

St Joseph's RC Church

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9th October 2022 - 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 8 th	5pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 9 th	11.30am	Aleksander Kosowski RIP
Monday 10 th	12 noon	Peter & Olive Lupton
Tuesday 11 th	12 noon	Marie & Claire
Wednesday 12 th	12 noon	Mary Joyce
Thursday 13 th	12 noon	For Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday 14 th	12 noon	In Thanksgiving (WA)
Saturday 15 th	5pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 th	11.30am	Deceased members of the Meehan & Quinn Families

Mass Intentions: Envelopes are available at the back of the church if you would like to request a Mass said for your intentions. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. If the date you require is for the following week, please make sure you return your envelope to the presbytery by Thursday morning.

Adoration and Confessions: Monday to Friday at 11.30am.

We pray for our sick: Carmel Mayo, Anthony Healey, Margaret Runcieman, Doreen Rowan, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsean, Michael John Ford, Haydan Fletcher, John McCormick, Tina Labella, Sandra Mooney, Roy Curran, Teresa Grice, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Alwyn McCann, Winifred Leanaghan, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh.

Anniversaries: We remember all those who anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased: We pray for all those who have died recently

Perpetual Adoration: The inaugural Mass for St Joseph's as a Eucharistic Shrine will take place on October 22nd at 12pm. Just after that, we would like to begin perpetual adoration throughout the course of the day on weekdays. In order to have prolonged exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, we need to first find a sufficient number of adorers. If you would be willing to commit to spending one hour per week with Jesus between 9am and 7pm on any day from Monday to Friday please email us at stockportshrine@gmail.com

You will find great peace and spiritual joy in spending a prolonged time of silence with the Lord and it will give you an opportunity to intercede in the most powerful way possible on a weekly basis for all of your loved ones. Below is an explanation of the graces which come from having perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in a parish, adapted from a text written by the Franciscan Friars of Marytown, USA:

What are some good reasons for establishing Perpetual Adoration?

To provide an easy, attractive, and practical way of rendering God the adoration which is His due as our Creator, of giving Him thanks for our redemption, of making reparation for our sins and the sins of mankind, of petitioning the Lord for the constant help we need. To show our gratitude to Him for remaining among us in our tabernacles, and to make at least some atonement for the many sacrileges, acts of indifference and ingratitude which He receives in His Sacrament of Love.

What spiritual benefits and graces can be attributed to the establishment of a parish Perpetual Adoration program?

* an increase in Mass attendance and reception of the sacraments; * return of fallen-away Catholics and increase in the number of conversions; * increase in priestly vocations; * renewal of Catholic family life; * the spiritual level of the people is raised with a resulting desire and courage to spread the "good news" to others; * a greater community spirit, centered as it is on the heart of the parish: Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Fundraising Committee: The Fundraising Committee met last Friday and have lots of ideas of how we can raise the money we need for the repairs to our Church. We will share ideas and dates with you as soon as possible. If you could not make the meeting but would like to help organise fundraising activities please get in touch.

Online Donation page: we now have an online donation page to enable donations to be made by card – this option is for both you Offertory offering and for donations towards the restoration of the Church. Scan the QR code on the posters at the back of church or visit our websites which link to it. Thank you.

Gift Aid: please remember that if you are a tax payer and you ‘gift aid’ your donation, HMRC will give us 25% for every pound donated. It is also possible to ‘gift aid’ donations made through the online donation page.

First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis: I just wanted to let you know that we have received a first class relic of Blessed Carlo from the Archbishop of Assisi. The only other churches in the UK that I know of which have such a relic are the church of his baptism in Kensington and the church of Corpus Christi which is the shrine of the Blessed Sacrament for the Westminster Archdiocese. It is a great privilege for us here at St Joseph's. It happens to be his feast day on Wednesday October 12th. His relic will be venerated at the end of Mass.

Confirmations: The Confirmation date for St Joseph's, Our Lady's, St Ambrose's and St Vincent's parishes has been scheduled for 7pm on 9th December 2022 at Our Lady's. If you are 12 years or older and would like to be confirmed please give your name to Fr Sean as soon as possible. The preparation will take place at Our Lady's Church and Our Lady's Social Club and the dates are as follows: Sun 9th Oct: Presentation Mass at Our Lady's at 11am, *Session dates: Thursdays 7pm-8.30pm: 13th 20th Oct, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Nov*, Sun 23rd Oct: Enrollment Mass at Our Lady's at 11am, *Sat 3rd Dec 3pm-7pm Penitential Service / Retreat Day*, Thurs 8th Dec Rehearsal at Our Lady's at 7pm

Bistro San Jose: Come along for Food and Fellowship 10am-1pm in the Parish Hall every Saturday. All welcome.

Parish Photos / Records: As part of the ongoing development of St Joseph's, we would like to gather information about St Joseph's and its history. If you have any records, photographs of the church or of events eg Weddings, Baptisms, First Communions that you would like to share, please bring them in and give to Fr Sean. Thank you.

2 Kings 5:14-17: Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. ‘Now I know’ he said ‘that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.’ But Elisha replied, ‘As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.’ Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, ‘Since your answer is “No,” allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.’

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

2 Timothy 2:8-13: Remember the Good News that I carry, ‘Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David’; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

Luke 17:11-19 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, ‘Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.’ When he saw them he said, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, ‘Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.’ And he said to the man, ‘Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.’