

St Joseph's RC Church

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30th July 2023 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 29 th	5pm	For the people of the parish	
Sunday 30 th 17 th Sunday Ordinary Time A	11.30am	Baby Ethan & Family	
Monday 31 st <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	12 noon	Alfredo Sanedrin Sr RIP	
Tuesday 1 st <i>St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori</i>	12 noon	Reeba Joseph	
Wednesday 2 nd	12 noon	For all our Benefactors	
Thursday 3 rd	12 noon	Irene Walker RIP	
Friday 4 th <i>St John Mary Vianney</i>	12 noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book	
Saturday 5 th	5pm	The Marsh Family	
Sunday 6 th <i>The Transfiguration</i>	11.30am	John Crannage RIP	
Daily Schedule	Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	11.30am
Eucharistic Adoration Benediction	9am-7pm 6.45pm		
Confessions	11.30am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	10.30am-11am
Rosary for Vocations	6.30pm		11am

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

From July 31st until August 31st 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: Jack Morgan, 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 all those who have died recently.

Funeral Service: The Ukrainian community will celebrate a funeral service for the repose of the soul of Oksana Leigh on August 11th at 10am. There will be no adoration on that day until 1pm.

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 £631.58 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

Children's Liturgy: During August there will be no Children's Liturgy this is due to holiday's. The group will start again in September. The date in September will be advertised in the Newsletter. Thank you to everyone for the support and prayers the group receives, the gifts of books, pencils etc is very much appreciated, last but not least, Thank you to all the children that come along, you are a joy. Have a lovely and blessed summer.

The R.C. Diocese of Shrewsbury is a registered charity No 234025

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!

Remembrance Book: If you require an entry in the remembrance book, please see the remembrance book forms on the table at the back of church. Please record in print the name and date of death of the person you wish to remember, your own name and contact number. Please allow sufficient time for the entry to be made for your requested anniversary of death. A small donation is usually made, if possible, to St Joseph's parish. Thank you Rosetta Mason.

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.

Diocesan Mass for the Celebration of Marriage: The Diocesan Annual Marriage Mass will be celebrated on Saturday October 14th at 12noon at Saint Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA, 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.

Vacancy: Saint Ambrose College is seeking a motivated and dedicated Cover Supervisor to will cover for our classroom teachers. The hours of work are a school day 8.45am – 3.45pm. More details and application forms can be found on our website www.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 8th December 2023. The pilgrimage will depart Manchester on 4th December and will return on 9th 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.

1 Kings 3:5,7-12: The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm: Lord how I love your law.

Romans 8:28-30: We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation: I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Matthew 13:44-52: Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'