

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Anthony Millwall	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday	10am 11.30am	For the People of the Parish Craig Coward	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> The Annunciation	12 noon	Heather & Herbert Gaskell RIP	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Martin James Loftus RIP	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Stanislaus</i>	12 noon	Marian Moran RIP	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	John Moran RIP	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Philip Burgess RIP	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Easter	10am 11.30am	Robert Leroy Chamberlain RIP For the People of the Parish	
<b>Daily Schedule</b>	<b>Monday-Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>Mass</b>	12 noon	5pm	11.30am
<b>Eucharistic Adoration Benediction</b>	7am-7pm 6.45pm		
<b>Confessions</b>	11am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	10.30am-11am
<b>Rosary for Vocations</b>	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, Ron Runcieman.

**Anniversaries:** We remember Michael Joseph Marting and 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 £1617.36 in the collection last weekend and £189 for Holy Places. 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 .

**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.** New envelopes are now ready for parishioners to collect, they are in the Sacristy. They run from Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> 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 to make this year into a time for refreshing our prayer. 'We Dare To Say' is a 5 week Faith Sharing course on the powerful words of the Our Father. The course will start on Mon 8th Apr 2024 at 7pm at St Joseph's. Each session should last one hour and 15 minutes. All are welcome. Please email [stockportshrine@gmail.com](mailto:stockportshrine@gmail.com) if you wish to attend.

**\*\*The Parish of St Joseph's wishes to extend a huge THANK YOU  
to all those involved in making this Easter so wonderful.\*\***

**Walsingham 2024** Due to lower numbers than expected we have a shortfall on our coach cost for this years pilgrimage. 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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:

[www.stphilipsstockport.co.uk/page/vacancies/144123](http://www.stphilipsstockport.co.uk/page/vacancies/144123) Closing date 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Today **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.

**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](mailto:unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com) for more information.

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**Acts 4:32-35:** The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

**1 John 5:1-6:** Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

**John 20:19-31:** In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.