

St Joseph's RC Church

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5th March 2023 – 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 4 th	5pm	Michael Heath RIP
Sunday 5 th	11.30am	Melvin Fahy RIP
Monday 6 th	12 noon	Requiem Mass Ann Thorpe
Tuesday 7 th	12 noon	For the Marsh Family
Wednesday 8 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Thursday 9 th	12 noon	Jamie O'Neill RIP
Friday 10 th	12 noon	Aine Shaw RIP
Saturday 11 th	5pm	Peter Heath RIP
Sunday 12 th	11.30am	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, 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 £648.37 in the collection last week. Thank you very much.

Parish Meal & Entertainment in Celebration of St Joseph's and St Patrick's Feast Days on Saturday 18th March is SOLD OUT. The performance by dancers from the Keegan Academy of Irish Dance will commence at 6.45pm, so please arrive promptly at 6.30pm. 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. Further details available on the website.

Faith Sharing Group: Our faith sharing group led by Barbara Boyer continues this Wednesday 8th 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 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 10th March. Full details on the poster at the back of Church.

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

Lent 2023 - A Day for the Eucharist on Saturday 1st April, 10am-2pm at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine. A time of catechesis, fellowship, and prayer. No booking is necessary. Bring a packed lunch and drinks will be available. See poster at the back of Church for the full schedule. All are welcome, and we especially encourage readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to attend.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Booking are now open for this years Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Under the leadership of Bishop Mark, the theme for our pilgrimage will be "... *tell the priests to build a chapel here*". This years overland pilgrimage will depart on Thursday 27 July returning on Friday 4 August. Those pilgrims wishing to fly will depart from Liverpool airport on Friday 28 July returning on Thursday 3 August. More details, brochure and booking forms are available on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk. Young pilgrims (aged 16 - 22) who wish to join us in Lourdes and offer their time and energy to assist and serve the sick and elderly pilgrims are asked to contact Sandy Fairley at the Youth Mission Team youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for more details.

St Ann's Cheadle Hulme: John Pridmore will be visiting St Ann's to lead a Parish Mission from Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th March. All welcome.

The Holy Father's Intention: In his latest prayer video, Pope Francis dedicated the month of March to praying for victims of abuse, saying simply asking forgiveness is not enough, but the church must put victims first and avoid coverup. Read more about this here www.cruXnow.com/vatican/2023/03/pope-francis-dedicates-march-to-praying-for-victims-of-abuse

Genesis 12:1-4: The Lord said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your family and your father’s house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. ‘I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.’ So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm: May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

2 Timothy 1:8-10: With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy— not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation: From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard: ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’

Matthew 17:1-9: Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.’ When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’