

St Joseph's RC Church

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2nd July 2023 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 1 st July	5pm	For the people of the Parish	
Sunday 2 nd 13 th Sunday Ordinary Time A	11.30am	Francis & Ida Ferguson	
Monday 3 rd St Thomas	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Tuesday 4 th St Elizabeth of Portugal	12 noon	Leslie Wray	
Wednesday 5 th St Anthony Mary Zaccaria	12 noon	The Family of Thomas Walters	
Thursday 6 th St Maria Goretti	12 noon	Stephen Guard	
Friday 7 th	12 noon	All those in our Remembrance book	
Saturday 8 th	5pm	The Findleton Family	
Sunday 9 th 14 th Sunday Ordinary Time A	11.30am	Francis 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 2pm-3pm on Fridays. Please get in touch if you are able to commit to spending this time in Adoration. 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 Gilsean, 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 Margaret Smith and all those who have died recently.

The funeral service of Margaret Smith will take on Monday 3rd July at 1.30pm.

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 January/February 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 £599.61 in the collection last weekend. This weekend we will have retiring collection for Peter's Pence. Next Sunday we will have a retiring collection for Stella Maris Thank you very much. **Fundraising:** we raised £453.86 from the Afternoon Tea and £847.50 from the Big Band night. A Big thank you to all who helped with both these occasions and to all of you who came along / donated to these events.

Helpers Required at St Joseph's: We are in need of: a dream team of dusters to help with cleaning the church (1pm-2pm on the last Friday of the month); a trojan of tea helpers for Sunday teas. If you are able to help out please speak to Frania or Maura after Mass or call 07412 003991 or 07548 149593.

Stella Maris Sea Sunday 9th July: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church next Sunday, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

Benefactor: The 3rd July 2023 marks the 100th Anniversary of the death of one of St Joseph's earliest Benefactors, James Brady who died 3rd July 1923. Please pray for him and all of generous Benefactors.

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.

Vacancies: St James' Catholic High School are looking to appoint caring and dedicated Learning Support Assistants to support a learning environment that enables everyone within our school family to achieve their full potential. For more information, please visit stjamesheadle.co.uk/jobs

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.

2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16: One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm : I will sing for ever of your love O Lord.

Romans 6:3-4,8-11: When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Matthew 10:37-42: Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'