

St Joseph's RC Church

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5th February 2023 – 5th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 4 th	5pm	Michael Linnane RIP
Sunday 5 th	11.30am	Patrick Brassil
Monday 6 th	12 noon	Requiem Mass Eileen Lockett RIP
Tuesday 7 th	12 noon	Alwyn McCann RIP
Wednesday 8 th	12 noon	Carmel McEney
Thursday 9 th	12 noon	Bernard Dooley RIP
Friday 10 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Saturday 11 th	5pm	Christy Devine RIP
Sunday 12 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: Ged Gibbons, 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 May with Mass Intentions. If you require a specific date we will try our best to do that date or as near it as possible, but be aware that we are several months ahead. Thank you.

Money matters: We received £843.36 in the collection last week. Thank you very much.

Save the Date: Our next event will be the Parish Meal on Saturday 18th March...full details next week!

Vacancy at St. James: St James' Catholic High School, Cheadle Hulme are seeking to appoint a Lay Chaplain. The deadline for applications is 6th February. All information can be found at <https://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/jobs/>

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

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

Lourdes by Jumbulance: Chester and Wirral Across Groups are again travelling to Lourdes this year. There are vacancies for nurses, helpers and sick and disabled pilgrims. We have taken folk with a wide range of health problems such as stroke, cancer, MS, Motor Neurone Disease, etc. The cost is £995. Nurses and under 25s in full time education pay half. However, financial help may be available for those who cannot afford to pay the full amount. COVID Vaccinations compulsory. For further information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk

Isaiah 58:7-10: Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5: When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Matthew 5:13-16: Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'