St Joseph's RC Church
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22nd November 2026 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 21st	5pm	For all of our Benefactors
Sunday 22nd Christ the King	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Seamus Meehan RIP People of the Parish
Monday 23rd	12 noon	Thanksgiving (RAR)
Tuesday 24th *Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions*	12 noon	Philip Read-Shaw RIP
Wednesday 25th	12 noon	Sean Leff
Thursday 26th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Friday 27th	12 noon	Isabel Kalladanthyil RIP
Saturday 28th	5pm	Martin Gordon RIP
Sunday 29th 1st Sunday Advent Year B	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Keith Parry 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

Our Christmas Mass times will be:

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December	7.30pm Carols 8pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day Friday Thursday 25th December	10am

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 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, 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 Wallis, John Humphries & 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 four weeks notice** and we will try our best for that date or as near it as possible.
Money Matters: we received £721.85 in the collection last week and £222.45 for the Clergy Education and Training Fund. Next weekend Fr Dermot Byrne will be here to celebrate all Masses and make an appeal on behalf of Missio – there will be a collection after Masses. Thank you very much.
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.

Advent Retreat Day for Young Adults (Age 18-35ish): On Saturday 5th of December there will be a day of recollection for young adults at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, led by Fr Joseph Fawcett-Wood and Fr Sean Davidson. Please bring a packed lunch. Schedule: 12pm Rosary with Meditations, 12:20pm Talk, 1:15pm Lunch. 2:15pm Talk, 3pm Coffee Break, 3:30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Confessions, 4:30pm - Benediction, 5pm - Mass for anyone who wishes to stay.
Christmas Concert 2026: St Joseph's will hold a Christmas Concert by the SMVC (Stockport Male Voice Choir) on Saturday 12th December 2026 commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Mulled wine, mince pies and a raffle. If you wish to join us following 5pm Mass a cup of tea/coffee and very light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there.
Gregorian Chant for Advent & Christmas: A workshop for singers: Saturday 12th December 2026 11.00 am – 4.00pm, St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester M15 6BW. Cost £10 per person. A practical day course on Gregorian chants for Advent and Christmas led by Dr. Rosemarie Darby of the University of Manchester. No previous experience is necessary. Booking is essential. More info and booking form contact Dr Rosemarie Darby stphilipnerisingers@yahoo.co. / rosemarie.darby@manchester.ac.uk
Wednesday prayer group: every Wednesday at 7pm- 8.30pm in the church hall. All welcome.
Walsingham 2027: Pilgrimage will be from Monday 3 May 2027 to Friday 7 May 2027. If you would like to join the pilgrimage please contact Shelagh Humphries as soon as possible to secure a place - shelaghclarinet@me.com
The Shroud of Turin, The Fifth Gospel: On Thursday 26th November at 7.30 PM at St Peter's Parish Centre,Green Lane, Hazel Grove, SK74EA, there will be an evening talk on The Shroud of Turin by Michael Kowalski, author of 'The Shroud of Christ: Evidence of a 2000-Year Antiquity' All welcome.

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17: Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.
Responsorial Psalm 23 (22): The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28: Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.
Matthew 25:31-46: At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." 'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'