

St Joseph's RC Church

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24th March 2024 – Palm Sunday

Mass Times and Intentions:

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
Monday 25 th	12 noon	Peadar Ivory
Tuesday 26 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Wednesday 27 th	12 noon	David Whelan RIP
Thursday 28 th Maundy Thursday	7pm	Heather & Herbert Gaskell RIP
Friday 29 th Good Friday	3pm 7pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
Saturday 30 th Easter Vigil	8pm	Pat Deegan
Sunday 31 st Easter Sunday	10am 11.30am	For the people of the parish The Collins Family
Daily Schedule	Monday- Wednesay	
Mass	12 noon	
Eucharistic Adoration Benediction	7am-7pm 6.45pm	
Confessions	11am-11.45am	
Rosary for Vocations	6.30pm	

*** Please note: There will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Confessions during Easter week. Adoration will conclude on Wednesday 27th March at 7pm and recommence on Monday April 8th at 7am.***

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 Gilsean, 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 Jim Hardy and 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 £946.17 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>

Golden Jubilee Celebration for Fr Jim Matthews, SCJ. Please remember Fr Jim Matthews in your prayers, as today (Sunday 24th March) he celebrates his 50-year Jubilee of Ordination. Congratulations Fr Jim! May God Bless you and we thank you for spending time with us here at St Joseph's, Stockport.

Chrism Mass: will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 27th March at St Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch.

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 year's 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

Film event at St Vincent de Paul, Bramhall: TODAY (Palm Sunday 24 March 2024) at 5pm, all welcome. The film, 'The Passion of the Christ.' Director; Mel Gibson. This film follows the final Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, commencing with the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and leading up to the death of Jesus. The film is not in English, Subtitles will be on. Free to attend. Donations are, however, welcome but not obligatory. Cert 18 - Adults only.

Holy Hour at Christ Church: 'Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!' St Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:20. You are welcome to join us for a Holy Hour for Easter. A time of prayer with worship music & Scripture readings before the Blessed Sacrament at Christ Church, Heald Green, SK8 3DY on Sunday 14th April 2024, 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

Diocesan Mass for the Celebration of Marriage 2024: The annual Marriage Mass will take place on Saturday June 8th, 12 noon at Saint Columba's Church Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. The event is open to those who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year: Silver, Pearl, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or Platinum and also newly married couples. If you are eligible and would like to attend please speak to Fr Sean or email stockportshrine@gmail.com

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: You are invited to join in prayer with members and friends of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality to celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on Monday 25th March 2024 at 7pm. Please make any requests for the zoom link/ password to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267.

Men's Cursillo Encounter: 23-26 May 2024. Are you searching for a deeper purpose in your life? Come to a Men's Cursillo Encounter Weekend at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, Liverpool, L37 1PH. £30 deposit needed to secure your place. For more information and to book contact Stephen stephen_gallag@hotmail.co.uk

Vacancy: St Philip's Catholic Primary School is looking to appoint a highly motivated and inspirational Deputy Headteacher from September 2024. More information can be found at:

<https://www.stphilipsstockport.co.uk/page/vacancies/144123> Closing date 17th April 2024