

St Joseph's RC Church

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10th May 2026 - 6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 9 th	5pm	Eloise-Hope Hollingsworth RIP
Sunday 10 th 6 th Sunday after Easter A	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Eamon Regan RIP People of the Parish
Monday 11 th	12 noon	In thanksgiving
Tuesday 12 th	12 noon	For the November List
Wednesday 13 th	12 noon	Lucy Dalzell
Thursday 14 th <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> Holy Day of Obligation	12 noon 7pm	Private Intention Sarah-May For all of our Benefactors
Friday 15 th	12 noon	Private Intention (M&F)
Saturday 16 th	5pm	Frank Dempsey RIP
Sunday 17 th 6 th Sunday after Easter A	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Tommy Smyth 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)
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 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. 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 £706.30 in the collection last week. Thank you very much. Next weekend we will have a second collection for World Communication Day.

Card Reader: occasionally there are problems with internet connectivity to the card reader. If this happens and you cannot make your payment via the machine, you can pay by card online <https://donate.mydona.com/st-joseph-stockport> or scan the QR code.



Relics of St Gerard Majella: On Friday 29th May our parish will be privileged to host the relics of St Gerard Majella as part of their tour of England and Wales. This is to mark St Gerard's 300th anniversary. He was a Redemptorist lay-brother from Southern Italy who died at 29. St Gerard is popularly invoked as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. The relics will be available for personal prayer from 6pm, there will be a Mass and sermon at 7pm, followed by individual or family blessings with the relic. Perhaps there is someone in your life who would really appreciate the intercession of St Gerard - come along, and bring a friend.

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

Fr Sean's New Book: *The Eucharistic Springtime* is an exploration of the mystery of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration from a biblical perspective, while drawing also upon the wisdom and witness of Our Lady and the saints. Available from Amazon.

Polite Notice: We've had a few incidents with the parish hall toilets recently. Could we please remind all parishioners and visitors, if using the parish hall toilets, please make sure that when leaving they are left in an acceptable state, and fit for others to use. If you discover any issues with the hall facilities please let us know. Thank you.

Manchester 10km Run: to raise funds towards the ongoing restoration here at St Joseph's, Chrissy Vora is putting on her trainers and will be running the Manchester 10k on Sunday 31st May 2026. You will be aware that we are in the process of securing funds to complete the roof works, and then we will be able to begin looking at the interior works, so all funds raised will be put to good use. If you are able to support Chrissy's efforts, sponsorship can be made at: <https://www.justgiving.com/chrissy-vora-4>

Diocesan Marriage Mass: will take place at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA on 13th June at 12 noon. Parishioners celebrating a significant wedding anniversary or married within the last year can apply for an invitation from the Bishop. Please speak to Fr Sean if you would like to attend.

Vacancy: for a Lay Pastoral Assistant in the parish of St Hugh & St John, Timperley. This specialised role will provide pastoral support to the Parish Priest with particular emphasis on faith formation and some liturgical ministry. Hours: 15 per week @ £15 per hour, afternoons and evenings, with occasional Sundays. Further details can be found www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies. Closing date Friday 29 May 2026.

College Vacancy: Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College is seeking to appoint a full-time teacher of Core Religious Education and Chaplaincy Support. Core RE has centrally planned resources and is not an examined subject. Therefore, there are no formal assessments and no significant marking commitments. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. For more information, please go to the Loreto Website vacancies page. <https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies>.

Shrewsbury Diocesan Mission Mass: Saturday 6th June 2026 at 12.15pm at Shrewsbury Cathedral (SY1 1UE). Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies, Rev Anthony Chantry MHM National Director of Missio England & Wales, Rev Anthony Grace, Missio Diocesan Director and representatives of the Mill Hill Missionaries. Refreshments in the Orchard Cafe after Mass. To assist with planning, if you would like to attend please RSVP by 29th May to redbox@missio.org.uk or 07593 544625.

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 on the noticeboards.*

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17: In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city. Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm 66 (65): Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

1 Peter 3:15-18: Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

John 14:15-21: At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'