeted by a member of staff.

Please note that school will close at 1pm every Friday, so that staff can have PPA and school can be thoroughly cleaned ready for the next week. However, this does not apply to key worker group. (Edited by Fr Jim)