

St Joseph's RC Church

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12th March 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 11 th	5pm	Peter Heath RIP
Sunday 12 th	11.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 13 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Tuesday 14 th	12 noon	Barbara Barratt RIP
Wednesday 15 th	12 noon	Nadia Ghawi RIP
Thursday 16 th	12 noon	Shelly Johnson RIP
Friday 17 th	12 noon	Josie Reilly RIP
Saturday 18 th	5pm	Elizabeth Matthews RIP
Sunday 19 th	11.30am	Maria Hackman & Michael Donohoe

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,, 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 Tina Labella, Haydn Fletcher and all those who have died recently.

The funeral of Haydn Fletcher will take place here 21st March - 12pm Requiem Mass, then 1pm Rowan Chapel, Stockport Crematorium. Afterwards there will be a celebration of his life at The Strawberry Gardens, Offerton.

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 £645.58 in the collection last week and £201 for CAFOD. Thank you very much.

Parish Meal & Entertainment Saturday 18th March. If you have booked a ticket please pay and confirm your meal choice as soon as possible. The performance by dancers from the Keegan Academy of Irish Dance will commence at 6.45pm, so please arrive promptly at 6.30pm.

St Joseph's Pilgrimage to Walsingham: 8-12 May 2023 Cost £390 per person in ensuite accommodation. Last chance – book by 16 March 2023 - email shelaghclarinet@virginmedia. or ring 0161 494 2449.

Faith Sharing Group: Our faith sharing group led by Barbara Boyer continues on Wednesday 8th March.

*****Please do not leave your car in the car park on Sundays after 3pm. The gates are often locked in the early afternoon and your car risks being locked in overnight. Thank you.*****

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.

Catholic Mothers group: Inviting all Mothers, Grandmother's, God Mothers and Spiritual Mothers who would like to deepen their faith in a relaxed environment. Tuesdays in term time 10:30am at St Joseph's Presbytery. Children most welcome. Any queries please contact Laura laura.wilson448@gmail.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bookings are now open for this years Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Overland pilgrimage will depart on 27 July returning on 4 August. By air will depart from Liverpool airport on 28 July returning on 3 August. Details available on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk. Young pilgrims (aged 16 - 22) who wish to join us in Lourdes, to assist and serve the sick and elderly pilgrims please contact Sandy Fairley at the Youth Mission Team youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for more details.

Youth Group Night: Stockport Family Church are holding a joint youth group night in partnership with Soul City. Open to those in year 6 to year 13. This Friday 17th March from 6:30-8:30pm at 'The Space' (26 St. Petersgate, SK1 1HD).

Exodus 17:3-7: Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts.

Romans 5:1-2,5-8: Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation: Lord, you are really the saviour of the world: give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

John 4:5-42: Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already– when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'