

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Anna Hughes	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A	11.30am	Barbara Leff & Family	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Anna Hughes	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Januarius, Bishop St Theodore of Canterbury</i>	12 noon	Kate Chalmers RIP	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang,</i>	12 noon	Mike & Pat Fannon	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>St Matthew</i>	12 noon	For all our Benefactors	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12 noon	Ann	
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>St Pio of Pietrelcina</i>	5pm	For all our Parishioners	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A	11.30am	Jean Black RIP	
<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>	7am-7pm 6.45pm		
<b>Confessions</b>	11am-11.45am 6pm-6.30pm	4pm-4.45pm	10.30am-11am
<b>Rosary for Vocations</b>	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, Alan Gell.

**Anniversaries:** We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Recently Deceased:** We pray for all those who have died recently. *Please pray for Thomas Davis who died recently and whose funeral was held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Thomas left St Joseph's a generous donation of £1000 in his will.*

**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.

**Money Matters:** we received £552.56 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

**SYCAMORE COURSE:** Starting from September 25<sup>th</sup> we will be running the Sycamore course for 13 weeks. You may have already heard of this excellent video-based resource for exploring the Christian mysteries. All parishioners are welcome to join us in the parish hall at 7pm on Monday evenings for this time of faith formation and fellowship. Feel free to dip in and out of the sessions. No commitments. Duration: an hour or so. The course will also serve as part of our **RCIA** preparation for all those who would like to be baptised or received into full communion with the Catholic Church next Easter. It will be a nice opportunity for you to get to know them and make them feel welcome. **Session 1: The Power of Prayer**

**Catholic Mothers group:** Inviting all Mothers, Grandmother's, God Mothers and Spiritual Mothers who would like to deepen their faith in a relaxed environment. Every **Friday** in term time 10:30am at St Joseph's Presbytery beginning 15<sup>th</sup> September. Children most welcome. Any queries please contact Laura [laura.wilson448@gmail.com](mailto:laura.wilson448@gmail.com)

**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.

**Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality:** The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be the Annual General Meeting, on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm at St Chad's, Cheadle, Stockport SK8 2AF. Please register your attendance, send apologies or items for the agenda to [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267. Agenda items should be submitted seven days before the meeting. Please pass on these details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending. Please note nominations are now being accepted for the new Vice-President/Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like any further information about these roles, please get in touch.

**Pilgrimage Walk, English Camino 2024:** Manchester to Walsingham, beginning on Saturday 16th March from St Josephs Tatton Street, Stockport, arriving in Walsingham on Saturday 23rd March. We will be walking in reparation for those who have walked away from God. We pray in reparation for the damage of the reformation and pray for the restoration of the Catholic Church in England Our Holy Mother's Dowry. The walk will be approximately 170 miles over 8 days. It is a serious undertaking and we are planning preparation walks to build the strength required. We will also need a support team to help with driving a support van/cooking meals. If you are interested in either walking or being a part of a support team please get in touch with Simon [simon.leigh@allensaccountants](mailto:simon.leigh@allensaccountants).

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**Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9:** Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

**Romans 14:7-9:** The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Matthew 18:21-35:** Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'