

St Joseph's RC Church

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14th May 2023 – 6th Sunday of Easter Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 13 th	5pm	Eamon Regan RIP
Sunday 14 th	11.30am	Keith Parry RIP
Monday 15 th	12 noon	For all our Benefactors
Tuesday 16 th	12 noon	Get Well Intentions
Wednesday 17 th	12 noon	Fr Peter O'Neill RIP
Thursday 18 th	12 noon	Baby BP
Friday 19 th	12noon	Phyll Brennan RIP
Saturday 20 th	5pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 21 st	11.30am	Deceased Members of the Linnane & Regan families

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.

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 Gilsean, 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 behind with Mass Intentions and we are now including Mass Intentions received in December/January time. If you require a specific date we will try our best to do that date or as near it as possible. Thank you.

Solemnity of The Ascension: In addition to the Mass at 12noon, Fr David will be offering Mass with the Men of St Joseph group at 7pm.

Money matters: We received £620.05 in the collection last week. Thank you very much. This weekend 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.

Fundraising Skydive Complete! On Saturday 6th May, 3rd time lucky and blessed with the weather, Angela completed her sponsored skydive. Thank you Angela for taking on such a daring challenge! Angela would like to say a huge thank-you to everyone that has sponsored her your generosity has raised over £1500. Thank-you for all of your prayers and support over the last few months. It has been greatly appreciated.

Fundraising events: our next fundraising events are: 1) Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall after Mass on Friday 9th June. Tickets cost £5, 2) Swing Night on Saturday 17th June at 7.30pm, with big band music by 'Swingin' Affair' £15 per person includes street food, Licensed bar available. Tickets on sale after Masses or by phoning 0741 2003991 or 07977 002396

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.

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 McMahon, 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>

World Communications Day: Sunday, 21 May 2023. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live." The Holy Father, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase 'Heart speaks to heart' inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalial motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur'. Catholics in England and Wales will remember with affection that 'Heart speaks unto heart' was also the theme for Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit to the UK in 2010. You will find information, resources, prayers and more on the Bishops' Conference website: www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day

Acts 8:5-8,14-17: Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

1 Peter 3:15-18: Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation: Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

John 14:15-21: Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'