

## St Joseph's RC Church

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

### Mass Times and Intentions:

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	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Sharbel Makhlūf</i>	12 noon	Alwyn McCann RIP	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>St James</i>	12 noon	Patrick Kiernan RIP	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ss Joachim and Ann</i>	12 noon	Izzie Hughes RIP	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all our Benefactors	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Maria Eamonn Riley	
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	For the people of the parish	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time A	11.30am	Baby Ethan & Family	
<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

### \*\*Time Changes for the month of August\*\*

From July 31<sup>st</sup> until August 31<sup>st</sup> Eucharistic Adoration from Monday to Friday will begin at 9am instead of 7am. Also, there will be no confessions in the evenings at 6pm. Visiting priests will offer confessions as usual before the Masses, but they may not begin until about 11.30am.

**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 Kate Chalmers 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 £730.12 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

**Helpers Required at St Joseph's:** Thank you to those new volunteers to help with cleaning at St Joseph's – welcome to the group. We are still in need of volunteers to help with church cleaning (1pm-2pm on the last Friday of the month) or with refreshments after Mass on Sundays. If you are able to help out please speak to Frania or Maura after Mass or call 07412 003991 or 07548 149593. 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).

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**Diocesan Mass for the Celebration of Marriage:** The Diocesan Annual Marriage Mass is to be held this year for the first time since February 2020. It will be celebrated on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 12noon at Saint Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA, and will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Bishop Mark invites couples who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year: Silver, Pearl, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or Platinum and also newly married couples to attend for their first anniversary. This invitation is also extended to couples who celebrated their wedding in 2021 and 2022. If you wish to be present, please email your details, including your names, address and particular anniversary, to the parish, or else write your details down and put them through the presbytery door. We can then arrange for a personal invitation to be sent to you.

**Vacancy:** Saint Ambrose College is seeking a motivated and dedicated Cover Supervisor to will cover for our classroom teachers and will work alongside the Cover Organiser and Vice Principal. We are looking for someone who is flexible, well organised, have presence and who is a good communicator. The hours of work are a school day 8.45am – 3.45pm. Please speak to Mr PM Groves Vice Principal, on 0161 980 2711 if you would like to discuss the role. Application forms can be found on our website [www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk). Please send completed applications via email to [recruitment@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk). Closing date: Wed 2nd August 2023

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Northern Star Travel Ltd are arranging a pilgrimage to Lourdes to coincide with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The pilgrimage will depart Manchester on 4<sup>th</sup> December and will return on 9<sup>th</sup> December – the costs is £579 for shared room and £714 in a single room for 5 nights full board. There are leaflets at the back of church with more information. To Book call 0161 773 2115.

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**Wisdom 12:13,16-19:** There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

**Responsorial Psalm:** O Lord you are good and forgiving

**Romans 8:26-27:** The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

**Matthew 13:24-43:** Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'" He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'