

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter Year B**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	For the People of the Parish	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter	10am 11.30am	For hope & stability in troubled times Anthony Wright & Family	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Catherine of Sienna</i>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Margaret Doyle & Family	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	12 noon	Isaac Turkovic RIP	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>St Athanasius</i>	12 noon	Joe Murray RIP	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Ss Philip &amp; James</i>	12 noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Seamus Woods RIP	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter	10am 11.30am	For the people of the parish The Marsh Family	
<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, Pat Morris.

**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 £625.96 in the collection last weekend. Thank you.

**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

**St Joseph's Primary School:** From September 2024, we are delighted to be able to offer 8 full time nursery places from 8.45am – 3.15pm Monday – Friday. Please contact the school office if you wish to register your child for a full-time place. This is a wonderful step forward for St Joseph's so please spread this great news to any families you know who have nursery age children.

**Legal Advice** - For those in need of legal advice a free initial and confidential legal advice consultation will now be available to our Parishioners by an experienced catholic solicitor. In the first instance, the initial consultation will not include consideration of documents. Please contact Paul Magee on 07821508731 or email [Paul.Magee@prosperitylaw.com](mailto:Paul.Magee@prosperitylaw.com).

**Vacancy:** The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Director of Schools and applications are now open. Details of the role and the application process can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2040730>

**Diocesan Day for Confirmation Catechists:** The Department of Catechesis and Promotion of the Vocation of Marriage have arranged a day specifically aimed at catechists who are involved in preparing young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is being run by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, a group of experienced and visionary catechists. We are particularly blessed that Bishop Mark will be joining us for the day. Takes place on Saturday 18th May 2024 from 10am – 4pm, held in the Parish Centre of St Mary's RC Church, Crewe. The event is free of charge. For more details and to book your place, please see flyers at back of church.

**Footsteps:** Thursday 2 May at 7.30pm with Anthony Delaney from the Ivy Church in Didsbury. He will talk on 'The art of survival – how to get through whatever you have to go through.' It's a message he has been speaking on in various settings including in the Middle East in recent months so it sounds like it will be very thought provoking. Meet in the parish centre of St Peter's, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA.

**CAFOD:** are launching an emergency appeal for donations to get aid to the people of Sudan. When violence broke out last year in Sudan between government and paramilitaries, most aid agencies evacuated. Now, humanitarian workers are struggling to get back into Sudan to help, meaning severe delays in getting aid to the people. Many borders are shut as the government say they need to keep weapons out. But the Church and our local partners are still there. At least 8 million people have had to flee their homes; famine looms. We will hold a retiring collection next Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> May) for this appeal.

**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, and will be 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](mailto:stockportshrine@gmail.com).

**Year of Prayer 2024** Come and join our online webinar with Sycamore. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 7pm-8pm. Email Natalie Orefice for the link to join: [Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

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**Acts 9:26-31:** When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm:** You Lord are my praise in the great assembly.

**1 John 3:18-24:** My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

**John 15:1-8:** Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'