

St Joseph's RC Church

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22nd October 2023 – 29th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 21 st	5pm	The Charles Family	
Sunday 22 nd 29 th Sunday Year A	11.30am	Michael Hennessy	
Monday 23 rd <i>St John of Capestrano</i>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Tuesday 24 th <i>St Anthony Mary Claret</i>	12 noon	Eugenia Kosowska	
Wednesday 25 th	12 noon	Marita McGrath	
Thursday 26 th Ss Chad and Cedd	12 noon	Pat Taylor RIP	
Friday 27 th	12 noon	Winifred & Fred Murphy RIP	
Saturday 28 th	5pm	Tommy Davis RIP	
Sunday 29 th 30 th Sunday Year A	11.30am	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 Gilsean, 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 March 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 £620.62 in the collection last weekend. This Sunday we have a second collection for World Missions. Thank you.

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. The next session **The Light of Christ.**

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

St Joseph's Primary School: is holding open morning/evening sessions on Tuesday 28th November at 9.30am and 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Come along and see our wonderful school! **ALSO** the school are in need of two foundation governors. You must be a practising Catholic and will need to provide a reference from your parish priest. For more information, please call the school office on 0161 480 5029.

A message from Bishop Mark: Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting on Friday 27th October. The Holy Father asks us to fast and pray for peace in the Holy Land and for peace in the world. An hour of prayer for peace will take place in Saint Peter's Basilica at 6.00 pm that evening.

Vacancies: 1) Director of Property The Diocese is looking to recruit a **Director of Property** due to retirement. The role is to provide leadership, vision, professional advice and strategic direction, to support the Bishop and Diocesan Trustees in their oversight and management of the Diocesan Property Portfolio. Further details can be found at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies completed applications should be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date **10 November 2023.** **2) Parish Secretary/Admin Support** based at of Sacred Heart, Whaley Bridge, SK23 7AG. Initially for 5 hours per week @ £13 per hour. Closing date: 3 November 2023. CV's should be sent to Canon Michael Gannon michael.gannon7@ntlworld.com. For further details please follow link <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

Remembrance Book: 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.

Stockport Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert: Come and join the celebration – it's a very special time. Come and join the festivity with our wonderful choir. Let's all join together and sing of holly and thyme. Greet one another with mince pies and wine and a raffle. Saturday 16th December at 7pm in the Church Hall. Tickets cost £8 – includes mulled wine and mince pie. On sale after weekend Masses or by phoning 0161.483 6904. All proceeds will go towards the restoration fund.

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. The walk will be approximately 170 miles over 8 days. 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

Isaiah 45:1,4-6: Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and power.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5: From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation: Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth.

Matthew 22:15-21: The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'