

### St Joseph's RC Church

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**6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent Year C**

#### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Catherine Demsey RIP
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent Year C	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	The Kiely Family People of the Parish
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Margaret Doyle & Family
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Keith Parry RIP
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Beatrice RIP (Fr Blaise's sister)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Patricia Byrne RIP
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Thomas Fitzgerald RIP
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Benny McCabe RIP People of the Parish

sDaily 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

**\*\*Please note that Adoration will finish at 12noon on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
and resume at 7am on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April\*\***

Easter Services 2025			
Maundy Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Vigil 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 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 £883.46 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

**Lily for the Altar** Envelopes will be at the back of Church for your donation for a Lily for our Easter flower display.

**St Joseph's Men's Football Tournament:** we are organising a football tournament to raise funds for the ongoing, much needed, restoration works here at St Joseph's. We now need YOU players, referees and stewards. This will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May 2025 at Cheadle Catholic School in Cheadle Hulme. What better way to spend a Bank Holiday – bring a picnic and support your parish. If you are willing to play/help in any way please let us know [stockportshrine@gmail.com](mailto:stockportshrine@gmail.com)

**Remembrance Book:** If you wish an entry in the remembrance book, please complete a remembrance book form (on the table in the hall). Please record **in print** the name, date of death of the person you wish to remember, your own name and contact number. Please allow time for the entry to be made for your requested anniversary of death. A small donation is usually made, if possible, to St Joseph's parish. Thank you Rosetta Mason.

**Agnus Dei Faith and Fellowship** - parish group dedicated to delving deeper into the truths of the Catholic faith. Including: prayer, adoration, study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Old and New Testament of the Bible and practical suggestions for everyday living of the faith, while forming friendships and developing an understanding of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Wednesdays at 7pm in the parish hall. Any queries please contact: [laura.wilson448@gmail.com](mailto:laura.wilson448@gmail.com)

**Supporting the Vocation to Marriage & Family Life:** Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways you can help. When: 7 June 2025 9.30am-4.00pm Where: Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barnes WA15 0HG To Register and for More Information please contact: Monika at [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Mobile: 07549226794 or Jane at [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Mobile: 07517 906435

**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](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk)

**Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality:** There will be an informal meeting on Wed 9 April at 7pm, in St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA to reflect on the role and purpose of the Hospitality, with a view to developing a more unified vision. All members are welcome. Please email [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) if you would like to attend. **Also** You are invited by Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality to join them in prayer, saying the Rosary together via Zoom on Wednesdays during Lent . Details from [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk)

**TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL – YOUR URGENT ACTION IS NEEDED:** In November 2024, MPs voted by 330 to 275 to give MP Kim Leadbeater's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill a second reading. The Bill is now being scrutinised by a Committee of MPs, followed by Report stage, with MPs given another chance to vote at Third Reading towards the end of April (possibly 25<sup>th</sup>). IT NEEDS JUST 30 MPS TO CHANGE THEIR VOTE TO DEFEAT THE BILL SO WHAT CAN WE DO? Many MPs have already said that they could change their vote if they are not satisfied with the details of this bill. Even if you have already contacted your MP there is an urgent need to lobby your MP to reject the Bill at Third Reading. You can do this by: Lobbying your MP in person (the most impactful campaign action one can take) Writing to your MP (if you can write a personal letter to your MP this will be more powerful than an email). If your MP voted for the Leadbetter Bill in November, it is especially important that you contact them. During the second reading debate, many MPs said they would change their vote if they weren't satisfied with the safeguards, or if particular changes weren't made. The Lives Worth Living campaign provides lots of resources and advice to help you to understand the Bill and tips for raising your concerns effectively with your MP in person or in writing. You can find this material at <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/assistedsuicideuk/> Please use your right as constituents to make your voices heard!

**Lourdes by Jumbulance:** Wirral and Chester Across Groups are again travelling to Lourdes by Jumbulance in 2025. The dates are Thu 15th to Sat 14th May and Thu 14th to Sat 23rd August. The Jumbulance is literally a Jumbo-Ambulance, with seven beds on board, an accessible toilet and kitchen. The journey overland takes about 21 hours. There are vacancies for a Doctor (in May), a nurse on each Group and helpers. There are vacancies for sick and disabled pilgrims. In the past we have taken people with MND, MS, COPD, various cancers, heart disease, etc and we have the facilities to care on the Jumbulance and in the Hotel. The cost is £1,360 which **includes Travel Insurance**. Nurses and those under 25 in FTE are asked to pay £660. For further information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or email [tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk)

**Charity Marathon:** Brigid O'Neil attends St Joseph's during the week. Her brother suffers with MND. He is able to speak but unable to do anything else. She is running a Marathon on 27th April to raise funds for MND. If you wish to sponsor Brigid please see the poster at the back of Church.

**CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal** Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please consider giving to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. You can donate online at [cafod.org.uk/myanmar](http://cafod.org.uk/myanmar) or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

**Tour of the Relics of St Columba, St Andrew & St Margaret: of Scotland:** there are two opportunities to visit these relics locally:

- 1) Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at St Mary's RC Church Heaton Norris, SK4 1RF. The church will be open for private prayer from 9.15am until 5pm with Mass at 9.15am and Confession on request.
- 2) St Anne's Church, Rock Ferry. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 5pm to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm. Full details of the programme on the poster on the noticeboard.

**South Manchester Catholic Young Adults** group is for young adults in the area aged 18-35. We meet fortnightly on Saturdays at St Vincent's, Altrincham, starting with 17:30 mass. We then have Adoration, a talk and a social at Westleigh. For more information email: [southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com) Our upcoming meets are: April 26th and May 10th and 31st. We hope to see you there!

**Divine Mercy and St Michael Retreat:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 2pm-3.30pm Birkenhead Carmelite Monastery, Grosvenor Place, Birkenhead, Prenton, CH43 1UA. Led by Fr Matthew Szerszen CSMA. There will be talks about 'The Miracle of Mercy' and 'St Michael the Archangel the great warrior of heaven'. For more information contact [noreenbavister@btinternet.com](mailto:noreenbavister@btinternet.com) also see Poster at back of church.

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[www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Join our online community and be part of the journey as we share the beauty of our Catholic faith together! **Like, follow, and share** to help spread the word. If you have any **parish** news or events which you would like to be considered for sharing on our diocesan platforms, please contact Catherine McLoughlin: [catherine.mcloughlin@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:catherine.mcloughlin@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

**Jubilee Prayer:** Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

**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.

**Isaiah 43:16-21:** Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ‘Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.’

**Responsorial Psalm:** *What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.*

**Philippians 3:8-14:** Brothers and Sisters: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful.

**John 8:1-11:** At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, ‘Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?’ This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, ‘Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.’ And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ She said, ‘No one, Lord.’ And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.’

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**The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for April: For the use of the new technologies**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

**Prayer to St Joseph:** *St. Joseph, just and true, with a father’s care you raised the child Jesus, and with a husband’s love, you shared your life with Mary, his mother. I entrust myself to your care and place in your hands this request of mine (mention intention). In quiet Nazareth, long ago, the Holy Spirit spoke to your heart and you followed God’s will with wonderful faith. In the quiet of my days, and in the hard choices I must make, help me follow the Spirit’s guidance and believe when I cannot see. Amen*