

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**8<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – The Baptism of the Lord**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	For all our Benefactors
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Mykola Yurii
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Billy Marshall RIP
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Get Well Mass (private intention)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all our Benefactors
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Patricia & Family
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Jacqueline Provost RIP
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	For the people of the parish
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Nora Connolly & Family

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](mailto: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, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh.

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

**Recently Deceased:** We pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Alwyn McCann 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 April 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.

**Fundraising events:** We raised £691 from the Stockport Male Voice Choir concert. Thank you to all those who came along. Our next fundraising event will be a **Race Night** on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Full details next week.

**Money matters:** We received £695.11 in the collection last week. Thank you very much.

**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

**\*\*Unwanted items: Please do not leave any items at the back of church either on the tables or in bags.  
Thank you very much\*\***

**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.

**Faith Sharing Groups:** The fifth and sixth meetings planned for January have been cancelled. There will be no further meetings of the Faith Sharing Group until the Lent Season, starting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 1.30pm.

**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](mailto:lara.jackson@travelcounsellors.com)

**Volunteers Needed:** Caritas urgently needs the following volunteers: 1) Female volunteers who like art, craft, cooking, baking, yoga, sewing or other skills to join the Women's group, which helps refugees and asylum seekers women with integration at St. Aidan's Centre in Wythenshawe every Friday afternoon from 12-2 pm. If you are interested, please contact us ASAP. 2) Tutor volunteers to deliver ESOL sessions for refugees and asylum seekers at St. Aidan's centre in Wythenshawe every Tuesday afternoons from 12-2 pm. If you are interested, please contact us ASAP. 3) Volunteers to run the sessions, shop and cater for lunch and take care of the children during the sessions. If you can help, please contact Email:

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**Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7:** Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Acts 10:34-38:** Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!

**Matthew 3:13-17:** Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'