

St Joseph's RC Church

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21st May 2023 – 7th Sunday of Easter Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 20 th	5pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 21 st	11.30am	Deceased Members of the Linnane & Regan families
Monday 22 nd	12 noon	Martin & Mary Sisson RIP
Tuesday 23 rd	12 noon	Alwyn McCann RIP
Wednesday 24 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Thursday 25 th	12 noon	Aley Kalladanthiyil RIP
Friday 26 th	12noon	Christopher Moore RIP
Saturday 27 th	5pm	Ryan Kalladanthiyil
Sunday 28 th <i>Pentecost</i>	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	4pm-4.45pm	10.30am-11am
Rosary for Vocations	6.30pm		11am

Please note there will be no evening Confessions this week.

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 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.

Money matters: We received £520.09 in the collection last week and we received £694 in our collection for the work of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales who have missions in Kenya, Uganda and Ecuador. We will have a retiring collection this week for World Communications Day.

Fundraising events: our next fundraising events are: 1) Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall after Mass on Friday 9th June. Tickets cost £5 and are on sale after Masses 2) Big Band Music 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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR at Our Lady and the Apostles: Starting on **1st June for 6 nights on each Thursday, after the 7pm Mass** and to conclude at about 9.00pm. This is to be led by the Sion Community and the Diocesan Service Team of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. All welcome.

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP): In all of our communities there is loneliness, poverty and disadvantage. People in these situations need help. Could you work with us to provide it? By joining the SVP you can turn your concern into action. Meeting regularly with fellow members you'll be working as part of a team. Please phone or text Mark : 07827 628261 to get more information.

Reflections on The Church: Having looked at the Council's answer to '**Who is the Church**', we continue our reflections on **Vatican II** with the next question *Lumen Gentium* addresses: '**How is the Church?**' – **what structure did Christ will for her?** The answer is given in **Chapters 3 and 4**, where the immense, complementary vocations of Hierarchy and Laity are explored at some length. Christ is at work in both, in such a way that "*...the whole Church, strengthened by each one of its members, may more effectively fulfil his mission for the life of the world*" (# 37). **Podcast 8** and its **handouts** are now available at dioceseofshrewsbury.org. A **leaflet** outlining the content of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you cannot access this material, or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara on 07730 526821 or at barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

St Gianna Molla & The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC): A first-class relic of St. Gianna Molla will be visiting Our Lady and St. Christopher's Church, 52 Barrack Hill, Romiley, Stockport, SK6 3BA on Saturday 10th June. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am after which there will be devotions and an opportunity to venerate the relic. St. Gianna was a wife, mother and medical doctor who risked and lost her life so that her unborn child could live. She was canonised by Pope St. John Paul II in 2004. Following Mass and veneration, there will be a short presentation on the life of St. Gianna and an introduction to the work of SPUC which seeks to help build a culture of life through prayer, witness and action. For further details, please contact Terry Graham, SPUC Northern Development Officer, on 07549 068226 or by email at terrygraham@spuc.org.uk

Acts 1:12-14: After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1 Peter 4:13-16: If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

John 17:1-11: Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'