

St Joseph's RC Church

Tatton Street, St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EJ

Tel: 0161 480 3164 Parish Email: stockportshrine@gmail.com

www.stjosephsrcchurchstockport.org.uk / www.eucharisticshrine.com

Parish Priest: Fr Sean Davidson frseandavidson@gmail.com

4th December 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 3 rd	5pm	For the people of the Parish
Sunday 4 th	11.30am	Meehan Family Intentions
Monday 5 th	12 noon	Catherine & Henry Dempsey RIP
Tuesday 6 th	12 noon	Katie – Birthday Intention
Wednesday 7 th	12 noon	For the intentions of all our Benefactors
Thursday 8 th	12 noon	David Geluk RIP
<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7.30pm	Les Pickford RIP
Friday 9 th	12 noon	Deceased members of the Matthews family
Saturday 10 th	5pm	Brendan & Loughlin Wynne RIP
Sunday 11 th	11.30am	For the people of the Parish

Daily Schedule:	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	11.30am
Eucharistic Adoration Benediction	7am-7pm 6.45pm		
Confessions	11am-11.45am 6pm-6.30pm	4pm-4.45pm	10.30am-11am
Rosary for Vocations	6.30pm		11am

Adoration: You are welcome to come anytime during Adoration to spend time with Jesus. If you would be willing to commit to spending one hour per week please email us: stockportshrine@gmail.com with your preferred day and time. Please note that due to Church Cleaning, on the last Friday of the month Adoration will be 7am-12noon and 2pm-7pm.

We pray for our sick: Laurie Glenn, 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 Catherine (Kitty) Kearney for all those who have died recently.

Parish Mission: A reminder that our Parish Mission, with testimony from John Pridmore, Mon 5th-Wed 7th Dec at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Christmas Services 2022: Christmas Eve Saturday 24th 8pm – Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Sunday 25th December 10am.

Money Matters: We received £603.68 in the offertory collection last weekend. Thank you. Next weekend (10/11 December) we will have a retiring collection for Caritas.

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

Catholic Mothers group: Inviting all Mothers, Grandmother's, God Mothers and Spiritual Mothers who would like to deepen their faith in a relaxed environment. Every Tuesday in term time 10:30am at St Joseph's Presbytery. Children most welcome. Any queries please contact Laura Wilson laura.wilson448@gmail.com

Parish Dinner & Quiz: Thank you to all those who attended last Saturday. It was a great night and fantastic to see so many people there. We raised £834.00. Thank you very much.

Car Parking: we will be running the church car park on the 10th and 17th December between 9am and 3.00pm to raise some money for the church roof – for anybody wishing to use it. We will be collecting donations on both Saturdays. We are also asking for volunteers who may be able to assist us, even if only for 1 hour. Please see Dominic Wells or John Humphries if you can help. Thanks very much for your help.

Walsingham 2023: Mon 8th May - Fri 12th May 2023. The price for 4 nights bed, breakfast and evening meal, inclusive of coach, per person is £390 for ensuite rooms and £330 for standard rooms. A non-refundable deposit of £30 per person is required to confirm your place, balance due by 31 March 2023. Payments by cheque and bank transfer only: cheques payable to SRCDT St Joseph Stockport. Bank transfer made into the parish account with reference Walsingham 2023: Account number: 54672068 Sort code: 30-15-52. Please email shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com when you have made a bank transfer. Please also complete a booking form.

Faith Sharing Group Advent Season 2022: Meetings of the group led by Barbara Boyer for Wednesdays from 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the presbytery. If you would like to attend any one of our meetings you will be made very welcome.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary school are holding an Open Morning on Monday 5th December at 9.15am for prospective parents and their children. A wonderful opportunity for anyone looking for their child's Reception place for September 2023, or for any parent thinking of a school transfer. Come and look at our wonderful, warm, friendly, caring school where we "learn to love and love to learn". Please contact the school office on 0161 480 5029 for further details.

Stockport Male Voice Choir Festive Concert with Carols on 17th December 2022 at 7pm in the parish hall. Proceeds in aid of the roof fund. Tickets £5 on sale after Masses or by phoning 0161 483 6904.

Lily for the Altar envelopes. At Christmas we will decorate the Altar with lilies, please put your donation in one of the envelopes at the back of Church and place in the box at the back of church

Christmas Cards. As we enter Christmas card month, we look forward to wishing each other "Happy Christmas" in person or pass a card to them personally. Please don't leave cards at the back of Church or in the Sacristy.

'You Are A Gift' – Sat 10 December at St Wilfrid's, Northwich. A day of talks and discussion examining our true identity through the Theology of the Body and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Fr David Marsden, a Clinical psychologist, and Dr Christine Ward will be the guest speakers at this one-day event which is dedicated to unpacking the beautiful teaching of this great work of St Pope John Paul II. Booking essential at tobnetworkuk@gmail.com or more information from lisa.martinez@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Isaiah 11:1-10: A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Romans 15:4-9: Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: *For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Matthew 3:1-12: In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: *A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.* This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'