

St Joseph's RC Church

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11th December 2022 – Third Sunday of Advent Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 10 th	5pm	Brendan & Loughlin Wynne RIP
Sunday 11 th	11.30am	For the people of the Parish
Monday 12 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Tuesday 13 th	12 noon	Pierre Angeline
Wednesday 14 th	12 noon	Nicola Cowley RIP
Thursday 15 th	12 noon	Imelda Van-Rosi RIP
Friday 16 th	12 noon	Alf Todd RIP
Saturday 17 th	5pm	Margaret Doyle
Sunday 18 th	11.30am	Vera Jenkins RIP

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: Mary O'Brien, 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 for Winifred Leanaghan and all those who have died recently.

Christmas Services 2022: Christmas Eve Saturday 24th Carols at 7.30pm, 8pm – Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Sunday 25th December 10am.

Money Matters: We received £744.26 in the offertory collection last weekend. Thank you very much. This 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

Car Parking: we will be running the church car park on 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.

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 school Christmas Fair - Friday 16th December 3.30pm - 5pm: Bottle Tombola, chocolate tombola, silent auction, crafts, raffle, cakes and of course Father Christmas. Come along for a fun afternoon

St Joseph's Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Cost £390 per person in ensuite accommodation. Some single rooms available. Please collect a booking form from church or email shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com. Completed forms should be returned to church with a non-refundable deposit of £30 (cheque or bank transfer). Cheques should be made payable to SRCDT St Joseph Stockport. Bank transfer should be made into the parish account using the reference Walsingham 2023: Account number: 54672068 Sort code:30-15-52

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.

Message from Lara Jackson, Travel Counsellors: I am looking to raise funds to help towards some much needed renovations at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Stockport. It's an amazing church which helps many people. To help with this cause, I am going to donate all my commission made on bookings, so if you are looking to book any travel, then not only will you get the usual exceptional service but you'll also be helping a very special place. Any enquiries please contact me 0161 2970103 Email lara.jackson@travelcounsellors.com

Men and Women of St Joseph Groups: The Men of St Joseph meet every Thursday from 7pm and the Women of St Joseph meet every Wednesday at 7pm for study, fellowship and prayer. From January onwards the groups will be beginning the study of the Bible in a year. A great opportunity for new members to join and an encouragement for those who have always wanted to study the Bible. All welcome. For more information please contact Simon 07738 056761 or Karen 07974 024288.

Isaiah 35:1-6,10: Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm: Come Lord and save us.

James 5:7-10: Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Matthew 11:2-11: John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'