

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**12<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Christy Devine RIP
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	For the People of the Parish
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Martha Rattos RIP
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Anthony Wright
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Mary & Mattie Creham
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Mona Devine & Margaret Connolly
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	William Mullins
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	David Parker RIP

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:** Maureen Burke, Linda Abel, Patrick O'Neil, Ged Gibbons, Cora Tierney, Mary O'Brien, Laurie Glenn, Carmel Mayo, Anthony Healey, Margaret Runcieman, Doreen Rowan, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsean, Michael John Ford, 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: Haydan Fletcher, Sr Therese of the Loreto sisters 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 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 £1198.03 in the collection last week. Thank you very much.

**Parish Meal & Entertainment** in Celebration of St Joseph's and St Patrick's Feast Days. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. Come along and join us for the craic together with a wonderful meal, tap your toes, tickle your tonsils with our excellent entertainment. We have been very lucky in obtaining some of the Keegan Academy of Irish Dancers to entertain us as well having a wonderful sing-a-long. Tickets are selling fast and cost £15 per person, includes two course meal available after weekend Masses or by phoning 0161 483 6904. When you purchase your ticket you will be asked for your choice of menu for this event.

**St Joseph's Pilgrimage to Walsingham: 8-12 May 2023** 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). Further details available on the website.

**Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeals:** Both CAFOD and Caritas have launched appeals to provide urgent food, water and shelter to survivors. The following links have more information and online donation forms. There is also an option to pay by bank transfer on the Caritas website. CAFOD: <https://cafod.org.uk/> Caritas: <https://www.caritas.org/>

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

**Materials for reflection following the Synodal Submissions:** In submissions to the Synodal Process, many people expressed a desire for formation in e.g. Scripture, spirituality Dei Verbum (on Revelation) and Lumen Gentium (on the Church). The aim is simply to give an overview of both documents, and enough insight into their content and ongoing importance to encourage people to read the texts for themselves, copies of both of which are available at the CTS or on the Vatican website. This presentation will take the form of a recorded conversation between Miss Barbara Davies (Coordinator for New Evangelisation) and Dr Stephen Yates (Senior Mission Catechist). The mp3 audio file will be available on the diocesan website from the beginning of Lent; Printable handouts will enable individual and group reflection. For further information, please contact either Barbara (07730 526821) or Stephen (07842 487978).

**World Day of Prayer 2023:** Will be held at St Matthew's Church, Grenville Street, Edgeley on Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm. All welcome. This year our sisters in Taiwan are sending us blessing with the service they have prepared. World Day of Pray is an international, inter-church organization with enable us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world – through Asia, Africa, the Middle East Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa around 38 hours later. Please join us as we give thanks for the beautiful island and people of Taiwan and encourage one another in our faith just as Paul the Apostle did in his letters.

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**Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21:** If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

**Responsorial Psalm:** They are happy who follow God's law.

**1 Corinthians 2:6-10:** We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.* These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Matthew 5:17-37** Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.' 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill*; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery.* But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal.* But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.' 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.* But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'