

St Joseph's RC Church

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1st October 2023 – 26th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 30 th <i>St Jerome</i>	5pm	Brian Thorpe	
Sunday 1 st October 26 th Sunday Year A	11.30am	Alice Twomey & her nephew Kees Geluk RIP	
Monday 2 nd	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Tuesday 3 rd	12 noon	Ann Thorpe RIP	
Wednesday 4 th	12 noon	Gemma & Michael Royle	
Thursday 5 th	12 noon	John Garrigan RIP	
Friday 6 th	12 noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book	
Saturday 7 th	5pm	David Barden RIP	
Sunday 8 th 27 th Sunday Year A	11.30am	For the people of the parish	
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 Gilsenan, Michael John Ford, John McCormick, Roy Curran, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Nathan Hatfield, Alan Gell, Angela Mullin.

Anniversaries: We remember 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.

Money Matters: we received £607.09 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

SYCAMORE COURSE: Continuing this week and over the next 12 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 2:**

The Light of Christ.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: is coming up on Friday 6th October. Please take an envelope from the back of church and return in the offertory basket on the weekend of 7/8 October. Thank you.

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 15th September. Children most welcome. Any queries please contact Laura laura.wilson448@gmail.com

Vacancies:

- **Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust** is looking to appoint: **A Lead Practitioner of RE** to support Saint Paul's Catholic High School – closing date 6 October 23 at 12 noon. **A Teacher of RE** at Saint Paul's Catholic High School -closing date 6 October 23 at 12 noon. **Isolation Manager** at Saint Paul's Catholic High School – closing date 27 October 23 at 12 noon. **Admin SIMS Data Officer** at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Sale- closing date for application 11 October 23 at 12 noon. Application packs are available from the Trust's website: www.corpuschristitrust.co.uk/
- **St Philip's Catholic Primary School** is looking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Headteacher from January 2024. More information can be found at educationshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies

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.

Footsteps: 12th October. We have the significant pleasure of welcoming again Fr Eamonn Mulcahy to share his insight, spirituality and humour with us on Thursday 12 October at 7.30pm in the parish centre of St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA. Always a popular and inspiring speaker, he has suggested he'll share his thoughts on "The disturbing freshness of Jesus - refracted through the prism of key parables" to which he adds, "I assure you, it will not be dull!" If you've heard him before, you'll know he is anything but dull! Do come and join us for an informal evening in a café-style setting - we'd love to welcome you.

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.com

Ezekiel 18:25-28: The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercy Lord

Philippians 2:1-11: If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation: If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Matthew 21:28-32: Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'