

St Joseph's RC Church

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9th March 2025 – 1st Sunday Lent Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 8 th	5pm	Kathleen Cork
Sunday 9 th <i>1st Sunday Lent Year C</i>	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Michael Garrigan RIP People of the Parish
Monday 10 th	12 noon	Matthew Robinson
Tuesday 11 th	12 noon	Keith Parry RIP
Wednesday 12 th	12 noon	Jean Fallon
Thursday 13 th	12 noon	Rebecca Berry & Family
Friday 14 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Saturday 15 th	5pm	Fr David Marsden
Sunday 16 th <i>2nd Sunday Lent Year C</i>	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Hannah Geluk 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. **Anniversaries:** We remember Stephen Pye and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased: We pray Joanne Keily and 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 £667.42 in the loose plate/envelope collection last week. Thank you very much. This Friday (14th) is CAFOD Family Fast Day – we will have a second collection for this next weekend.

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

Vacancy: A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary at the parishes of St Vincent's, Knutsford and St Winefride, Lymm (Based at St Vincent's). Hours: 12 per week. Rate of pay: £13 per hour. More details can be found via the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CV's with a covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: Monday 31 March 2025.

Save the Date, Family Faith and Fun Days: Starting Sunday 23rd March we will be having an afternoon of Family Faith and Fun, starting at 1.30pm to 4pm., once a month. More information will be available next weekend. All are invited, please come along and enjoy sharing our Faith with fun activities for the children, we will end the afternoon with Adoration and Meditation. We look forward to seeing you there.

Offertory Envelopes From next weekend the new Offertory Envelopes will be available for collection at the back of church. If anyone wishes to know more on how to Gift Aid their donations please contact Rosemary roisinlinnane@btinternet.com Thank you

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/>

Jubilee Retreat with a Focus on the Family. Come and learn about the biblical roots of a year of jubilee and why a jubilee year includes an Important focus on the family. Come and understand what that can mean for us today, in and through Jesus Christ. Venue: St. Columba's Church Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA Date & Time: Saturday 15th March 2025, 09.45 am- 1.00 pm. To register and for more information, please get in touch with Monika Golembiewska at monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org, Mobile: 07549 226794 or Jane Deegan jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07517 906435

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.*

Deuteronomy 26:4-10: Moses spoke to the people: 'The priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. And you shall make response before the LORD your God, "A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me." And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God.'

Responsorial Psalm: *Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*

Romans 10:8-13: Brothers and Sisters: What does Scripture say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For, 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Luke 4:1-13: At that time: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were over, he was hungry. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone."' And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, 'To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."' And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' And Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."' And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.