

St Joseph's RC Church

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12th January 2025 – The Baptism of the Lord

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 11 th	5pm	Stephen Shields RIP
Sunday 12 th The Baptism of the Lord	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Anthony Wright & Family People of the Parish
Monday 13 th	12 noon	Margaret Doyle and Family
Tuesday 14 th	12 noon	Lorna Brooks
Wednesday 15 th	12noon	Intentions of Peter Walters
Thursday 16 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Friday 17 th	12 noon	Donald Laux RIP
Saturday 18 th	5pm	Elizabeth Matthews RIP
Sunday 19 th 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time C	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Tom Ah-Tou RIP People of the Parish

Daily Schedule	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)
Eucharistic Adoration	7am-9pm		
Confessions	11am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	On request
Rosary for Vocations	11.20am		11am

****Adorers Needed**:** we are in need of Adorers to cover Adoration from 4pm-5pm and 6pm-7pm on Thursdays. Please let Fr Sean know if you are able to help. Thank you.

We pray for our sick: Jacobi Hill, Maddie Makonyola, Maria Sandiford, Jane Coupes, John McCormick, Michael Philbin, Linda Abel, Ged Gibbons, Robyn Gibbons, Cora Tierney, Mary O'Brien, Laurie Glenn, Carmel Mayo, Anthony Healey, Margaret Runcieman, Ron Runcieman, Doreen Rowan, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsenan, Michael John Ford, Roy Curran, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Nathan Hatfield, Angela Mullin, Keith Morris, Pat Morris, Lesley Morris, Maureen McGuire, Rosemarie Hurley, Bobby Henshall, Tony Kiely, Joanne Kiely.

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 we are approx 8 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 for your understanding.

Money Matters: we received £521.54 in the collection last week. Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund. Thank you very much.

Walsingham 2025 Pilgrimage: will be for 4 nights commencing on 5th May 2025. The cost is £508 Ensuite/£432 Standard. Please email Shelagh Humphries: shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com or phone 07853 176698 for details and to check availability. Thank you.

Walk to Walsingham 2025: Leaving St Josephs Church Tatton Street, Stockport, Thursday 10th April arriving Walsingham Maundy Thursday 17th April. Anyone looking for a deeper experience of faith, come join us in this ancient tradition of walking pilgrimage.

Car Park Safety: A very big thank you to the kind person who took it upon himself to come and grit the car park and walkways last weekend during the snow. When we have icy conditions in future, it would be wonderful if we could have a little team of people to help with this and share the load. If you would be willing to be part of such a team please let me know. Also in relation to the car park, please do not leave your car parked there unless you are attending something in church. Once all church events are finished the car park will be locked and your car would be left there overnight. There are no fixed closing times so please do not use the car park when you are doing other things in Stockport. Thank you.

SALT Approach Catechical Programme: This Thursday 16th January 6.45pm for 7pm start here at St Joseph's. Dr Anne-Marie Irwin and her team have developed this catechetical programme over a number of years. The programme SALT (The Scripture and Liturgy Teaching Approach). The presentation is open to Teachers, Catechists, Sacramental co-ordinators, especially those who are involved in the teaching of faith to our young children. The team's aim is to Bring Christ 'alive' for children in the personal experiences created as they explore their faith. Please join us for an evening with Dr Anne-Marie Irwin as she explores "how complex matters of doctrine and pastoral practices can be taught in explicitly catechetical settings.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/an-introduction-to-the-salt-approach-with-dr-anne-marie-irwin-tickets-1100231394719>

Parish Safeguarding Representative is: Rosemary Linnane. *If you have any concerns about safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults, please contact Rosemary in the strictest confidence. Details are on the noticeboards in church and the parish hall.*

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' Go on up to a high mountain, O Sion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!' Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Responsorial Psalm: Bless the LORD, O my soul! My God, how great you are!

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7: Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Alleluia.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22: At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

Jubilee 2025 Prayer: *Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*