

St Joseph's RC Church

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22nd January 2023 – 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 21 st	5pm	All of our benefactors
Sunday 22 nd	11.30am	Kathy Thomas
Monday 23 rd	12 noon	Eleanor Mulvey RIP
Tuesday 24 th	12 noon	Dani Provost RIP
Wednesday 25 th	12 noon	Linda Banks
Thursday 26 th	12 noon	Winifred & Lawrence Leanaghan RIP
Friday 27 th	12 noon	All of our benefactors
Saturday 28 th	5pm	Dorothy Whelan RIP
Sunday 29 th	11.30am	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 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: Cora Tierney, 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 £731.65 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 this weekend. 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 www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund. An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org 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

Vacancy: St James' Catholic High School, Cheadle Hulme are seeking to appoint a Lay Chaplain, all information can be found on their website <https://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/jobs>

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. 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 Email lara.jackson@travelcounsellors.com

New Year New Start: If you are seeking to enrich your spiritual life while carrying out your daily commitments, the Associates of the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph would like to welcome you. In the company of others and in the spirit of St Francis of Assisi we seek to deepen our love for God and the world. For more information please take a leaflet from the back of the church or contact jennyfmsj@gmail.com.

Isaiah 8:23-9:3: In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. 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.

Responsorial Psalm: How happy are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17: I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

Matthew 4:12-23: Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: '*Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.*' From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.