

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – The Transfiguration**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	The Marsh Family	
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>The Transfiguration</i>	11.30am	John Crannage RIP	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Martin Barry RIP	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Dominic</i>	12 noon	Bridie Barry RIP	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	12 noon	For all our Benefactors	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Lawrence</i>	12 noon	Paddy Barry	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Clare</i>	12 noon	Deborah Barry RIP	
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Mick Lee RIP	
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Sunday Year A</i>	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>	9am-7pm 6.45pm		
<b>Confessions</b>	11.30am-11.45am	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.

**Please also note that on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August Adoration after Mass will not commence until 4pm.**

**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 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 Franina 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.

**Footsteps:** You are warmly invited to come to **Footsteps on Thursday 7 September at 7.30pm** in the large **parish centre of St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA**. Footsteps is a series of presentations by invited speakers who can help us as we journey in our Christian faith. **Dr Sr Helen Costigane** is coming from London to share her thoughts on what might prevent us experiencing God's love and mercy. She was the highly inspirational speaker at Loreto's Speech Night in the Bridgewater Hall last year. Footsteps is an informal, friendly event in a café-style setting with refreshments and nibbles, a good sprinkling of humour, lots of parking and good disabled access.

**Diocesan Vacancy:** Welfare Officer: The Diocese is looking to appoint a Welfare Officer to care for our sick and retired priests. The role is for 3 days per week. Salary: £38 - £42K FTE pro rata depending on experience. For further details of the role and application form, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>. Completed application should be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Closing date 25th August 2023.

**Diocesan Mass for the Celebration of Marriage:** will be celebrated on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 12noon at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. This is for couples who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year and also newly married couples to attend for their first anniversary. This invitation extended to couples who celebrated their wedding in 2021 and 2022. If you wish to attend, please write down your name/address/anniversary and post through the presbytery door.

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**Daniel 7:9-10,13-14:** As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed. **Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is King, most high above all the earth.

**2 Peter 1:16-19:** It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds. **Gospel Acclamation:** This is my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.

**Matthew 17:1-9:** Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'