

St Joseph's RC Church

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18th December 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 17 th	5pm	Margaret Doyle
Sunday 18 th	11.30am	Vera Jenkins RIP
Monday 19 th	12 noon	Francis Ferguson RIP
Tuesday 20 th	12 noon	Requiem Mass for Winifred Leanaghan
Wednesday 21 st	12 noon	Brenda Delany
Thursday 22 nd	12 noon	For all our Benefactors
Friday 23 rd	12 noon	Vera Henderson RIP
Saturday 24 th	8pm	Rena Jordan RIP
Sunday 25 th	10.00am	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** on Wednesday 21st of December we have a funeral Mass at 11am. This will mean that we will have to repose the Blessed Sacrament at about 10:30am and that exposition won't recommence until 1pm. Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you all for your fidelity in keeping this chain of prayer going since September. **There will be adoration or confessions from December 24th to January 7th.**

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, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh.

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

Recently Deceased: We pray for Kitty Kearney, Winifred Leanaghan and all those who have died recently.

The Requiem Mass for Kitty Kearney will take place on Wednesday 21st December at 11am. (We will still have the 12 noon Mass but this may be slightly delayed).

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 £529.49 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

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

Save the Date: Our next fundraising event will be a Race Night on Saturday 4th February 2023. Full details in the New Year.

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.

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

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.

Christmas Appeal from Pope Francis: At a recent papal audience, Pope Francis asked us to celebrate a "more humble" Christmas this year so as to be in solidarity with the "battered" people of Ukraine. Let's keep them in our hearts and prayers throughout the Christmas period. The pope suggests that we might decide with our families to spend less on gifts and celebrations this year, so as to be able to send some financial assistance to Ukraine. People there are suffering greatly right now because of the extreme cold, as well as all of the other horrors which this cruel war has brought to their land.

Isaiah 7:10-14: The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us."'

Responsorial Psalm: Let the Lord enter, he is the king of glory.

Romans 1:1-7: From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. **Alleluia!**

Matthew 1:18-24: This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.