

St Joseph's RC Church

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29th October 2023 – 30th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

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| Saturday 28 th | 5pm | Tommy Davis RIP | |
| Sunday 29 th 30 th Sunday Year A | 11.30am | People of the Parish | |
| Monday 30 th | 12 noon | Mick Blackmore RIP | |
| Tuesday 31 st | 12 noon | Sean Booth | |
| Wednesday 1 st All Saints | 12 noon | Philomena Linnane RIP | |
| Thursday 2 nd All Souls | 12 noon | For all our Benefactors | |
| Friday 3 rd | 12 noon | Amy Devlin | |
| Saturday 4 th | 5pm | Peter Murphy RIP | |
| Sunday 5 th 31 st Sunday Year A | 11.30am | Aquita Koutny RIP | |
| 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 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 £648.38 in the collection last weekend and £225.40 for World Mission Sunday. 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 is: **The Community of the Church.**

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.

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

Exodus 22:20-26: The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm: I love you Lord my strength

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10: You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation: Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Matthew 22:34-40: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'