

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Harry Walker
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	For the people of the parish
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Special Intention Craig Dodds
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Mary Quin
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	12 noon	Family of Patrick Walters
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12 noon	For all our Benefactors
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12 noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Michael Heath RIP
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Melvin Fahy 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'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 Margaret Bownas 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 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 £738.01 in the collection last week. 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 18<sup>th</sup> March is SOLD OUT. If you have booked a ticket please pay and confirm your meal choice as soon as possible.

**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.

**Faith Sharing Group:** The Lent season of our faith sharing group led by Barbara Boyer will begin on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 1.30pm in the presbytery. We will use a work book “A Word for Lent” which is a journey through the Gospels of Lent. We invite you to join us, you will be made very welcome.

**An online course on Vatican II:** In response to Synodal Submissions, the Diocese is offering a series of short podcasts throughout Lent. Accessible on the diocesan website at [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org) they are not time-bound and may be listened to anytime. You will also find handouts there on various topics, whilst a leaflet outlining the content of the recordings is available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have any other questions, don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies on 07730 526821.

**Parishes of Our Lady and the Apostles, St Ambrose, and St Vincent's Stockport** invites you to our Parish Mission 2023 led by the Sion community. Theme: Becoming a missionary parish, built on prayer and love. Starting 10<sup>th</sup> March. Full details on the poster at the back of Church.

**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. 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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**Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7:** The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, ‘Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?’ The woman answered the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, “You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death.”’ Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.’ The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Have mercy on us O Lord, for we have sinned.

**Romans 5:12-19:** Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Matthew 4:1-11:** Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.’ But he replied, ‘Scripture says: *Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*’ The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. ‘If you are the Son of God’ he said ‘throw yourself down; for scripture says: *He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.*’ Jesus said to him, ‘Scripture also says: *You must not put the Lord your God to the test.*’ Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ‘I will give you all these’ he said, ‘if you fall at my feet and worship me.’ Then Jesus replied, ‘Be off, Satan! For scripture says: *You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.*’ Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.