

St Joseph's RC Church

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16th March 2025 – 2nd Sunday Lent Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 15 th	5pm	Fr David Marsden
Sunday 16 th 2 nd Sunday Lent Year C	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Hannah Geluk RIP People of the Parish
Monday 17 th St Patrick	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Tuesday 18 th	12 noon	Elizabeth Matthews RIP
Wednesday 19 th St Joseph	12 noon	Mary Ryan RIP
Thursday 20 th	12 noon	Joyce Brennan RIP
Friday 21 st	12 noon	Sheila & Prince Prosper
Saturday 22 nd	5pm	Fr Sean Flannery RIP
Sunday 23 rd 3 rd Sunday Lent Year C	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Madge 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

Easter Services 2025

Maundy Thursday 17 th April	Good Friday 18 th April	Easter Vigil 19 th April	Easter Sunday 20 th April
7pm	3pm and Stations of the Cross at 7pm	8.30pm	9.30am and 11.30am

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 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 £658.77 in the loose plate/envelope collection last week. Thank you very much. Last Friday, 14th, was CAFOD Family Fast Day – we will have a second collection for CAFOD this weekend.

Family Faith and Fund Days: St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine is hosting Family Faith and Fun Days, starting 23rd March. The days will start at 1.30pm, followed by adult and children faith study plus fun activities for the children, adults can join in, the day will end at 4pm after Guided Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Fr Sean via email stockportshrine@gmail.com

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.

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 and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage website

www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

Vacancy Loreto Sixth Form College: is seeking to appoint a teacher of Core Religious Education/Chaplaincy Support. Core RE has centrally planned resources and is not an examined subject, there are no formal assessments and no significant marking commitments. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. For more information, please go to <https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/>

Vacancy: for a Parish Secretary at the parishes of St Vincent's, Knutsford and St Winefride, Lymm (Based at St Vincent's). 12hours per week. Rate: £13 per hour. www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/ CV's with a covering letter sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: 31/03/25.

Assisted Suicide - What you can do to defeat the Assisted Suicide Bill - Meeting at St Peter's Hazel Grove, Thursday 20th March 7.30 PM in the Parish Centre. MPs voted for Kim Leadbeater MP's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill to pass its Second Reading in November. This bill can still be defeated when MPs next vote at the end of April but we need your help. Please come along and find out how what we can do collectively and individually to help defeat this bill. More details, contact Deacon John McKay: mckay7897@hotmail.com

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey, which can be accessed at csan.org.uk/news/family/survey, where you'll also find further information about the survey. The survey will close on 25th March.

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18: In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. And he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Responsorial Psalm: *The LORD is my light and my salvation.*

Philippians 3:17-4:1: Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Gospel Acclamation: From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.

Luke 9:28b-36: At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah'— not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.