

St Joseph's RC Church

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16th June 2024 – 11th Sunday Ordinary Time B

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 15 th	5pm	Mrs Morgan RIP	
Sunday 16 th - 11 th Ordinary Time B	10am 11.30am	For the people of the parish Susan Phelan RIP	
Monday 17 th	12 noon	Tom Wallis RIP	
Tuesday 18 th	12 noon	Joyce Brennan	
Wednesday 19 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Thursday 20 th	12 noon	Anna Hughes	
Friday 21 st St Aloysius	12 noon	Mr Kenny	
Saturday 22 nd	5pm	Rose Wye	
Sunday 23 rd 12 th Ordinary Time B	10am 11.30am	For the people of the parish Sharon	
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, Ron Runcieman, Pat Morris, Joyce Brennan.

Anniversaries: We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased: We pray for Mark Brennan and 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.

Notices from St Joseph's Primary School:

1) 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.

2) In September, St Joseph's will be providing school uniform to every child! The school is passionate about supporting families especially during this period in which cost of living continually rises. If you would like to and are able to contribute to our school uniform fund this would be very gratefully received. All donations must be marked School Uniform Fund and give to the school office or presbytery. Thank you for your support.

3) St Joseph's Catholic Primary School invites all members of our community to respond to the public consultation in relation to an extension of the school day by 10 minutes, following a change in DfE guidance to schools. Full details of the consultation can be found on the school's website under School Day Public Consultation. The consultation period closes on 2nd July and all responses are welcomed.

Money Matters: We received £688.19 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much. This weekend we will have a second collection for 'Day for Life'.

Visit of Pilgrim Virgin Statue & Fatima Relics: Sat 15th June 10.00am-4.00pm, the World Apostolate of Fatima will visit the parish of Our Lady & St Christopher, Romiley. The day includes Mass, Confession, film about Fatima & Investiture & Enrolment of the Brown Scapular. Bring a packed lunch – hot and cold drinks provided.

The Mercy Brothers: a clergy-based band from Salford & Shrewsbury Diocese are giving a concert to raise funds for SVP youth work in Salford & Shrewsbury Dioceses. Fri 21st June Our Lady's Social Club, Flint Street. Tickets £15 per person online or to purchase on the door on the night. Poster at the back of church for more details.

St Peter's Hazel Grove: are holding a Flower Festival over the weekend of 28-30 June as part of their centenary celebrations. Friday 28th 2pm-7pm, Sat 29th 2pm-5pm, Sunday 30th 2pm-5pm. All welcome

Called to the Priesthood – Have you considered a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? More information at shrewsburyvocations.org. If you would like to explore God's call for your life and learn about other opportunities for discernment, please email the diocesan vocations director vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. More resources, www.ukvocation.org and www.ukpriest.org

An Evening with Dr Bill Keimig on Mon 24th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns WA15 0HG. Dr Bill Keimig will lead an evening filled with inspiration, wisdom, insights & experiences of parish renewal & leading RCIA. Open to all, www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-with-dr-bill-keimig-tickets-902343853757. For details contact natalie.oreface@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or telephone 07730 526826.

'Jesus Christ, our hope' - to celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, you are welcome to join us for a **time of scripture, worship music, & testimony** in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at Christ Church on Sunday 30th June at 7.30pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

Please help Let's End Poverty and Caritas engage with local candidates at this General Election Caritas Shrewsbury are part of the Let's End Poverty national movement. Can you help support work to champion the common good, and the preferential option for the poor, at the General Election? Please use the new online tool for individuals to write to your local candidates, asking them what they plan to do to tackle poverty if they are elected: <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/>

Lourdes: In six weeks' time the Diocesan Pilgrimage will be setting by coach and plane to Lourdes. This year the theme is from the words of Our Lady to Saint Bernadette; 'Go tell the priests to come [here] in procession'. The number of pilgrims booked to join us in Lourdes has increased on last year, and we continue to grow again following the pandemic. The Youth section of the pilgrimage is full, and the pilgrim coach is just about full. We still have some seats available on the plane if anyone would like to join us from 26 July to 1 August. More information and booking forms are available on the Pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

Ezekiel 17:22-24: The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm: It is good to give thanks to you O Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10: We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation: I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Mark 4:26-34: Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

