

St Joseph's RC Church

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18th October 2026 – Twenty Ninth Sunday Year A

Day of Prayer for World Missions

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 17 th	5pm	Jim, Margaret & Pat Riley RIP
Sunday 18 th Twenty Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	For Christian Clarke & Cliona People of the Parish
Monday 19 th <i>St Peter of Alcantara</i>	12 noon	Cathy Cunliffe Downs
Tuesday 20 th	12 noon	Sheila Smith RIP
Wednesday 21 st	12 noon	Margaret Funnell
Thursday 22 nd	12 noon	Eileen Hendrick
Friday 23 rd	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Saturday 24 th	5pm	Chris Hindmarch RIP
Sunday 25 th Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Francis Meehan RIP 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

****Adoration: Adorer Required for 10am-11am on Tuesdays.**

Please speak to Fr Sean if you available to cover this slot.**

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, Ken Sheehan & 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 to request a Mass said for your intentions. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Please note that it can sometimes take a few months to schedule a Mass. 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 £794.85 in the collection last week. This weekend we will have a collection for World Missions. Thank you.

Candles: please note that during the week, church will be open via the sacristy door before and after the 12pm Mass for you to light candles if you wish.

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.

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



Restoration of St Joseph's Baptistry: Just a quick note to thank you for your support in fundraising for the restoration of the baptistry. Within the space of three weeks we have managed to raise enough to plaster and paint that area. This was thanks to the extraordinary generosity of some of our parishioners. Rest assured that we will continue to offer a Mass for our benefactors every week. A particular word of thanks to Kacey Jones who endured a gruelling 15km obstacle course last weekend and donated the funds raised to St Joseph's. I hope she recovers rapidly from her aches and bruises! Needless to say, the fundraising efforts will continue here for years to come - as we can now begin to think forward to the interior restoration - but it is nice to at least have the restoration of the baptistry area now secured. It is the most dilapidated part of our church and the paintwork there is a real eyesore. May God bless and protect all those who are helping to restore St Joseph's to its former glory! Fr Sean

****Sponsor a Slate: this scheme has now closed.** If you have not returned your form and still wish to sponsor a slate – you must return your form **no later than Wednesday 21st October**. Please note that if you return your form after this date, we cannot guarantee that the slate will be written. Thank you.**

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.

Walsingham 2027 Update: The 2027 Pilgrimage will be from Monday 3 May 2027 to Friday 7 May 2027. A non-refundable deposit of £110 is required by 25 October 2026. The cost will be £560 in the en-suite rooms and £475 in standard accommodation. Further details available from Shelagh Humphries shelaghclarinet@me.com Please note the change of email address. If you have already enquired and not received a reply please can you resend it to the new email address.

St Joseph's School, Mrs Holland, Staff and Governors want to say Thank you to all Parishioners that donated to our family in need. Your donations have made such a difference to this family, it has meant so much to them. We are all very grateful for the generosity, kindness and compassion, and we Thank God for you all.

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6: Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 'For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.'

Responsorial Psalm 96 (95) Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b: Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.

Matthew 22:15-21: At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'