

St Joseph's RC Church

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31st March 2024 – Easter Sunday

Mass Times and Intentions:

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
Monday 1 st	12 noon	For prayers answered
Tuesday 2 nd	12 noon	Sheila Delille
Wednesday 3 rd	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Thursday 4 th	12 noon	Brother Richard SCJ
Friday 5 th	12noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book
Saturday 6 th	5pm	Anthony Millwall
Sunday 7 th 2 nd Sunday Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday	10am 11.30am	For the People of the Parish Craig Coward

*** Please note: There will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Confessions during Easter week. - this will 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.

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>

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. In addition 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

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.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday, 7th April, 2024 at Our Lady and the Apostles, Stockport. Church will be open from 1.30pm onwards; Exposition and Confessions at 2pm and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. Mass at 3.30pm. All are welcome .

The next showing of The Chosen will be after 7pm Mass at Our Lady's on 4 April 2024. This story of the life of Jesus, through the eyes of the Apostles has a massive following and watching it on the big screen is truly breathtaking. If you haven't seen it you really are missing out. Bar will be open. We are watching Series One. episode 5 & 6. Come and see the Wedding at Cana, Jesus healing a leper and casting out demons. Venue - The Social Club at Our Lady's after Mass. Free entry, donation optional.

Our Lady and the Apostles Pilgrimage 2024 is to Poland. The dates are 23 - 27 Sept 2024 and cost is £630, 1/2 board (sharing). Flights are from Manchester to Krakow. We will be visiting St Mary's Basilica, the Bishops palace, Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, Auschwitz, Jasna Gora Sanctuary and many other optional visits. Pilgrimage Spiritual Lead: Fr. Martin Onuoha Contact unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com for more information.

Acts 10:34,37-43: Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead– and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm: This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad.

Colossians 3:1-4: Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed– and he is your life– you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence: Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation: Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

Mark: 16: 1-8 When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" But when they looked they could see that the stone—which was very big—had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, "There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you.'"