

St Joseph's RC Church

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3rd September 2023 – 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 2 nd	5pm	Rhoda Smith RIP	
Sunday 3 rd 22 nd Sunday Year A	11.30am	Eleanor Mulvey RIP	
Monday 4 th St Cuthbert	12 noon	For all our Benefactors	
Tuesday 5 th	12 noon	Matthew Bassirat	
Wednesday 6 th	12 noon	Veronica Vera Henderson RIP	
Thursday 7 th	12 noon	Michael Fannon	
Friday 8 th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12 noon	William Kilcoyne RIP	
Saturday 9 th	5pm	Mary & Gordon Young RIP	
Sunday 10 th 23 rd Sunday Year A	11.30am	For all our Parishioners	
Daily Schedule	Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	11.30am
Eucharistic Adoration Benediction	7am-7pm 6.45pm		
Confessions	11am-11.45am 6pm-6.30pm	4pm-4.45pm	10.30am-11am
Rosary for Vocations	6.30pm		11am

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 William Kilcoyne and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased: We pray for Margaret Kenny and 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: will resume on Sunday 10th September. 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.

Money Matters: we received £546.81 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

The Holy's Father's Monthly Prayer Intention: September: For people living on the margins We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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.

Holywell Weekend Retreat: 'Mary Mother of the Word in Sacred Scripture' from 6pm on Friday 27th October to 4pm on Sunday 29 October 2023. Led by Fr Neill Robb and Barbara Davies. Cost is by voluntary contribution. For more information contact Barbara Davies 07450 252733 or barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org and see poster at the back of church.

Footsteps: You are warmly invited to come to Footsteps this 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/>

Pause for Hope, Chester: 17th September at 3pm at Saint Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester. Pause for Hope is an ecumenical service for those affected in any way by cancer; those suffering from cancer, those supporting those living with cancer, and those who have lost loved ones to cancer. It is an opportunity to come together to support and pray for each other. More information is available on the website

<http://www.pauseforhop.org.uk>

Stockport Youth Night: first Friday of every month 6th October, 3rd November, 1st December, 6.30pm-8.30pm at The Space, St Petersgate, SK1 1HD. For more information visit www.stockportfamilychurch.org.uk/youth.

Jeremiah 20:7-9: You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercy Lord.

Romans 12:1-2: Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Matthew 16:21-27: Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'