

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**16<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

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	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Alwyn McCann RIP	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Gerry Campfield RIP & Kath Campfield	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Izzie Hughes RIP	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Apollinaris</i>	12 noon	Cordelia Diali RIP	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>	12 noon	For all our Benefactors	
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5pm	Marian Gallagher RIP	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time A	11.30am	David Marsland RIP	
<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 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 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 £732.65 in the collection last weekend. We received £431.47 for Stella Maris. Thank you very much.

**Vacancy:** A vacancy has arisen for a Pastoral Assistant/Personal Assistant based at Sacred Heart Church, Floatshall Road. M23 1HP. Rate of pay: £13 per hour. Interviews will take place on the morning of 25 July.

Closing date: Tuesday 18 July at 12 noon. CV's should be sent to Pauline McCulloch,

[recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) For further details please follow link

<https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies>

**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.

**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.

**Reflections on the the Church:** We continue our reflections on Vatican II, in Part III On The Church. This time, we ask the '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. 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'. If you 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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**Isaiah 55:10-11:** Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.' **Responsorial Psalm:** Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop. **Romans 8:18-23:** I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. **Gospel Acclamation:** Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. **Matthew 13:1-23:** Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'