

St Joseph's RC Church

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20th September 2026 – Twenty Fifth Sunday Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 19 th	5pm	Mary & Tim Shine
Sunday 20 th Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Francis Meehan RIP
Monday 21 st <i>St Matthew</i>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Tuesday 22 nd	12 noon	Peter Hodson RIP
Wednesday 23 rd	12 noon	Anna Hughes
Thursday 24 th <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	12 noon	William (Bill) Power RIP
Friday 25 th	12 noon	For Christian Clarke & Cliona
Saturday 26 th	5pm	Elvio Figueira Da Silva RIP
Sunday 27 th Twenty Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Patrick Kiely, Teresa Kiely & children People of the Parish

Daily Schedule	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	9.30am 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, 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, Cathie Cunliffe Downs, Liz Wallis, John Humphries & all those who are sick.

Recently Deceased: We pray for Ron Runcieman and 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 to request a Mass said for your intentions. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. If you require a specific date, please give at **least three weeks notice** and we will try our best for that date or as near it as possible.

Money Matters we received £651.55 in the collection last week. This weekend we will have a second collection for Home Missions. Thank you very much.

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.myдона.com/st-joseph-stockport> or scan the QR code.

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.

Wednesday prayer group: every Wednesday at 7pm- 8.30pm in the church hall. For more information contact Karen on 07974 024288. All welcome.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: there is still time to join our course on Monday evenings at 7pm in the Parish Hall. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please speak to Fr Sean or Rosemary.



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

Sponsor a Slate: to help raise funds for the South Aisle roof. Please take a form from the back of church and return with your payment (cash or card) either in the Donations Box or posting through the presbytery door. The names of all sponsors will be added to our Book of Thanksgiving. Thank you for your ongoing support.

St Joseph's School: Our School's Mini Vinnies group are currently collecting items for The Wellspring Centre. Can you help the group and Parish with donations such as, UHT long-life milk, tinned meats/fish, tinned vegetables, tinned soap, tinned fruit, tinned custard, dried pasta, crisps. Also, toiletries for women and men. If you can help, please leave donations in the Sacristy marked for the attention of Rosemary. Thank you.

Walsingham 2027: will be from Monday 3 May 2027 to Friday 7 May 2027. A non refundable deposit of £110 is required by 11 October 2026. Further details on the cost to follow but it will be around £560 in the en-suite rooms. Further details available from Shelagh Humphries shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com

Kelly Pilgrimages-Truly Catholic: 16–18 October 2026 for a sacred journey to Ireland's International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock. Accompanied by Father Tony McGrath this weekend pilgrimage offers prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Please email kellypilgrimages@gmail.com for further information.

Aquinas College Nangreave Road Stockport Open Day: Saturday 17th October from 10am – 12pm.

St Bede's College, Manchester: is Manchester's only independent Catholic school, providing a co-educational education for children. There are two open events planned: Saturday 3rd October | 9.00am–12.00pm, Thursday 8th October | 4.30pm–7.30pm. Families are warmly invited to visit St Bede's, meet pupils and teachers, explore the school and discover more about its Catholic community. To register go to www.sbcm.co.uk

Advert For Roman Catholic Chaplain Vacancy at HMP &YOI Styal Do you feel called to a ministry that brings hope, healing and transformation? We are seeking a compassionate and committed Roman Catholic Chaplain (Priest or Lay) to join our multi-faith chaplaincy team in a women's prison. A unique opportunity to support women in custody and prison staff through spiritual leadership, pastoral care and ministry. Alongside providing faith-based care to Roman Catholic prisoners and staff, you will work collaboratively with colleagues to meet the pastoral needs of people of all faiths and none. If you are interested in helping people build brighter futures, we would love to hear from you. This is a one day a week post (8hrs). Please contact Managing Chaplain Jo Hirst for further information 01625 553015 Joanna.hirst1@justice.gov.uk.

Isaiah 55:6-9: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm 145 (144): The LORD is close to all who call him.

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a: Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

Matthew 20:1-16: At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too." And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'