

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**5<sup>th</sup> April 2026 Easter Sunday**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil	8.30pm	The Merriman & Henry Families
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	For the Intentions of Irene Pickford People of the Parish
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For my children Alfie and Oliver
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Ann Badger
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Maria Grace Armstrong
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Gretta Bottomley
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Derek Boulton People of the Parish
<b>Daily Schedule</b>	<b>Monday/Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
Mass	12 noon	12 noon
Confessions	11am-11.45am	11am-11.45am
Rosary for Vocations	11.20am	11.20am

**\*\*Please note that Adoration will resume on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 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, Kathleen Grimes, John Wallis, Wyn Ah-tou, Toni Wilson, Derek Boulton, Marcela Robinson, Cillian Gallagher, Noel Fowler, Lynn Newby and all those who are sick.

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

**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.

**Money Matters:** we received £671.41 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.*

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026:** The Pilgrimage Team are very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 July to 7 August and by air 31 July to 6 August. Brochures can be found on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk)

**Vacancy:** in the Diocese for a Health & Safety officer. **Salary** £32,000 - £38,000. **Hours:** 25 per week, term time only, Please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)  
**Closing date** 10 April. More details [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/)

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

**Vacancies:** Two vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a **Programme Coordinator** and **Youth Mission Team Member**. Further details regarding both posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. [https://www.recruitment@](https://www.recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date **Friday 29 April 2026**.

**Encountering Jesus in the Gospels:** How to lead groups in reflective prayer. A short online formation course building the skills and confidence needed to hold and guide groups of those who wish to deepen their relationship with Jesus Tuesdays 6.30pm-8.30pm Dates Apr 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 9. [www.jesuitinstitute.org/events](http://www.jesuitinstitute.org/events)  
**Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality** will be holding our first 2026 Hospitality Members Focus Group on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, at 7pm. This will be open to any Hospitality members, even if you haven't attended previous Focus Groups. We will be encouraged to review the commitments made last year to improve our way of working with each other. We are also delighted that Fr Sean Henry, Chaplain to the Hospitality, will join us. This will take place at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk)

**Marriage and Family Life Ministry Retreat Day:** "For all those interested in supporting the Vocation of Marriage and Family you are invited to attend our Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry (MFL) Retreat Day to help you find out more about what is involved and what help is needed. There will be presentations on the Mission of Marriage, a Reflection on the Book of Tobit and Holy Mass at Midday. 18th April 2026 at St. John Vianney Parish Hall, St Wilfrid's Church, Witton Street Northwich Cheshire, CW9 5NP. 9.30am-4.00pm Please Register with Monika Golembiewska [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

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**Acts 10:34a, 37-43:** In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: '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. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**Responsorial Psalm: 118** This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

**Colossians 3:1-4:** Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**Victimae Paschali Laudes, Sequence:** Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

**John 20:1-9:** On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.