

St Joseph's RC Church

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9th February 2025 – 5th Sunday Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 8 th	5pm	In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
Sunday 9 th <i>5th Sunday Ordinary Time C</i>	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Special Intention People of the Parish
Monday 10 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Tuesday 11 th	12 noon	Stephen Pye RIP
Wednesday 12 th	12noon	Mary Philips RIP
Thursday 13 th	12 noon	Martha Rattos RIP
Friday 14 th	12 noon	Alice Whelan RIP
Saturday 15 th	5pm	Michael Joseph Martin RIP
Sunday 16 th <i>6th Sunday Ordinary Time C</i>	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	James Ryan RIP 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

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 Martha Rattos and 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. 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.

Money Matters: we received £961.17 in the loose plate/envelope collection last week. In December we received £1779.00 in Standing Orders, £935.75 in online giving (card machine) and £765.36 in donations towards ongoing restoration. Thank you very much.

Thank You to all who attended the day "Introduction to the Holy Year 2025" held on Saturday 1st February. It was a successful event and we hope to see you throughout 2025. God Bless.

Dates for your Diary:

7th March 2025 - World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayful action. This year's programme has been written and produced by the women of the Cook Islands. The day begins in Samoa and goes around the whole world, towards the West, ending with the final service in Samoa. The service for Central Stockport will be held at St Alban's, Salcombe Road, Offerton, SK2 5AG at 2pm.

15th March 2025 Celebration of St Joseph and St Patrick. Details to follow.

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.

Lourdes Roadshow: In this Jubilee Year of 2025, Bishop Mark has asked that our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be our Jubilee Pilgrimage. To help raise the profile of the pilgrimage and to answer any questions your parishioners might have, we have organised a roadshow for those who are interested joining the pilgrimage to Lourdes. Saturday 15th February 2pm-4pm St Anthony's, Wythenshawe.

Footsteps: will be on Thursday 13 February at 7.30pm in the parish centre of St Peter's Hazel Grove, when Will Wilson will be coming to share with us "Life lessons from the Book of Ruth." Will is a Methodist lay preacher and a retired teacher in special needs education. Join us in an informal, café-style setting; there's a large free car park, good disabled access, loop system, drinks and nibbles and no charge. All welcome.

National Marriage Week for 2025 runs between the 7th - 14th of February. Please pray for all marriages during this week. You will find some resources on the diocesan website, in particular a novena for marriage week and prayer. The Novena has also been arranged in Booklet form and can be downloaded and printed off as needed. There is also a link to the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, to the message from Bishop Bosco MacDonald, who is the lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life

Radio Maria England on Wednesday, 12th February at 10am for an inspiring broadcast with Fr Ed Tomlinson, a Catholic priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Fr Ed, a married father, rugby player, Norwich City fan, and lover of, will share his unique journey and experiences. Listen online at www.RadioMariaEngland.uk, on the Radio Maria Play App, or ask your smart speaker to "Play Radio Maria England". Be encouraged by his story and join us for this uplifting conversation!

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 6:1-2a, 3-8: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!' And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.' And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'

Responsorial Psalm: *In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11: I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unworthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. Alleluia.

Luke 5:1-11: At that time: The crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear the word of God. He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.' And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.' And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.' And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.