

St Joseph's RC Church

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18th February 2024 – 1st Sunday Lent Time B

Mass Times and Intentions:

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| Saturday 17 th Vigil | 5pm | Edward Quinn | |
| Sunday 18 th 1 st Sunday Lent B | 11.30am | Mark Sorrell RIP | |
| Monday 19 th | 12 noon | Heather & Herbert Gaskell RIP | |
| Tuesday 20 th | 12 noon | Hala & her family | |
| Wednesday 21 st | 12 noon | Teresa Leonard RIP | |
| Thursday 22 nd <i>Chair of St Peter</i> | 12 noon | For all our Benefactors | |
| Friday 23 rd <i>St Polycarp</i> | 12 noon | Hannah Whelan RIP | |
| Saturday 24 th Vigil | 5pm | Barbara & Trevor Dunning | |
| Sunday 25 th 2 nd Sunday Lent B | 11.30am | For the 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, 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 £571.36 in the collection last week and we raised £313.00 from the Lenten Lunch, thank you very much. This Friday 23rd February is CAFOD Family Fast Day – we will have a second collection at both Masses next weekend.

Sponsor a Slate: 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. 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. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

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.

Parish Mission – 4-6 March 2024, we welcome Sr Brieghe McKenna and Fr Pablo Escriva de Romani to lead us in our Mission during Lent. There will be a talk after the 12 noon Mass each day held here at St Joseph's.

****Evening Sessions at 7pm will take place in the church of Our Lady & the Apostles, Shaw Heath, SK3 8BD.** 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 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.

World Day of Prayer: will be held at 2pm on Friday 1st March at the Salvation Army Citadel, 121 Stockport Road, Cheadle, SK3 0JE. All welcome to attend.

Vacancies: 1) St Chad's RC Church are looking to appoint a Housekeeper/Cook for 8 hours per week with potentially more hours in future. The role is based at the presbytery at St Chad's, Stockport Road, Cheadle, SK8 2AF. Hourly rate: £12.50 per hour, Days/Hours Worked: Mondays and Thursdays 9am-1pm, Permanent Position. Role will include both cooking and cleaning. For the job description and information on how to apply, please email stchadscheadle@gmail.com **Closing date** Wednesday 21st February 2024. **2)** St Vincent's, Altrincham are looking to appoint a Parish Secretary at the parish, working as a Job Share with the current Parish Secretary. Flexible working hours: approximately 12 hours per week over 3 days (Monday-Friday) 9am-1pm (days and times may vary). Hourly rate: £14.50. For further details please see the Diocesan Website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies> **Closing date:** Friday 1st March 2024

St Peter's, Hazel Grove: As part of the centenary celebrations for St Peter's parish in Hazel Grove, there will be a day with David Wells on Saturday 2 March in the parish centre from 9.30am to 4pm. You are invited to come along and hear this brilliant speaker, who has decided to base the day on the theme of Pilgrims of hope – How to live our faith in a perplexed and broken world Part one: The challenge to live authentically. Part two: The challenge to listen and discern. David will focus our attention on the culture we live in, the challenge to be happy in our own skins and the missionary call to hear the cries of the poor. Find out more here: <https://davidwellslive.com>. Do come and share the day – and bring a packed lunch.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024: Brochures and booking forms are now available on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or by ringing 07773 324264, or if you are aged 16 – 22 please email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for an application form to join the youth section of our pilgrimage. This year our pilgrimage dates are: by air is from Friday 26 July to Thursday 1 August, by coach Thursday 25 July to Friday 2 August and for our young people Wednesday 24 July to Friday 2 August. If you are a first time pilgrim or a returning pilgrim we look forward to you joining us in Lourdes this year.

Genesis 9:8-15: God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Psalm: Your words Lord, are faithfulness and love, for those who keep your covenant.

1 Peter 3:18-22: Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Mark 1:12-15: The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. 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.'