

St Joseph's RC Church

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28th December 2025 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 27 th	5pm	Margaret Duffy (Chorlton) and family
Sunday 28 th The Holy Family	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Thanksgiving for health restored People of the Parish
Monday 29 th	12 noon	Fr Liam Rooney SCJ
Tuesday 30 th	12 noon	Con Wright RIP
Wednesday 31 st	12 noon	Annabel Eli
Thursday 1 st January Mary, Mother of God	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Friday 2 nd	12 noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book
Saturday 3 rd	5pm	For favours received
Sunday 4 th 2 nd Sunday of Christmas	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Bob Boyer 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)
Confessions	11am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	On request
Rosary for Vocations	11.20am		11am

Please note Adoration has now finished and will resume on Monday 5th 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 Timothy Rattos and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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 £705.95 in the collection last week. Thank you very much.

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.*

Live-streaming: www.churchservices.tv/stjosephsrcchurchstockport.

Children's Liturgy: will be having a break and will resume on Sunday 11th 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 for details.

Vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a Programme Coordinator, Youth Mission Team Member and an Administration Assistant. Further details regarding the 3 posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 23 January 2026.

St Simon's Catholic Primary School: A main scale teacher to cover a maternity leave to begin in February 2026. For further information, please click on the link below: <https://www.greater.jobs/en-gb/job/75772726> Also there is a position for a Teaching Assistant <https://www.greater.jobs/en-gb/job/75773866>

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School: St Peter's Catholic primary school are looking to appoint an inspirational and caring leader to support the continued success of our wonderful school. More information at: www.st-peters.stockport.sch.uk under Our School/Vacancies.

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14: The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother. O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.

Responsorial Psalm 128 (127): Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways.

Colossians 3:12-21: Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23: When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.' But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.