

St Joseph's RC Church

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19th February 2023 – 7th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 18 th	5pm	William Mullins
Sunday 19 th	11.30am	David Parker RIP
Monday 20 th	12 noon	John Ferguson
Tuesday 21 st	12 noon	Margaret Doyle
Wednesday 22 nd Ash Wednesday	12 noon 7pm	Vera Henderson RIP
Thursday 23 rd	12 noon	Hannah Whelan RIP
Friday 24 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Saturday 25 th	5pm	Harry Walker
Sunday 26 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: Maureen Burke, Linda Abel, Patrick O'Neill, Ged Gibbons, Cora Tierney, Mary O'Brien, Laurie Glenn, Carmel Mayo, Anthony Healey, Margaret Runcieman, Doreen Rowan, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsenan, 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 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 several months ahead with Mass Intentions and our current intentions take us up to June. 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 £723.18 in the collection last week. We raised £1063.60 from the Race Night. Thank you very much.

'Walk with Me': Lenten booklets available at the back of church. Cost £1. Please leave money in the wall box marked 'Cards'.

Parish Meal & Entertainment in Celebration of St Joseph's and St Patrick's Feast Days on Saturday 18th March is SOLD OUT. If you have booked a ticket please pay and confirm your meal choice as soon as possible.

Ukraine: there will be a prayer service held at St Mary's in the Market Place on Sunday 26th February at 2.30pm to prayer for the people of Ukraine.

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. 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:

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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

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 3rd 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, he 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.

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18: The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "“You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”'

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.

1 Corinthians 3:16-23: Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: *The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are;* or again: *God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise.* So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Matthew 5:38-48: Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.* But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'