

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lent Time B**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	5pm	Barbara & Trevor Dunning	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lent B	11.30am	For the people of the parish	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Matt Demfrey RIP	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For the Marsh Family	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For Conway	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March <i>St David</i>	12 noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vigil	5pm	The Dalzell Family	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent B	11.30am	Bronislaw Szal RIP	
<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	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, 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 £666.74 in the collection last week thank you very much. We will have a second collection at both Masses this weekend for CAFOD.

**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 Briege 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 (4<sup>th</sup>) 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 Briege has a powerful presence and testimony. To register your attendance please email us.

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

**Celebration of St Patrick and St Joseph 2024.** It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we will not be in a position to hold a Celebration of St Patrick and St Joseph here at St Joseph's this March. Arrangements were beginning to be put in place but, as we are now using the Parish Hall for Masses, it will not be feasible. We hope you will continue to pray that the ongoing work will be completed in record time. Many thanks for all your support in the meantime.

**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. Come along and hear this brilliant speaker, who has decided to base the day on the theme of Pilgrims of hope. 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>. Bring a packed lunch.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024:** Brochures and booking forms are now available on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or by ringing 07773 324264, or if you are aged 16 – 22 please email [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto: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.

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**Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18:** God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.' **Psalms:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Romans 8:31-34:** With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Mark 9:2-10:** Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.