

St Joseph's RC Church

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16th February 2025 – 6th Sunday Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

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
Monday 17 th	12 noon	Sr M O'Driscoll
Tuesday 18 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Wednesday 19 th	12noon	Liz Burke
Thursday 20 th	12 noon	Intentions of Peter Walters
Friday 21 st	12 noon	Thanksgiving to St Joseph
Saturday 22 nd	5pm	Kitty Carr RIP
Sunday 23 rd <i>7th Sunday Ordinary Time C</i>	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Hannah Whelan 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 Gilsean, 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 £659.41 in the loose plate/envelope collection last week. In January we received £1564.00 in Standing Orders, £653.77 in online offertory giving (card machine) and £2724.49 donations towards ongoing restoration (online and cheques/cash). Thank you very much.

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.

Celebration of the feast of St Joseph and St Patrick - 15th March 2025 - 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Come along and be entertained by The Keegan School of Dance, sing along with The Craic. There will be a Hot Pot Supper and Sweet Treat plus a licensed bar and raffle. Tickets are £20.00 each. Admittance will be by ticket only and will be on sale after weekend Masses.

Fr Blaise's Silver Jubilee – to celebrate Fr Blaise's Silver Jubilee of ordination, he will celebrate Mass with us on Monday 24th February 12 noon. We will have tea/coffee and cake in the parish hall after Mass. All welcome.

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.

Radio Maria: Don't miss "Walking with Destiny", an inspiring radio programme with Edmund Matyjeszek, exploring how Winston Churchill's language reveals the hand of God at work. Edmund reflects on Churchill's words, the victory won, and England's identity as the Dowry of Mary. This thought-provoking discussion will deepen our understanding of our nation's purpose and strengthen our faith. Part 1 airs on Tuesday, 18 February, and Part 2 on Tuesday, 25th, at 10am. Listen live on the Radio Maria England App, online at radiomariaengland.uk, or on your smart speaker by saying, "Play Radio Maria England"!

Vacancy: The governors of the school wish to appoint an outstanding, dynamic and highly motivated Lay Chaplain to begin in April 2025 or sooner. For more information: <https://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/jobs/>

Marriage Care are looking for volunteers: Are you looking for some rewarding voluntary work? Marriage Care, a national charity, assists parishes to prepare couples for marriage. We are looking for help in presenting our one day marriage preparation courses and/ or providing marriage preparation online. We aim to provide the best possible opportunity for couples to prepare for a lifelong, loving marriage. We focus on topics such as: exploring expectations; communication; conflict management; sacrament of marriage, vows and promises; nurturing the relationship. Would you be able to help? We are looking for both male and female volunteers. We provide training and ongoing support to equip you to work as part of a team. For further information, go to <https://www.marriagecare.org>. or contact John Worth, Centre co-ordinator, Stockport Marriage Care, on 0161 494 6428.

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.*

Jeremiah 17:5-8: Thus says the LORD: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 'Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.*

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20: Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.

Luke 6:17, 20-26: At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'