

St Joseph's RC Church

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29th January 2023 – 4th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 28 th	5pm	Dorothy Whelan RIP
Sunday 29 th	11.30am	For the people of the parish
Monday 30 th	12 noon	Alan Gell
Tuesday 31 st	12 noon	Fr Chris Jenkins
Wednesday 1 st	12 noon	Jim Burnell RIP
Thursday 2 nd	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Friday 3 rd	12 noon	All those in our Remembrance Book
Saturday 4 th	5pm	Michael Linnane RIP
Sunday 5 th	11.30am	Patrick Brassil

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: Ged Gibbons, Cora Tierney, 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 Rhoda Smith 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.

Money matters: We received £639.39 in the collection last week and collected £259.50 for the Retired Priest Fund. 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.

CAFOD: The church relies on people getting involved. Our church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? What aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or help by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk or 07920 232936

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.stjamescheadle.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

Catholic Mothers group: Inviting all Mothers, Grandmother's, God Mothers and Spiritual Mothers who would like to deepen their faith in a relaxed environment. Every Tuesday in term time 10:30am at St Joseph's Presbytery. Children most welcome. Any queries please contact Laura Wilson laura.wilson448@gmail.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.

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13: Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

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

1 Corinthians 1:26-31: Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. **Alleluia!**

Matthew 5:1-12a: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'