

St Joseph's RC Church

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21st January 2024 – 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time B

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 20 th Vigil	5pm	Oliver Gilsenan RIP	
Sunday 21 st 3 rd Sunday Ordinary Time B	11.30am	For the people of the parish	
Monday 22 nd	12 noon	Angela Whittaker	
Tuesday 23 rd	12 noon	Bridget Gilsenan	
Wednesday 24 th St Francis de Sales	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Thursday 25 th The Conversion of St Paul	12 noon	Martin & Mary Sisson RIP	
Friday 26 th Ss Timothy & Titus	12 noon	Oliver Gilsenan RIP	
Saturday 27 th Vigil	5pm	Michael James Jordan RIP	
Sunday 28 th 4 th Sunday Ordinary Time B	11.30am	Dorothy Whelan RIP	
Daily Schedule	Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	11.30am
Eucharistic Adoration Benediction	7am-7pm 6.45pm		
Confessions	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, 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, 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 Maureen Burke 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 £614.33 in the collection last week. This weekend (20/21 Jan) we will have a second collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund. Thank you very much.

Adoration: as the scaffolding is now erected inside the church, adoration will take place in the new Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the presbytery. Please enter through the sacristy door at the rear of the church and go to the first room on your left as you enter the presbytery from the sacristy. There will be signs on the door to direct you.

Sponsor a Slate: the scaffolding is almost completed and work on the new roof will begin in the new year. In order to help raise more funds towards the cost of this and future works, we are offering the chance to 'Sponsor a Slate'. For a suggested minimum donation of £20 you can sponsor a slate. Perhaps you would like to:

- Remember a loved one, Mark a special event eg baptism, confirmation, marriage, Celebrate a birthday or anniversary. If you would like to sponsor a slate, please write your sentiment in block capitals on the paper provided (max 25 words), place it in the envelope together with your donation and return it either in the Offertory collection, in the box provided or through the presbytery door (please complete one sheet per slate). Your sentiment will be written on the slate on your behalf. The names of all slate sponsors will be recorded in a dedicated Book of Thanks and your intentions will also be remembered during our weekly Mass for all our Benefactors. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

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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.com advising how many people. Please pay deposits by cheque made payable to SRCDT St Joseph. Deadline for bookings and deposits is 24th January 2024.

Parish Mission – 4-6 March 2024, we welcome Sr Brieghe McKenna to lead us in our Mission during Lent. There will be a talk after the 12 noon Mass each day, with the Main Mission evenings at 7pm. On the first evening (4th) there will be a talk and confession, on the other evenings, we will begin with Mass at 7pm, followed by a talk. We are just beginning the publicity and there is already a lot of interest in this mission. For this reason, we advise you to let us know as soon as possible if you are planning on coming. We want to give our own parishioners and adorers the opportunity to register before other people from further away, but we would need to know soon if you are coming. We encourage you to bring others with you, especially those who may have drifted away from the practice of the faith. Sr Brieghe has a powerful presence and testimony. To register your attendance please email us stockportshrine@gmail.com.

Diocesan Choir Festival 'Sing a New Song': Come and join us for our first Diocesan Choir Festival! Sing as part of a Diocesan Choir, learn music throughout the day and lead the singing for Mass at 5pm. Saturday 24th February 10.30am-4.30pm followed by Mass at 5pm, at St Anthony's, Dunkery Road, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, M22 0WR. Cost £5 per person payable on the day. Tea/Coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Registration/Refreshments from 10.30am with rehearsals beginning at 11am. Booking required by completing the registration form <http://tinyurl.com/diocesanchoirfestival>. Deadline for bookings Friday 16th February. For more information please email reception@dioceseofshrewsbury.org All welcome!

Vacancies: 1) **St James Catholic High School** have a vacancy for a Lay Chaplain. The closing date is 23rd February 2024, 12 noon. Full details on the website <https://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/jobs/>
2) **Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College** is seeking to appoint a full-time teacher of Core Religious Education. Core RE has centrally planned resources and is not an examined subject. Therefore, there are no formal assessments and no significant marking commitments. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. For more information, please go to the Loreto Website vacancies page. <https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies>

Footsteps: The 2024 starts in the parish centre of St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA on Thursday, 8 February at 7.30pm. We're delighted to welcome James Gallogly, the Managing Chaplain at HM Prison Manchester. His topic will be: Looking for light and faith inside prison. Come hear him share some insight into the nature of his work and how he walks alongside the men in prison. Drinks and nibbles, free car park, good disabled access and a loop system available. All welcome

Jonah 3:1-5,10: The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord make me know your ways.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31: Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation: The kingdom of God is close at hand: repent, and believe the Good News.

Mark 1:14-20: After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.