

St Joseph's RC Church

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30th April 2023 – 4th Sunday of Easter A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 29 th	5pm	Margaret Hesketh
Sunday 30 th	11.30am	Norah Johnson
Monday 1 st	12 noon	Bronislaw Szal RIP
Tuesday 2 nd	12 noon	For all our Benefactors
Wednesday 3 rd	12 noon	Requiem Mass John Moran
Thursday 4 th	12 noon	Don Somerville RIP
Friday 5 th	12noon	King Charles III
Saturday 6 th	5pm	For all our parishioners
Sunday 7 th	11.30am	Michael Jordan 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 with your preferred day and time.

Adorer Needed: In order to keep our chain of adoration and intercession going throughout the day, we are currently looking for someone to cover the hour from 10am to 11am every Thursday morning. If you would be willing to give it a try - at least for a while - please get in touch by email. Thank you.

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 Gilenan, 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 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 £485.87 in the collection last week. During March we received £1315.00 in standing orders Thank you very much.

Walsingham Departure Arrangements: We depart for Walsingham on 8th May 2023. Mass is at **8:15 am** and we will load the coach and depart straight away afterwards. If leaving your car please park under the trees and make sure you leave your name, registration number and contact number on the list in the sacristy. If there are any issues please contact Shelagh Humphries on 07853176698.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Stockport: The Governing Body of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School invites the parish of St Joseph's to join the stakeholder consultation regarding academisation and joining Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust. For more information, please see the school's website www.st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk there is also a letter at the back of church. A public meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th May at 5.30pm in the school hall. All members are welcome to attend.

Stepping Hill Hospital Chaplaincy The Chaplaincy Team is hoping to recruit a number of people to join our existing team of volunteers who visit the hospital wards. We are offering a four-week course (one afternoon per week) which will introduce people to the principles and practice of hospital chaplaincy. Those who complete the course will be invited for an interview to explore their suitability to join the Chaplaincy Service as a volunteer. The course is offered free of charge and will take place on the main hospital site. It will be on Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, from June 8th to June 29th. If you are interested in attending the course or would like more information, please contact the Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Team on 0161 419 5889 or chaplaincy.spiritualcareteam@stockport.nhs.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: The pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place 8-15 February 2024 under the leadership of Bishop Mark Davies full details on the website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-2024 Any questions please contact Fr David Long: longdv1@aol.com

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages: Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Acts 2:14,36-41: On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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

1 Peter 2:20-25: The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.

John 10:1-10: Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'