

St Joseph's RC Church

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20th April 2025 – Easter Sunday

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 19 th <i>Easter Vigil</i>	8.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 20 th <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	The Marsh Family People of the Parish
Monday 21 st	12 noon	Brother Richard
Tuesday 22 nd	12 noon	Fr Colin Wright
Wednesday 23 rd	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Thursday 24 th	12 noon	Maisie Whelan RIP
Friday 25 th	12 noon	Patsy Sweeney RIP
Saturday 26 th	5pm	Sr Maureen O'Driscoll
Sunday 27 th <i>Divine Mercy</i> <i>2nd Sunday after Easter</i>	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Derek Bottomley RIP People of the Parish

****Please note that Adoration will resume at 7am on Monday 28th April****

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 Gilsean, 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, Kathleen Grimes.

Anniversaries: We remember Michael Joseph Martin and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased: We pray for Marjorie Philbin and 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 £624.12 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

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

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.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations - This special Celebration will be held on Sunday 27 April 2025 at Our Lady's church, Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8BQ. The church will be open from 1:30 pm. The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions will be from 2 pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3 pm and the Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be celebrated at 3:30 pm. You are invited to recite the 9-day Novena Prayers (Click link: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org>.) and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday.

The Joy of the Lord is my Strength (Nehemiah 8:10) - All are welcome to join us for a time of Scripture & live worship music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at St Benedict's Catholic Church, Hall Road, Handforth, SK9 3AD on Sunday 4th May 2025, 7pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Tuesday 13th May 2025 from 7pm to 9pm - You are welcome to an evening of hearing the message of Fatima, hymns, Eucharistic Adoration, Marian devotion, and veneration of the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco. Beginning with the celebration of Holy Mass at 7pm at Sacred Heart and St Teresa's Catholic Church, Green Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 1LD. Free parking on Green Lane from 6.30pm and nearby in the Rex Car Park, SK9 1NX - see poster.

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 Mobile: 07549226794 or Jane at 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

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 the Manchester Marathon on 27th April to raise funds for MND. If you wish to sponsor Brigid please see the poster at the back of Church.

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. **Next date: 20-22 June** www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

Divine Mercy and St Michael Retreat: Friday 2nd 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 also see Poster at 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 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: St Anne's Church, Rock Ferry. Friday 25th April from 5pm to Sunday 27th April at 12.30pm. Full details of the programme on the poster on the noticeboard.

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 25th). 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

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 Our upcoming meets are: April 26th and May 10th and 31st. We hope to see you there!

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Readings for Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43: In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

Responsorial Psalm: *This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.*

Colossians 3:1-4: Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Victimae Paschali Laudes: Sequence:

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

John 20:1-9: On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.