

### St Joseph's RC Church

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**21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent Year A**

#### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Mary O’Brien RIP	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent Year A	9.30am (with Children’s Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Sr Maureen O’Driscoll RIP People of the Parish	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12 noon	Thanksgiving for 54 years in the Church	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12 noon	Gladys Bennet (Geohegan) RIP	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Carols 8pm Midnight Mass	Yara Grant	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> The Nativity of the Lord	10am	For all of our Benefactors	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> St Stephen	12 noon	Patrick Coffey RIP	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Margaret Duffy (Chorlton) and family	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> The Holy Family	9.30am (with Children’s Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Thanksgiving for health restored 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

**Please note Adoration will finish**

**at 9pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and resume on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7am**

**We pray for our sick:** Jacobi Hill, Maria Sandiford, Jane Coupes, John McCormick, Michael Philbin, Linda Abel, Ged Gibbons, Robyn Gibbons, Laurie Glenn, Carmel Mayo, Anthony Healey, Margaret Runcieman, Ron Runcieman, Doreen Rowan, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsean, 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, Kathleen Grimes, Terry Simms, James Croston, John Wallis, Wyn Ah-tou, Toni Wilson, Derek Boulton, Marcela Robinson, Fr Liam Rooney, Cillian Gallagher and all those who are sick.

**Recently Deceased:** We pray for Con Wright and all those who have died recently.

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

**Fr Liam Rooney SCJ:** Please keep in your prayers Fr Liam, who served here at St Joseph's. He is seriously ill with cancer of the lung.

**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. We are approx 5 months behind. If you require a specific date, we will try our best to do that date or as near it as possible.

**Money Matters:** we received £749.40 in the collection last week and we raised £106.58 for the work of Caritas. We also raised £1021 from the Carol Concert last week. Thank you very much.

**Flowers for Christmas:** if you would like to make a donation towards Flowers for Christmas, please use one of the envelopes at the back of church and post through the presbytery door.

**Live-streaming:** [www.churchservices.tv/stjosephsrcchurchstockport](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephsrcchurchstockport).

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

**RCIA Catechumens/Candidates:** In this season of Advent, the season of praying for deeper conversion, please remember in your prayers our group here at St Joseph's, as they approach the end of their first 13 weeks of study. We have been truly blessed with our group: Charlie, Riley, Alfie, Harrison, Neil, Andy, Naz, Yad, Kazu, Andy, Jacky, Ethan, Mike, Liam, Lucy and Ethel. Thank you. Rosemary, RCIA Coordinator.

**Children's Liturgy:** After this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be having a break, back again Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Please visit the children's Christmas window display in Church, this has been prepared by the children. Once again I'd like to thank the children and parents for your support and the many donations we have received, these donations go a long way in helping our little and not so little ones in getting to know Jesus and the beautiful gifts he gives us, Thank you, Rosemary

**Walsingham 2026 Pilgrimage 4-8 May 2026:** We still have a few spaces available and the expected cost to be a maximum of £450 in standard accommodation and £530 in en-suites. Cost includes coach travel and half board. Please email [shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com](mailto:shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com) for details.

**Christmas Fun Run Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December:** An opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors over the Christmas period, whilst also supporting communities around the world to lift themselves out of poverty. Adult, child and family entrance fees available; runners and walkers welcome. We are also in need of volunteers to help out on the day. Please contact [events@cafod.org.uk](mailto:events@cafod.org.uk) for more information or visit website: [cafod.org.uk/Bollington](http://cafod.org.uk/Bollington)

**Shalom World:** Heartwarming Christmas shows, inspiring talks, joyful music, and stories of hope — for every age [shalomworld.org/christmas](http://shalomworld.org/christmas)

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**Isaiah 7:10-14:** In those days: The LORD spoke to Ahaz: 'Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.' And Isaiah said, 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.'

**Responsorial Psalm 24 (23) :** Let the LORD enter; he is the king of glory.

**Romans 1:1-7:** Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an Apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel — which means, God with us. Alleluia.

**Matthew 1:18-24:** Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel' — which means, God with us. When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife.

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*Fr Sean and the discerners wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas, with best wishes for the New Year.*

