

The R.C. Diocese of Shrewsbury is registered charity No 234025

St Joseph's R.C. Church Tatton Street, St. Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EJ

**0161 480 / 3164 Website [www.stjosephsrcchurchstockport.org.uk](http://www.stjosephsrcchurchstockport.org.uk) / Facebook / Zoom**

**SACRED HEART FATHERS**

*Fr. Jim Matthews, scj - Fr Blaise Nsangou, scj - Deacon Terry Simms*

**Confessions** available in the Hall, rather than the confessional, where ventilation is difficult

Saturday	11th	5 pm	John Garrigan	1st Anniversary
Sunday	12th	11.30 am	Tom Wallis	Birthday Remembrance
Monday	13th	12 noon	Peggy & Keith Donne	RIP
Tuesday	14th	12 noon	Alan Gell intentions	
Wednesday	15th	12 noon	Marie Smalley	1st Anniversary
Thursday	16th	12 noon	Alfredo Sanedrin	50th Anniversary of Death.
Friday	17th	12 noon	Frank Wilson	RIP
Saturday	18th	5 pm	Dela Lynsdale	Recently Deceased
Sunday	19th	11.30 am	Meehan & Quinn families	deceased

**We adopt an attitude of care for those who visit our church.** Sanitising hands encouraged.

- **"PLEASE LEAVE A SPACE HERE"** - signs are available for people to place on either side of them.

**The offertory collection has resumed with baskets during Mass. Thanks for your offerings.**

**At Holy Communion it would be best if you kindly came forward from the front benches first, up the middle aisle and back to your bench by the side aisle and followed on in order, this will hopefully keep everyone safe and in a smooth momentum. We will administer to the middle isle and then to the side isles.**

**CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies)** begins this month with in-person classes on Thursday morning at St Columba's Chester. There is also an online learning option, with an in-person seminar in Wythenshawe. This is an excellent course for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith or lead in a school or parish. Please register in advance - information is available from [ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**Phil Walker RIP** Our sincere condolences to Marion and children on the sudden death of Phil on Sunday 29th August. Phil and Marion were looking forward to receiving Holy Communion at home. Instead, Fr Jim administered Communion as part of the Prayer of Commendation. We await details of his Requiem Mass and Committal. May he rest in peace.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** for Our Lady's, St Ambrose, St Vincent's and St Joseph's will be celebrated on Thursday 9th December, 7pm, at Our Lady's Shaw Heath. Please contact Fr Jim if you are 12 years old or above and wish to take part in the preparation and celebration of this Sacrament. We need names from parents or grandparents asap so that we can officially invite candidates to join us at Our Lady's shortly to begin the preparations. We have tried to reach out to some this past week via emails and schools. Please play your part if you can by announcing this invitation.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** is a 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer & fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

**Peaceful vigil:** Standing for life through a 40-day peaceful, prayerful, public witness outside the local abortion facility SMPC 136 Chester Road, Hazel Grove, SK7 6HE. (Sept 22 - October 31). The website will give you all the information you require. To sign up for the Stockport vigil follow location tab on the site.

**Anniversaries:** Marie Smalley, Amanda & Alfredo Sanedrin, Fr Gerard McClean, scj

**Isaiah 50:5-9** The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

**Psalm 114** R. *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;

for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him.

R.

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb;

they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord, my God, deliver me! R.

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me.

R.

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

R.

**James 2:14-18** Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia! **Jn14:6**

**Mark 8:27-35** Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, & for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**St Peter's** RC Primary School, **Stalybridge** are looking for a new Deputy Head. to arrange a visit. Please contact [admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk) . The full advert can be found on the Shrewsbury Diocesan website; for application forms etc contact [Sue.Jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Sue.Jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**Day for Men at St Joseph's, Stockport.** A Covid-postponed event will be held at Saint Joseph's Church, Stockport from 9.00am until 4.00pm on Saturday 25th September 2021, hosted by the Men of St Joseph. The day will include breakfast and lunch A donation of £10 for the entire day is suggested. Bishop Mark will be pleased to join the day to celebrate Mass at 12 noon in Saint Joseph's. For more information, please see the poster in church or contact: [michaeltraceymosj@gmail.com](mailto:michaeltraceymosj@gmail.com)

**Eucharistic Procession:** We are planning, following the 12 noon Mass on Saturday 18 September, to walk with the Blessed Sacrament through Merseyway Shopping Centre and return back home again.

**We pray for our sick:** Richard Da Silva, Bernadette Taylor, Alwyn McCann, Vera Henderson, Alan Gell