

St Joseph's RC Church

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7th May 2023 – 5th Sunday of Easter Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 6 th	5pm	For all our parishioners
Sunday 7 th	11.30am	Michael Jordan RIP
Monday 8 th	12 noon	For all our Benefactors
Tuesday 9 th	12 noon	Sean Keighkan RIP
Wednesday 10 th	12 noon	Family of Robert Walters
Thursday 11 th	12 noon	Rev Jim Matthews SCJ
Friday 12 th	12noon	In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 13 th	5pm	Eamon Regan RIP
Sunday 14 th	11.30am	Keith Parry 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 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 Mark Sorrell 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 £805.34 in the collection last week. Thank you very much. Next weekend 13/14 May we will have a mission appeal and retiring collection on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales who have missions in Kenya, Uganda and Ecuador.

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.

Parish Hall: Please note that from Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May the school will be using the hall for Year 6 SATs. Whilst the children are in the hall, it will not be possible to access the parish toilets or kitchen facilities. It won't be all the time – there will be a notice on the door to advise when it won't be possible to enter. Thank you.

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.

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

Natural Family Planning Awareness & Infertility Help: The Diocese has been able to sponsor a parishioner to undergo training in NFP Methods. She will soon be available to teach couples either in person or via Zoom/Teams. Contact Jane Deegan in the Diocesan Mission for Catechesis for further info: jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org In the meantime, a digital video of introduction to the methods has been produced by Freda McMahan, an experienced practitioner. She is based in London, and also teaches clients via Zoom. She specialises in assisting couples who are struggling to achieve a pregnancy. Freda has her own website where couples may contact her directly: <https://www.naturalfertilitymatters.com>

Acts 6:1-7: About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

1 Peter 2:4-9: The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation: Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

John 14:1-12: Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'