

St Joseph's RC Church

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12th November 2023 – 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Remembrance Sunday

Mass Times and Intentions:

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| Saturday 11 th | 5pm | Kiera Farrley | |
| Sunday 12 th 32 nd Sunday Year A Remembrance Sunday | 11.30am | For all our parishioners | |
| Monday 13 th | 12 noon | Keith Parry RIP | |
| Tuesday 14 th | 12 noon | Requiem Mass Betty McIntosh | |
| Wednesday 15 th St Albert the Great | 12 noon | For all our Benefactors | |
| Thursday 16 th St Edmund of Abingdon | 12 noon | Greta Barlow RIP[| |
| Friday 17 th St Hilda | 12 noon | John Morgan | |
| Saturday 18 th | 5pm | Eileen Hendrick | |
| Sunday 19 th 33 rd Sunday Year A | 11.30am | Rev Dan Diali 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, 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, Maria DeSilva.

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

Recently Deceased: We pray for Jack Morgan 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 April 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 £1059.03 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 Holy Eucharist**

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.

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.

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.

Wisdom 6:12-16: Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting O God my God

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Matthew 25:1-13: Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'