

St Joseph's RC Church

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25th June 2023 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 24 th	5pm	Dolorus Murphy	
Sunday 25 th <i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	11.30am	Clifford Marsh RIP	
Monday 26 th	12 noon	Cathy Donnelly	
Tuesday 27 th <i>St Cyril of Alexandria</i>	12 noon	Teresa & Daniel Clarke	
Wednesday 28 th <i>St Irenaeus</i>	12 noon	Deacon Moses	
Thursday 29 th <i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	12 noon	Raymund Smith RIP	
Friday 30 th <i>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i>	12 noon	For all of our benefactors	
Saturday 1 st July	5pm	For the people of the Parish	
Sunday 2 nd <i>13th Sunday Ordinary Time A</i>	11.30am	Francis & Ida Ferguson	
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: for 10am-11am on Thursdays. Please get in touch if you are able to commit to spending this time in Adoration. Thank you.

We pray for our sick: Mary Varley, 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, Roy Curran, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Nathan Hatfield.

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 £704.46 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

Thank you On Saturday 17th June, 10 of our school children celebrated First Holy Communion. The children and their families want to thank Fr Sean, our teachers, the parishioners that prayed for them on their journey to receive Jesus. Also, the music group and the ladies who did the flowers, especially on the benches and kneeler. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. Thank you.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage - Fr M Onuoha from Our Lady's, St Vincent's & St Ambrose, Stockport, is arranging a fabulous 8 day Pilgrimage to Medjugorje this September 16th - 23rd, staying at the Hotel Regina - full board. Cost £675 per person sharing. If you are interested in finding out more or joining this pilgrimage please send an email to unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com or phone 07942373728. (A deposit of £300 will be payable by 15.6.23 to Northern Star Travel).

March For Life: David Gazdecki has arranged a block booking by train from Manchester Piccadilly station and from Stockport station to London Euston station and return, for the March for Life which takes place in London on Saturday, 2nd September 2023. I have managed to secure a reduced price of £63.20 for each adult day return fare and a reduced price of £31.60 for each child day return fare. I do hope that you will be able to join us in this great act of witness to uphold the right to life for all unborn children and in the interests of the welfare and well-being of their mothers and fathers. To book your place please contact David Gazdecki by e-mail at zdpgazdecki@btinternet.com Thank you.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: There are still a few places available both on the coach and on the plane. **Air** - Friday 28 July to Thursday 03 August 2023 **Coach** - Thursday 27 July to Friday 04 August 2023. If you would like to go please book asap. Details available on the website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

Footsteps: The next Footsteps event will be on Thursday 13 July at 7.30pm in the parish centre of St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA. We're so pleased to welcome the return of Canon John Rafferty. He has chosen as his topic: 'A Church for our time'. He will consider the Christian Church in its broadest sense. Fr John says: "A recent survey has shown that the UK 's population is one of the least likely to believe in God. How relevant has the Church been in our lifetime; is it relevant today? Does it use a language that the people of today understand? After the coronation ceremony of Charles III many interesting questions have been raised. So, let's consider what is the place of the Church in today's society?" All welcome.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be on the 27th June 2023 at 7.30pm via zoom. Please register your attendance, request the link, and send items for the agenda to secretary@teamshrewsbury.org or text/call 07451 249267. Please pass on these details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending.

Jeremiah 20:10-13: Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm: In your great love answer me O God.

Romans 5:12-15: Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation: The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Matthew 10:26-33: Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'