

St Joseph's RC Church

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15th January 2023 – 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 14 th	5pm	For the people of the parish
Sunday 15 th	11.30am	Nora Connolly & Family
Monday 16 th	12 noon	Anne Twomey & Family
Tuesday 17 th	12 noon	Geoff Fitton RIP
Wednesday 18 th	12 noon	Elizabeth Matthews RIP
Thursday 19 th	12 noon	Tom Ah-Tou RIP
Friday 20 th	12 noon	Christine and John Findlow
Saturday 21 st	5pm	All of our benefactors
Sunday 22 nd	11.30am	Kathy Thomas

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, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh.

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

Recently Deceased: We pray for 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.

Money matters: We received £677.05 in the collection last week. Thank you very much.

Race Night: Saturday 4th February at 6.30pm. From Ascot to Cheltenham, Aintree to Haydock, you can now add St Joseph's! Join us for a night on the Gee Gee's! St Joseph's Race Night is where you'll want to be. Ladies dust off your hats in Ladies Day fashion. (Prize for the best dressed). Or just come as you are! Place your bets, bring your tippie of choice, and be in with a chance of winning! Tickets cost £5 (bring your own drinks) and are on sale after Masses or by phoning 0161 483 6904.

Save the Date: Next event will be the Parish Meal on Saturday 18th March...full details soon!

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts you wish to "re-gift" please bring them to Church and they can be distributed to either those in need or one of our up and coming raffles. Many thanks in advance.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund. An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

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

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 1st 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

Isaiah 49:3,5-6: The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.

1 Corinthians 1:1-3: I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

John 1:29-34: Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'