

St Joseph's RC Church

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16th April 2023 – 2nd Easter Sunday – Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 15 th	5pm	Sally Davies RIP
Sunday 16 th	11.30am	Sr Georgina McPake RIP
Monday 17 th	12 noon	Alan & Frania Gell
Tuesday 18 th	12 noon	Deceased members of the Family Pegorani RIP
Wednesday 19 th	12 noon	Maria Alferez Sioson RIP
Thursday 20 th	12 noon	Joanne & Bernadette Baldwin
Friday 21 st	12noon	For all of our Benefactors
Saturday 22 nd	5pm	For the people of the parish
Sunday 23 rd	11.30am	Intentions of Gill

Daily Schedule	Tuesday-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.

We pray for our sick: Maddie Makonyola, Maria Sandiford, Jane Coupes, Michael Philbin, 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 Michael Joseph Martin and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased: We pray for 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 £1403.90 in the collection last week and £184.00 for Holy Places. Thank you very much.

Mini Parish Mission: Catholic Speaker Daniella Stephens is with us for Divine Mercy Sunday. Daniella will be speaking at our Masses this weekend and will then give her mission talk tomorrow (Monday April 17th) at 7pm. Please do come along and bring a friend too. Posters at the back of the church.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: TODAY (Sunday 16th April) at 3pm. All welcome.

Fundraising Walk from Stockport to Walsingham: Very well done to Stephen Gallagher who walked from Stockport to Walsingham to raise funds towards our restoration costs. Stephen has raised over £2000! Stephen would like to thank all those who donated for their incredible generosity. He is now having a well-earned rest. Thank you Stephen.

*****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.*****

Offertory Envelopes for 2023/24 please collect your envelopes if you haven't already done so. If anyone wishes to join the scheme, please get in touch with Rosemary. If you are a UK Taxpayer and wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, the parish is able to claim 25% on every UK pound you donate. Anyone wishing to donate via Standing Order, please complete one of the forms, 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.

Walsingham 2023: The balance of your Walsingham payment is due NOW. 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.com to advise you have paid this way. There are a couple of last minute cancellations so if anyone is still interested in going please ring Shelagh on 07853 176698.

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.

Acts 2:42-47: The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for his love has no end.

1 Peter 1:3-9: Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

John 20:19-31: In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.