

St Joseph's RC Church

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13th August 2023 – 19th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 12 th	5pm	Mick Lee RIP	
Sunday 13 th 19 th Sunday Year A	11.30am	For all our parishioners	
Monday 14 th St Maximilian Mary Kolbe	12 noon	For all our Benefactors	
Tuesday 15 th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12 noon	Special Intention (PCS)	
Wednesday 16 th	12 noon	Bridget & Oliver	
Thursday 17 th	12 noon	Helena Butler RIP	
Friday 18 th	12 noon	Pat Groarke RIP	
Saturday 19 th	5pm	Helen & Jim O'Hara RIP	
Sunday 20 th 20 th Sunday Year A	11.30am	Jasmine Walker	
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, 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: John Paul (aged 9 Years), Doreen Morgan. 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 Orest Koropisz on August 22nd at 9.30am. **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 holidays. 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.

Money Matters: we received £619.74 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

Footsteps: Thursday 7 September at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church Hall. Dr Sr Helen Costigane will 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. All Welcome

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.

Diocesan Vacancies: 1) 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. Closing date 25th August 2023.

2) Parish Secretary/Admin Support: This would be based at Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath, SK3 8BQ. 16 hours per week @ £13per hour. Closing date: Monday 11 September. Interviews will take place in the middle of September. CV's should be sent Fr Martin Onuoha stockport3parishes@gmail.com For further details please follow this link: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

Love the Stranger and the Illegal Migration Act: In response to the passing of the Illegal Migration Bill in Parliament in July Bishop Paul McAleenan, the lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, has stated '*This legislation stands at odds with the teaching of the church on welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating refugees*'. The Love the Stranger publication from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales provides a Catholic response to migrants and refugees and can be found attached and at <https://tinyurl.com/CSAN2023> as is the accompanying Call to Action document from the national Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN). Caritas Shrewsbury as a CSAN member is supporting diocesan study and action in response to Love the Stranger and the Call to Action. Please get in touch with them if you can help speak up about this issue - **Telephone:** 0151 652 1281; **Mobile:** 07824 329 344; **Email:** ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk CSAN's update on this topic including links to the documents can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/CSAN2023>

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19:9,11-13: When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us see O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help.

Romans 9:1-5: What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Matthew 14:22-33: Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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