



St. Joseph's, Stockport

THE ST. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART FATHERS

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**The Most holy
 Body and Blood
 of Christ**

SACRED HEART NOVENA PRAYER

(Thursday 11 – Friday 19 June)

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.

Masses streamed live: St Peter's, 12 pm weekdays, 10 am Sunday
www.churchservices.tv/stockport

Our Lady's: 9.30 am weekdays; 11 am Sunday.
www.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport

St Anthony's, Wythenshawe <http://wythcc.co.uk>.
 Macclesfield: stalbanstream.html.

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/>
<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online>

**At the moment all our churches are closed for the benefit of others
 and stopping infection.**

**Private MASSES at St Joseph's 14 -21 June. Week 11 in Ordinary Time.
 Weekday Readings Cycle 11. Psalter Week 3.**

SUN	Corpus Christi	5.00pm Vigil	Brother Richard Moran Intentions	11.30	People of the Parish
MON	Ferial	12 Noon	Gerry Rice RIP Anniversary	7.30 pm	Ron and Margaret Runcieman Ints
TUE	Ferial	12 Noon	Margaret and Mike Dolan Intentions	7.30 pm	Susan Phelan Anniversary
WED	Ferial	12 noon	Karen Henderson and family Intentions	7.30 pm	Private intention
THU	Ferial	12 noon	Bernadette and Alistair Taylor Intentions	7.30 pm	Fr Liam Rooney, scj Ordained 2002
FRI	The Most Sacred Heart Of Jesus	12 Noon	Vocations	7.30 pm	Reparation
SAT	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	12 noon	Frs Blaise, Gaul, Jim and all SCJs Joseph's thriving over the past		who have kept St 36 years
SUN	12 th Sunday (A)	5.00 pm	People of the Parish	11.30	Leslie Wray -Rec Dec

Pray for the Sick of the Parish: Robyn Gibbons, Alan Gell, Bernadette Matthews, Martin Harris, Alastair and Bernadette Taylor, 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. **Anniversaries:** Gerry Rice, Susan Phelan.

Latently Dead: Leslie Wray the beloved of Monica Ferguson.
 Richard Baines. Theresa Coonan -mother of Canon Stephen.
 Our sincere condolences to all three families

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

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JUNE - A MONTH OF PRAYER

Throughout the month of **June**, Fr John Gaul, scj, is celebrating 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.

Day For life 21/06/2020

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* is celebrated on 21 June in England.

'Moses' invitation rings out loud and clear: "*See, I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil. ... I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live*" (Dt 30:15, 19).' *Evangelium Vitae*, 28

The theme for Day for Life 2020 is Choose Life, with a particular focus on protecting mothers and unborn children and bringing hope and healing after abortion.

St Joseph's Church Finance

Whilst our church has been temporarily closed, we are very grateful to people who have handed in **£1,137.00** over the past four weeks. We also appreciate a few parishioners changing over from using the Offertory Envelopes to a Standing Order, during lockdown, bringing our Standing Order for May to **£694.00**. The NEW envelopes are ready for collection or delivery (by parishioners). We await address labels from the diocese

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>

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

A TIME MARKED BY JOY

Bishop Mark writes: It is with special joy that we anticipate the beginning of the re-opening of the churches on Monday 15th June. This will also be a time of special responsibility for us in conforming to the standards of safety and Covid security required in society. It has been wonderful to hear from more than 50 parishes who expressed the wish to be part of the first phase of the re-opening and especially good to hear of the many volunteers who have come forward. I appreciate that some parishes will not be ready for some weeks to come and that you need to make local judgments. However, the experience gained across the Diocese will help us be ready in the weeks and months ahead for the return of the public celebration of the Mass and the Sacraments. Let us hope this will not be long delayed.

Fr Jim writes:

Towards the end of May we received information from the diocese to begin the process of reopening our churches in the not too distant future. We were advised to work with our own Diocesan Risk Assessment which is comprehensively based on the national guidance. As we intended to reopen our church for private visits, I was pleased to inform the diocese that **John Humphries and Dominic Wells** had agreed to be the "**COVID-19 Safety Lead**" persons for St Joseph's. Having got the go ahead earlier than expected last weekend, I invited John to make an official announcement at our Sunday morning 11 o'clock Zoom virtual meeting. **He explained that we would need a team, who were eligible, to prepare our church for reopening in line with government requirements.** The process for reopening will involve John and Dominic filling out the Risk Assessment form for me. Hopefully then the diocese will sign off the assessment that all specified safety requirements have been met by the parish. Canon Michael Gannon will then contact me to authorise the opening of the church. We will not be amongst the 7 churches in the diocese opening this Monday. Regarding the safeguarding dimensions of the new church arrangements we note the necessity of having at least **two stewards on duty during the hours the church is opened.** We are planning on opening each day, except Sunday, from **11.30 am to 1.00 pm.** I need to keep a record of the rota of the stewards on duty at any given time; and our stewards need to be aware of good safeguarding practice and the appropriate contacts for help with any safeguarding issue.

Please get in touch with John, Dominic or myself if your age and health allow you to help us out.

Finally, a video message from Bishop Mark about the joy of reopening the churches after lockdown. Go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org and scroll down the page to the Video.