

St Joseph's RC Church

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23rd February 2025 – 7th Sunday Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

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
Monday 24 th	12 noon	Fr Blaise Nsangou
Tuesday 25 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Wednesday 26 th	12noon	Members of the Jones Family
Thursday 27 th	12 noon	Michael Embrey RIP
Friday 28 th	12 noon	Rosemary Hurley
Saturday 1 st March	5pm	Roger Burns RIP
Sunday 2 nd <i>8th Sunday Ordinary Time C</i>	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Francis Meehan 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 Stephen Pye 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 £649.92 in the loose plate/envelope collection last week. 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 tomorrow, Monday 24th February 12 noon. We will have tea/coffee and cake in the parish hall after Mass. All welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: bookings for the 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now open. The brochure/booking forms available to download from the Pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year: You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

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.

Vacancy: Deputy Director of Schools- Diocese of Shrewsbury: A recruitment process for the Deputy Director of Schools is now underway for this post. If you would like further information or candidate pack and application form please contact Liam Dowds, our Emmaus Advising Consultant, on 01737 652 043 or email him at ldowds@emmausleadership.me

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.*

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23: In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.' But David said to Abishai, 'Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be guiltless?' So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them. Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, 'Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the LORD gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the LORD's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm: The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49: Brothers and Sisters: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Luke 6:27-38: At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 'If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'