

St Joseph's RC Church

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28th January 2024 – 4th Sunday Ordinary Time B

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 27 th Vigil	5pm	Michael James Jordan RIP	
Sunday 28 th 4 th Sunday Ordinary Time B	11.30am	Dorothy Whelan RIP	
Monday 29 th	12 noon	Heather & Herbert Gaskell RIP	
Tuesday 30 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Wednesday 31 st St John Bosco	12 noon	Anthony Wright & Family	
Thursday 1 st	12 noon	Margaret Doyle & Family	
Friday 2 nd The Presentation of the Lord	12 noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book	
Saturday 3 rd Vigil	5pm	Michael Linnane RIP	
Sunday 4 th 5 th Sunday Ordinary Time B	11.30am	Angela Canning Senior	
Daily Schedule	Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	11.30am
Eucharistic Adoration	7am-7pm		
Benediction	6.45pm		
Confessions	11am-11.45am	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 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 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 £631.54 in the collection last week and collected £173.00 for the Priests' Retirement Fund. Thank you very much.

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.

Walsingham 2024: 6 May to 10 May 2024 - 4 nights. If you have missed the deadline but would still like to go please ring or text Shelagh Humphries on 07853 176698.

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.

Reminder: As the current Financial year is coming to an end, can we ask Parishioners who have recently set up a Direct Debit/Standing Order and wish the Parish to claim Gift Aid, please ensure their Gift Aid Declaration Form is returned FAO Rosemary as soon as possible, we are unable to make a claim without the Declaration Form. Thank you.

Diocesan Choir Festival 'Sing a New Song': Come and join 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. Sat 24th Feb 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.stjamescheadle.co.uk/jobs/>

2) **Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College** is seeking to appoint a full-time teacher of Core Religious Education. For more information, please go to the Loreto Website vacancies page. <https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies>

Footsteps: Thursday 8th February at 7.30pm at St Peter's Parish Centre, Hazel Grove. 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/nibbles, free car park, good disabled access and a loop system available. All welcome

Deuteronomy 18:15-20: Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35: I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Mark 1:21-28: Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.