

St Joseph's RC Church

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4th February 2024 – 5th Sunday Ordinary Time B

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 3 rd Vigil	5pm	Michael Linnane RIP	
Sunday 4 th 5 th Sunday Ordinary Time B	11.30am	Angela Canning Senior	
Monday 5 th St Agatha	12 noon	Bridget Elizabeth Martin RIP	
Tuesday 6 th St Paul Miki & Companions	12 noon	Keith Parry RIP	
Wednesday 7 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Thursday 8 th	12 noon	Andrew McGrath	
Friday 9 th	12 noon	Rosie Stephenson RIP	
Saturday 10 th Vigil	5pm	Mathew & family	
Sunday 11 th 6 th Sunday Ordinary Time B	11.30am	People of the Parish	
Daily Schedule	Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	11.30am
Eucharistic Adoration Benediction	7am-7pm 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, Peter Taylor.

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 £565.63 in the collection last week. 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.

Walk with Me: Lenten Booklets will be available from next weekend, priced at £1 each. Please place money in the Flowers/Cards slot. Thank you.

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': Join our first Diocesan Choir Festival! 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 <http://tinyurl.com/diocesanchoirfestival>. Deadline for bookings Friday 16th February. For more information please email reception@dioceseofshrewsbury.org All welcome!

Lenten Lunch Thursday 15th February 2024 in the Parish Hall. Following 12noon Mass. There will be a sale of unwanted Christmas Gifts, re-gifting and other items. This is to raise funds for our beautiful Church. Tea/coffee/sandwiches/biscuits available for a donation. Please enter the Parish Hall via the front door, leaving Church by the main entrance and turning right. We look forward to seeing you then.

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. 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

Job 7:1-4,6-7: Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23: I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Mark 1:29-39: On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.