

## St Joseph's RC Church

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5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Peter Murphy RIP	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>Sunday Year A</i>	11.30am	Aquita Koutny RIP	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Willibrord</i>	12 noon	Amy Devlin	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Tina La Bella RIP	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	12 noon	The Armstrong Family	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Leo the Great</i>	12 noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Kiera Farrlley	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> 32 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Sunday Year A Remembrance Sunday</i>	11.30am	For all our parishioners	
<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

**\*\*Please note that due to works being carried out in the Church there will be \*\***

**\*\*NO ADORATION OR CONFESSIONS on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> November \*\***

**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, Nathan Hatfield, Alan Gell, Angela Mullin, Keith Morris, Pat Morris, Lesley Morris.

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

**Recently Deceased:** We pray for Betty McIntosh and 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 £1205.49 in the collection last weekend. Thank you.

**November List:** During November we remember all those who have died and especially those who have died in the past year. If you would like someone to be remembered during the Masses at this time, please use one of the November List envelopes, write their name(s) clearly and place in the 'November List' box at the back of Church.

**St Joseph's Primary School:** is holding open morning/evening sessions on Tuesday 28th November at 9.30am and 5pm-6pm. 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.

**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 Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.**

**Vacancies: 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](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies) completed applications should be sent to [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Closing date **10 November 2023.**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Book:** We have a few copies of 'Life is Always worth Living: Assisted Dying or Living' by Fr Martin Onuoha (Our Lady's). It is a current and passionate debate in the UK and many Western countries - We need to think clearly about euthanasia. Is it good or bad? Should it be illegal or not? This book addresses these questions directly and openly. What we need, it argues, is *Assisted Living* and not *Assisted Dying*. Cost is £10. Any donations, proceeds, and royalties from the book go towards Fr. Martin's Medical Outreach Mission in Nigeria which annually attends to 1000 patients free of charge.

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**Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10:** I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors? **Responsorial Psalm:** Keep my soul in peace before you O Lord

**1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13:** Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

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

**Matthew 23:1-12:** Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'