

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	5pm	Roger Burns RIP
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time C</i>	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Francis Meehan RIP People of the Parish
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12 noon	Bronislaw Szal RIP
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	The Russell & Roche Families
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	12noon	People of the Parish
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all those in the Remembrance Book
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Kathleen Cork
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent Year C</i>	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Michael Garrigan 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 £686.10 in the loose plate/envelope collection last week. Thank you very much.

**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 this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 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.

**Diocesan Mass for Marriage:** The 2025 Diocesan Mass for Marriage will be held at 12 noon on Saturday 21st June at Holy Angels, Hale Barns, followed by a buffet lunch for invited guests. Parishioners celebrating a significant marriage anniversary can apply for an invitation from the Bishop's Office through Fr Sean.

**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](http://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, [ldowds@emmausleadership.me](mailto: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.*

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**Sirach 27:4-7:** When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind. Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *It is good to give thanks to you, O LORD.*

**1 Corinthians 15:54-58:** Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.

**Luke 6:39-45:** At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye. 'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.'