

St Joseph's RC Church*Tatton Street, St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EJ*Tel: 0161 480 3164 Parish Email: stockportshrine@gmail.comwww.stjosephsrcchurchstockport.org.uk / www.eucharisticshrine.comParish Priest: Fr Sean Davidson frseandavidson@gmail.com**11th January 2026 – The Baptism of the Lord****Mass Times and Intentions:**

Saturday 10 th	5pm	Fr Gerry Bowen RIP
Sunday 11 th The Baptism of the Lord	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Donald Grindrod RIP People of the Parish
Monday 12 th	12 noon	Pauline Davies
Tuesday 13 th	12 noon	Michael Lindsay RIP
Wednesday 14 th	12 noon	Stephen Williams
Thursday 15 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Friday 16 th	12 noon	Timothy Jolley RIP
Saturday 17 th	5pm	Special Intention (LK)
Sunday 18 th 2 nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	People of the Parish Ivy & Michael Moran RIP

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

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 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, Kathleen Grimes, Terry Simms, James Croston, John Wallis, Wyn Ah-tou, Toni Wilson, Derek Boulton, Marcela Robinson, Cillian Gallagher and all those who are sick.

Recently Deceased: We pray for Shirley Sears, Ann (Elizabeth) Tuffy, Fr Liam Rooney and all those who have died recently.

Liz Nash RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Liz Nash who passed away recently. Liz was a governor at St Joseph's School for many years, working tirelessly and on a voluntary basis to support in leading the school community. She was extremely proud of her role at St Joseph's and of the achievements of the school and children.

Fr Liam Rooney RIP: Fr Liam's funeral will take place at Knock Basilica at 10.30am on Saturday 17 January. The Reception of the Body will be at 8.00pm on Friday evening in the Basilica. People are welcome to pay their respects at G W Turner Undertakers at Chapel Court, 125 Old Chapel Street, Stockport, SK3 9HA by phoning 0161 820 0689 in advance.

Anniversaries: We remember 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 4 months behind. If you require a specific date, we will try our best to do that date or as near it as possible.

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

Money Matters: we received £572.65 in the collection last week and for the Epiphany £174. Next weekend we will have a retiring collection for the Priests Retirement Fund – if you want to give your offering by card for any collections you can do this via the DONA machine. 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.*

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 ensuites. 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.

Pilgrimage to Rome, Monte Casino & Pompeii. Join us on a profound Pilgrimage of Catholic faith to the heart of the Catholic Church in Italy. We will travel to Rome, Monte Cassino and Pompeii absorbing our Catholic history, 14th - 21st September 2026 from Manchester. Cost £1845 single room. £1550 per person for two sharing. Extra cost Rome Tax approx £6 per day payable to hotel on arrival. For more information about the trip or to book, please email unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com

Churches Together in Cheshire – A Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Chester Cathedral, CH1 2DY on Sunday 18 January at 5pm. The Guest Speaker will be Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London. This service brings together believers from many traditions to pray for peace, justice and deeper unity in our communities and our world. The service will also feature the Chester Taize Choir. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7: Thus says the LORD: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ‘I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.’

Responsorial Psalm 29 (28): *The LORD will bless his people with peace.*

Acts 10:34-38: In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.’

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: ‘This is my beloved Son; listen to him’. Alleluia.

Matthew 3:13-17: At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’

The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for January 2026

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.