

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**9<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	The Findleton Family	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time A	11.30am	Francis Ferguson	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all our Benefactors	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Benedict</i>	12 noon	The Clarke Family	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Deceased members of the Kalladanthiyil Family	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Henry</i>	12 noon	Deceased members of the Kurisummoofil Family	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Camillus de Lellis</i>	12 noon	Margaret Bownas RIP	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	William Barlow RIP	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time A	11.30am	For all our parishioners	
<b>Daily Schedule</b>	<b>Monday-Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>Mass</b>	12 noon	5pm	11.30am
<b>Eucharistic Adoration Benediction</b>	7am-7pm 6.45pm		
<b>Confessions</b>	11am-11.45am 6pm-6.30pm	4pm-4.45pm	10.30am-11am
<b>Rosary for Vocations</b>	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](mailto: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 Terry Foster 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 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 £720.87 in the collection last weekend. We received £194.75 for Peter's Pence. This weekend we will have a retiring collection for Stella Maris Thank you very much.

**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.

**Vacancies:** St James' Catholic High School are looking to appoint Learning Support Assistants. For more information, please visit [stjamesheadle.co.uk/jobs](http://stjamesheadle.co.uk/jobs)

**Stella Maris Sea Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Today is Sea Sunday. 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 our collection today by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://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.

**Legal Advice** - For those in need of legal advice a free initial and confidential legal advice consultation will now be available to our Parishioners by an experienced catholic solicitor. In the first instance, the initial consultation will not include consideration of documents. Please contact Paul Magee on 07821508731 or email [Paul.Magee@prosperitylaw.com](mailto:Paul.Magee@prosperitylaw.com).

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:zdpgazdecki@btinternet.com) Thank you.

**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.

**Reflections on the the Church:** We continue our reflections on Vatican II, in Part III On The Church. This time, we ask the question: 'Why is the Church?' Why does she exist...? The Council's answer is that her mission is to call all people of all times to holiness, which is why she must evangelise. What this means for us is given in *Lumen Gentium* Chaps 5 and 6, taken together. Podcast 9 and its handout are now available on the diocesan website at [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org) in the section on 'News and Events'. A leaflet outlining the content of all of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara via E:[barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or T: 07730 526821.

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**Zechariah 9:9-10:** The Lord says this: Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will bless your name for ever, O God my king.

**Romans 8:9,11-13:** Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

**Matthew 11:25-30:** Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'