

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**25<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – The Nativity of the Lord**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Rena Jordan RIP
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	For the people of the parish
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all our benefactors
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For the deceased members of the Cranny & Eaton families
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	John Bramhall RIP
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Margaret Doyle
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>Holy Family</i>	12 noon	Mary Groarke
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	5pm	Patrick O'Neill
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	11.30am	Ann Rose RIP
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12 noon	Anthony Wright
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12 noon	For Sandra and all grieving families
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For Baby Ethan
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Christine & John Findlow
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Epiphany</i>	12 noon 7.30pm	All those in our Remembrance Book Henry Groarke
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	For all our Benefactors
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Mykola Yurii

**Please note there will be NO adoration or confessions from December 24th to January 8th.**

**We pray for our sick:** Mary O'Brien, Laurie Glenn, Carmel Mayo, Anthony Healey, Margaret Runcieman, Doreen Rowan, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsenan, Michael John Ford, Haydan Fletcher, John McCormick, Tina Labella, Sandra Mooney, Roy Curran, Teresa Grice, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh.

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

**Recently Deceased:** We pray for Eleanor Mulvey, Alwyn McCann, Anne Catherine Tabener and all those who have died recently.

**Money Matters:** We received £621.61 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

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

**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](mailto: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

**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.

## **Christmas Eve:**

**Isaiah 9:1-7:** The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

**Psalm:** Today a Saviour has been born to us, he is Christ the Lord.

**Titus 2:11-14:** God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

**Gospel Acclamation:** I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

**Luke 2:1-14:** Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census– the first– took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

## **Christmas Day:**

**Isaiah 52:7-10:** How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Hebrews 1:1-6:** At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-Born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

**Gospel Acclamation:** A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.

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