

St Joseph's RC Church

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5th January 2025 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 4 th	5pm	Oliver Gilsenan RIP
Sunday 5 th The Epiphany of the Lord	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Mick Lee RIP People of the Parish
Monday 6 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Tuesday 7 th	12 noon	Teresa Colter RIP
Wednesday 8 th	12noon	Decease members of the Clayton, Durkin, Graham, Harkin, Hodson, Kenny, Maguire, Smith, Walden & Wright families
Thursday 9 th	12 noon	Bridget Gilsenan
Friday 10 th	12 noon	Teresa and John Grice
Saturday 11 th	5pm	Stephen Shields RIP
Sunday 12 th The Baptism of the Lord	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Anthony Wright & Family People of the Parish

Daily Schedule	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)
Eucharistic Adoration	7am-9pm		
Confessions	11am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	On request
Rosary for Vocations	11.20am		11am

****Adorers Needed**:** beginning in January, we are in need of Adorers to cover from 3pm-4pm and 4pm-5pm on Thursdays. Please let Fr Sean know if you are able to help. Thank you.

We pray for our sick: Jacobi Hill, Maddie Makonyola, Maria Sandiford, Jane Coupes, John McCormick, Michael Philbin, Linda Abel, Ged Gibbons, Robyn Gibbons, Cora Tierney, Mary O'Brien, Laurie Glenn, Carmel Mayo, Anthony Healey, Margaret Runcieman, Ron Runcieman, Doreen Rowan, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsenan, Michael John Ford, Roy Curran, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Nathan Hatfield, Angela Mullin, Keith Morris, Pat Morris, Lesley Morris, Maureen McGuire, Rosemarie Hurley, Bobby Henshall, Tony Kiely, Joanne Kiely.

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 we are approx 8 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 for your understanding.

Christmas Concert by Stockport Male Voice Choir: We send our grateful thanks to the choir for their wonderful performance. We raised £1101 from this event. Thank you to everyone who supported this evening - despite the awful weather.

Sunday 12th January – at the 11.30am Mass we welcome Bishop Mark who will celebrate Mass with us to mark the beginning of the Jubilee year as, along with the Cathedral, St Joseph's has been designated a place of pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year.

Volunteers Needed: we need 3 volunteers who regularly attend the 11.30am Sunday Mass to serve the refreshments afterwards. It would involve each person serving every other week. Please speak to Karen if you are able to help. Thank you.

Walsingham 2025 Pilgrimage: will be for 4 nights commencing on 5th May 2025. The cost is £508 Ensuite/£432 Standard. Please email Shelagh Humphries: shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com or phone 07853 176698 for details and to check availability. Thank you.

Walk to Walsingham 2025: Leaving St Josephs Church Tatton Street, Stockport, Thursday 10th April arriving Walsingham Maundy Thursday 17th April. Anyone looking for a deeper experience of faith, come join us in this ancient tradition of walking pilgrimage.

Parish Safeguarding Representative is: Rosemary Linnane. *If you have any concerns about safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults, please contact Rosemary in the strictest confidence. Details are on the noticeboards in church and the parish hall.*

Isaiah 60:1-6: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all round, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm: All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6: Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord. Alleluia.

Matthew 2:1-12: Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.' After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Jubilee 2025 Prayer: *Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*