

St Joseph's RC Church

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17th March 2024 – 5th Sunday Lent Time B

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 16 th Vigil	5pm	Starkey Family	
Sunday 17 th 5 th Sunday Lent B	10am 11.30am	Ah-Tou & Van-Rosi Families For the people of the parish	
Monday 18 th <i>St Joseph</i>	12 noon	Elizabeth Matthews RIP	
Tuesday 19 th	12 noon	The Kelly Family	
Wednesday 20 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Thursday 21 st	12 noon	Mary Allen RIP	
Friday 22 nd	12 noon	The O'Connell Family	
Saturday 23 rd Vigil	5pm	Margaret Smith RIP	
Sunday 24 th Palm Sunday	10am 11.30am	For the people of the parish The Redfearn Family	
Daily Schedule	Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	11.30am
Eucharistic Adoration Benediction	7am-7pm 6.45pm		
Confessions	11am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	10.30am-11am
Rosary for Vocations	6.30pm		11am

We pray for our sick: Jacobi Hill, Maddie Makonyola, Maria Sandiford, Jane Coupes, Michael Philbin, Linda Abel, Ged Gibbons, Cora Tierney, Mary O'Brien, Laurie Glenn, Carmel Mayo, Anthony Healey, Margaret Runcieman, Doreen Rowan, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsenan, Michael John Ford, John McCormick, Roy Curran, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Robyn Gibbons, Nathan Hatfield, Angela Mullin, Keith Morris, Pat Morris, Lesley Morris, Maria DeSilva, Peter Taylor.

Anniversaries: We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

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. Please note that we are several months behind with Mass Intentions. If you require a specific date, we will try our best to do that date or as near it as possible. Thank you.

Money Matters: we received £505.43 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

Sponsor a Slate: In order to help raise more funds towards the cost of this and future works, we are offering the chance to 'Sponsor a Slate' for a suggested minimum donation of £20 you can sponsor a slate. Please complete a form and place it in the envelope together with your donation and return through the presbytery door .

Vacancies A vacancy has arisen for a Cook here at St Joseph's Hours: 12 per week @ £12.50 per hour. (Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri mornings). Applications should be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date 26 March. More details see the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies>

EASTER SERVICE TIMES:

Maundy Thursday 28th March – 7pm

Good Friday 29th March – 3pm and Stations of the Cross 7pm

Easter Vigil 30th March – 8pm

Easter Sunday 31st March – 10am and 11.30am

Reminder: As the Financial year is coming to an end, if you have recently set up a Direct Debit/Standing Order and wish the Parish to claim Gift Aid, please ensure your Gift Aid Declaration Form is returned FAO Rosemary as soon as possible, we are unable to make a claim without the Declaration Form. Thank you.

Offertory Envelopes. The new envelopes are now ready for parishioners to collect, they are in the Sacristy, nearest the exit door to the car park. They will run from Sunday 7th April 2024 to 30th March 2025, any old envelopes must not be used from 7th April 2024, please destroy any you may have left. As always, Thank you for continuing support, it is very much appreciated.

Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope “We Dare to Say” Pope Francis has asked us, as part of our preparation for the Holy Year in 2025 to make this year into a time for refreshing our prayer and especially our appreciation and use of the Our Father. We Dare To Say is a five-week Faith Sharing course on the familiar and powerful words of the Our Father. The course will commence on Monday 8th April 2024 starting at 7pm at St Joseph’s. Each session should last one hour and 15 minutes. All are welcome. Please email stockportshrine@gmail.com if you wish to attend.

Walsingham 2024 Due to lower numbers than expected we have a shortfall on our coach cost for this years pilgrimage. Rather than increase the cost as some may not be able to afford the increase we have been raising money via the football cards but this is difficult with no teas and coffees due to the work being done in church. If you could make a donation to help us out please could you put your donation in an envelope marked Walsingham Pilgrimage donation 2024. A Novena of Masses will be offered at the Shrine for all the benefactors. With my thanks and prayers Shelagh Humphries

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel: The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this— it is the Lord who speaks. **Psalm 129(130):** *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans: People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John: Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, ‘Lord, the man you love is ill.’ On receiving the message, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will end not in death but in God’s glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.’ Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judaea.’ On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.’ ‘Your brother’ said Jesus to her ‘will rise again.’ Martha said, ‘I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said: ‘I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ she said ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.’ Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, ‘Where have you put him?’ They said, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept; and the Jews said, ‘See how much he loved him!’ But there were some who remarked, ‘He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man’s death?’ Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, ‘Take the stone away.’ Martha said to him, ‘Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.’ Jesus replied, ‘Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: ‘Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’ The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, let him go free.’ Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.