

St Joseph's RC Church

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20th August 2023 – 20th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

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| Saturday 19 th | 5pm | Helen & Jim O'Hara RIP | |
| Sunday 20 th 20 th Sunday Year A | 11.30am | Jasmine Walker | |
| Monday 21 st | 12 noon | Jean Hughes | |
| Tuesday 22 nd | 12 noon | Edmund Greany | |
| Wednesday 23 rd | 12 noon | Fr Chris Jenkins RIP | |
| Thursday 24 th | 12 noon | For all of our Benefactors | |
| Friday 25 th | 12 noon | Anthony Wright and Family | |
| Saturday 26 th | 5pm | For all our parishioners | |
| Sunday 27 th 21 st Sunday Year A | 11.30am | Margaret Doyle and Family | |
| 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 Gilsenan, Michael John Ford, John McCormick, Roy Curran, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Nathan Hatfield.

Anniversaries: We remember Bridget Elizabeth Martin and 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 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 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.

Money Matters: we received £766.73 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

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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.

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 @ £13 per 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>

Isaiah 56:1,6-7: Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Romans 11:13-15,29-32: Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation: The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

Matthew 15:21-28: Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.