

St Joseph's RC Church

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1st January 2023 – Mary, Mother of God

Mass Times and Intentions:

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| Saturday 31 st | 5pm | Patrick O'Neill |
| Sunday 1 st <i>Mary, Mother of God</i> | 11.30am | Ann Rose RIP |
| Monday 2 nd | 12 noon | Anthony Wright |
| Tuesday 3 rd | 12 noon | For Sandra and all grieving families |
| Wednesday 4 th | 12 noon | For Baby Ethan |
| Thursday 5 th | 12 noon | Christine & John Findlow |
| Friday 6 th <i>Epiphany</i> | 12 noon 7.30pm | All those in our Remembrance Book Henry Groarke |
| Saturday 7 th | 5pm | For all our Benefactors |
| Sunday 8 th | 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 Gilsean, 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.

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. Please note that we are up to March with Mass Intentions. If you require a specific date we will try our best to do that date or as near it as possible. Thank you.

Save the Date: Our next fundraising event will be a Race Night on Saturday 4th 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. 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.

SVP: will be collecting Christmas Cards which will be remade into new cards for next year. The newly remade cards will be given to the chaplains in prisons in the north west. The cards will be given to the vulnerable and isolated who have no families or friends on the outside. Some cards are to be given to children of prisoners at the prison visitor centres. Please carefully cut off the personal parts of the cards and put the 'picture part' of the cards into the box at the back of church from 8th January onwards

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.

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

Numbers 6:22-27: The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace." This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

Responsorial Psalm: O God, be gracious and bless us.

Galatians 4:4-7: When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! 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. Alleluia!

Luke 2:16-21: The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.