

St Joseph's RC Church

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27th August 2023 – 21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 26 th	5pm	For all our parishioners	
Sunday 27 th 21 st Sunday Year A	11.30am	Margaret Doyle and Family	
Monday 28 th St Augustine	12 noon	Anthony Healey & Family	
Tuesday 29 th <i>The Passion of John the Baptist</i>	12 noon	Sandra Kosen & Family	
Wednesday 30 th <i>Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward</i>	12 noon	Lela	
Thursday 31 st St Aidan	12 noon	For all our Benefactors	
Friday 1 st	12 noon	Fr Sean Davidson	
Saturday 2 nd	5pm	Rhoda Smith RIP	
Sunday 3 rd 22 nd Sunday Year A	11.30am	Eleanor Mulvey 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: Jacobi Hill, 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 Bridget Elizabeth Martin and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased: We pray for 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 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 £610.73 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help here at St Joseph's. Your help is really appreciated

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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.

Footsteps: You are warmly invited to come to Footsteps on Thursday 7th September at 7.30pm in the large parish centre of St Peter's, Hazel Grove. 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. Everyone welcome.

Diocesan Vacancies: 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/>

Sponsorship: one of our parishioners Mrs Jane Kenny is raising funds for MacMillan Cancer support. Jane is a wheelchair user with Cerebral Palsy. Over the last few years her neck muscles have got weaker through her Cerebral Palsy and her head drops all the time. Jane cannot hold her head up for more than a few seconds. Jane has decided to fight back and try and raise money for MacMillan Cancer support. Jane's aim is to hold her head up for 1 hour by the end of September. Jane is also hosting a coffee morning event at Helping Hands on 27th September at 11.30am with all funds going to MacMillan Cancer Support. If anyone is able to donate any raffle prizes please get in touch. Jane also has a just giving page on facebook if anyone wishes to donate. Thank you.

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, 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 CBCEW provides a Catholic response to migrants and refugees and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/CSAN2023>. 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; **Email:** ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

Isaiah 22:19-23: Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm: Your love O Lord is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Romans 11:33-36: How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

Matthew 16:13-20: When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.