

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent Year B**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	5pm	Gerry Campfield RIP	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent Year B	11.30am	In Thanksgiving	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Damasus</i>	12 noon	Henry Groarke, Patricia & family	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	12 noon	Thevamalar Arulanantham	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Lucy</i>	12 noon	Gerry Campfield RIP	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>St John of the Cross</i>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Imedla Van-Rosi RIP	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	5pm	Eleanor Mulvey RIP	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent Year B	11.30am	For all of 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

**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 Tony Brennan 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 £622.30 in the collection last weekend. During October we also received £1444.00 in standing orders. Next weekend we will have a second collection for Caritas. Thank you.

**Sycamore Course:** All parishioners are welcome to join us in the parish hall at 7pm on Monday evenings for this time of faith formation and fellowship, we are into the last few weeks of the sessions. Duration: an hour or so. The next session **is: How to pray**

**Gift Aid:** Following on from our recent appeal regarding Gift Aid, just a reminder, if parishioners have completed the Gift Aid Declaration Form can they return that form to church for the attention of Rosemary. Thank you.

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**Christmas Services:** The times for our Christmas Services are:

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December Midnight Mass 8pm with Carols from 7.30pm.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day Mass at 10am.

**Stockport Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert:** Come and join the festivity with our wonderful choir. 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.

**Walsingham 2024:** Update on 2024 Pilgrimage. We have booked for 6 May to 10 May 2023 4 nights. Depending on fundraising the cost will be between £435 and £450 per person. The main change is that Elmham House now require a non refundable deposit of 25 percent so we will also be asking this plus a small deposit for the coach travel. The amount required on booking will be £100 per person which is non refundable. If you wish to book please email [shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.co](mailto:shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.co) advising how many people. Please pay deposits by cheque made payable to SRCDT St Joseph.

**St Joseph's Primary School, Proposal to reduce the Published Admission Number:** a consultation is now taking place on the proposed reduction of their school places from 25 to 15 to take effect from September 2025. The consultation runs until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024. All stakeholders are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal to: PAN Consultation, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Etchells Street, Stockport, SK1 1EF or email to [admin@st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk) subject PAN Consultation. There are copies of the letter at the back of church as well as on the noticeboard.

**Organ Tuning:** The organ is in desperate need of tuning which in turn helps to keep the organ in good shape. The cost of this is £360 – if anyone wishes to contribute towards this cost, please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Organ' and place in the offertory basket.

**Stockport Loaves & Fishes:** a church group in Stockport working with the SVP asking people to donate any of the following items to given to the homeless and rough sleepers in Stockport this Christmas. This year we encourage donations of hats, scarves, socks, gloves, hand warmers as well as coats. Note: we will only accept new or as good as new clothing. Please place in the Black bag at the back of Church.

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**Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11:** 'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let us see O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help.

**2 Peter 3:8-14:** There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Mark 1:1-8:** The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

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