

St Joseph's RC Church

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12th May 2024 – 7th Sunday Easter Year B

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 11 th	5pm	James McShane RIP	
Sunday 12 th 7 th Sunday Easter	10am 11.30am	For the people of the parish Eamon Regan RIP	
Monday 13 th	12 noon	Paul Sears RIP	
Tuesday 14 th	12 noon	Margaret Runican	
Wednesday 15 th	12 noon	Doreen Rowan	
Thursday 16 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Friday 17 th	12 noon	Maureen Burke	
Saturday 18 th	5pm	Christina Morgan RIP	
Sunday 19 th Pentecost	10am 11.30am	For the people of the parish Jamie Squire	
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 Gilsenan, 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, Ron Runcieman, Pat Morris.

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. 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 £608.06 in the collection last weekend and £335.80 for Sudan. Thank you. This weekend (11/12 May) we will have a second collection for World Communication Day.

St Joseph's Primary School: From September 2024, we are delighted to be able to offer 8 full time nursery places from 8.45am – 3.15pm Monday – Friday. Please contact the school office if you wish to register your child for a full-time place. This is a wonderful step forward for St Joseph's so please spread this great news to any families you know who have nursery age children.

Legal Advice - For those in need of legal advice a free initial and confidential legal advice consultation will now be available to our Parishioners by an experienced catholic solicitor. In the first instance, the initial consultation will not include consideration of documents. Please contact Paul Magee on 07821508731 or email Paul.Magee@prosperitylaw.com.

Vacancy: The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Director of Schools and applications are now open. Details of the role and the application process can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2040730>

Diocesan Day for Confirmation Catechists: The Department of Catechesis and Promotion of the Vocation of Marriage have arranged a day specifically aimed at catechists who are involved in preparing young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is being run by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, a group of experienced and visionary catechists. We are particularly blessed that Bishop Mark will be joining us for the day. Takes place on Saturday 18th May 2024 from 10am – 4pm, held in the Parish Centre of St Mary's RC Church, Crewe. The event is free of charge. For more details and to book your place, please see flyers at back of church.

Diocesan Mass for the Celebration of Marriage 2024: The annual Marriage Mass will take place on Saturday June 8th, 12 noon at Saint Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA, and will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. The event is open to those who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year: Silver, Pearl, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or Platinum and also newly married couples. If you are eligible and would like to attend please speak to Fr Sean or email stockportshrine@gmail.com.

Year of Prayer 2024 Come and join our online webinar with Sycamore. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! On Wednesday 15th May 7pm-8pm. Email Natalie Orefice for the link to join: Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

'...and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' St Peter on Pentecost Sunday (Acts 2:38). You are welcome to join us for a Holy Hour for Pentecost. A time of prayer with worship music with scripture readings in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at Christ Church, Heald Green, SK8 3DY on Sunday 19th May 2024, 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

Visit of Pilgrim Virgin Statue & Fatima Relics: On Saturday 15th June, from 10.00am-4.00pm, the World Apostolate of Fatima will visit the parish of Our Lady & St Christopher, Romiley, with the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco and the Centenary Pilgrim Statute of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The statue was blessed at the Chapel of the Apparitions in Fatima. Pope St John Paul II invited us to receive the light of Fatima. The Fatima message of reparation, repentance and peace is still relevant to us today. The day includes Mass, Confession, film on the story of Fatima and Investiture and Enrolment of the Brown Scapular for those who wish to receive it. Please bring a packed lunch – hot and cold drinks provided. **Please see poster in porch for full details.**

Acts 1:15-17,20-26: One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers— there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. 'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.' Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

1 John 4:11-16: My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

John 17:11-19: Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'