

St Joseph's RC Church

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5th May 2024 – 6th Sunday Easter Year B

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 4 th	5pm	Seamus Woods RIP	
Sunday 5 th 6 th Sunday Easter	10am 11.30am	For the people of the parish The Marsh Family	
Monday 6 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Tuesday 7 th	12 noon	Nathan Harrison	
Wednesday 8 th	12 noon	Heather & Herbert Gaskell RIP	
Thursday 9 th <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	12 noon 7pm	Seamus McKenna RIP In thanksgiving	
Friday 10 th	12 noon	Roger McCorley RIP	
Saturday 11 th	5pm	James McShane RIP	
Sunday 12 th 7 th Sunday Easter	10am 11.30am	For the people of the parish Eamon Regan RIP	
Daily Schedule	Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	11.30am
Eucharistic Adoration Benediction	9.30am-7pm(Mon) 7am-7pm (Tues-Fr) 6.45pm		
Confessions	11am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	10.30am-11am
Rosary for Vocations	6.30pm		11am

***Please note that on Monday Adoration will begin at 9.30am rather than 7am as there will be an early Mass for our Walsingham pilgrims before their departure.**

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, 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 £781.86 in the collection last weekend. Thank you. This weekend (4/5 May) we will have a second collection for CAFOD for their Sudan appeal. Next Sunday (11/12 May) we will have a second collection for World Communication Day.

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.

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.

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.

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 15th May 7pm-8pm. Email Natalie Orefice for the link to join: Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

'...and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' **St Peter on Pentecost Sunday (Acts 2:38).** You are welcome to join us for a Holy Hour for Pentecost. A time of prayer with worship music with scripture readings in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at Christ Church, Heald Green, SK8 3DY on Sunday 19th May 2024, 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48: As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

1 John 4:7-10: My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

John 15:9-17: Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'