

St Joseph's RC Church

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19th March 2023 – 4th Sunday of Lent Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 18 th	5pm	Elizabeth Matthews RIP
Sunday 19 th	11.30am	Maria Hackman & Michael Donohoe
Monday 20 th	12 noon	For all our Benefactors
Tuesday 21 st	12 noon	Requiem Mass Haydn Fletcher
Wednesday 22 nd	12 noon	Audrey & John Doyle RIP
Thursday 23 rd	12 noon	Frank La Bella RIP
Friday 24 th	12 noon	Bridgid Mulloy
Saturday 25 th	5pm	John Seaton RIP
Sunday 26 th	11.30am	For all our parishioners

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 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 £837.76 in the collection last week. Thank you very much.

Offertory Envelopes for 2023/24 are now ready for collection, they are at the back of church and in alphabetical surname order, and run from weekend 8th/9th April 2023. If anyone wishes to join the scheme, a list is at the back of church, please write your details, name, address, contact number and email address, also please indicate if you are a UK Taxpayer and wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, which enables the parish to claim 25% on every UK pound you donate. Anyone wishing to donate via Standing Order, please complete one of the forms, also at the back of church, once completed please give the form to your bank. If anyone has had a change in address, change in circumstances or would like to know more, please contact Rosemary on 07977002396. Thank you.

*****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.*****

Our Easter Services this year will be as follows:

Maundy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter Vigil 8pm, Easter Sunday 11.30am.

Walsingham 2023: The balance of your Walsingham payment is due on or before 31/3/2023. If payment is by cheque or cash please hand this in to Father Sean or myself at church in an envelope marked for my attention. Cheques should be made payable to SRCDT St Joseph Stockport. Bank transfer should be made into the parish account using the reference Walsingham 2023: Account number: 54672068 Sort code:30-15-52. If paying by bank transfer please email shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.co to advise you have paid this way.

Faith Sharing Group: Our faith sharing group led by Barbara Boyer continues on Wednesday 22nd March.

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.

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13: The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Ephesians 5:8-14: You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

John 9:1-41: As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth...he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man'...They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man... 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him...