

St Joseph's RC Church

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27th April 2025 – 2nd Sunday after Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

Prayers for Pope Francis (1936-2025)

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,
whom you made successor of Peter
and shepherd of your Church,
may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,
which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Psalm 120

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

Canticle of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis) Luke 2:29-32

At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise. For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

Mass Times and Intentions:

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| Saturday 26 th | 5pm | Sr Maureen O'Driscoll |
| Sunday 27 th Divine Mercy <i>2nd Sunday after Easter</i> | 9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant) | Derek Bottomley RIP People of the Parish |
| Monday 28 th | 12 noon | Marie Morgan |
| Tuesday 29 th | 12 noon | For all of our Benefactors |
| Wednesday 30 th | 12 noon | Mary Kirkham RIP |
| Thursday 1 st May | 12 noon | The Ireland Family |
| Friday 2 nd | 12 noon | For all those in our Remembrance book |
| Saturday 3 rd | 5pm | Mark Brennan RIP |
| Sunday 4 th <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> | 9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant) | Anthony Wright & Family People of the Parish |

| Daily Schedule | Monday - Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 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, 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 £1201.12 and £157.41 for Holy Places 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.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025 - Taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College from Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at: youth2000.org/events/.



Manchester Marathon: Brigid O'Neill who attends Mass here, will be running in the Manchester Marathon on Sunday, 27th April. She is raising funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association – Manchester and District Branch. They have been helping her mother, Ged, who has been living with MND for the last 6.5 years. If you would like to support Brigid, please scan the barcode on the poster at the back of Church or follow the link below. Alternatively, you can simply give cash directly to Brigid. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/brigid-oneill-1740156686158>.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations - This special Celebration will be held THIS AFTERNOON (Sunday 27 April) 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

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.

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: May 10th and 31st. We hope to see you there!

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Acts 5:12-16: Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Responsorial Psalm: *Give praise to the LORD for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.*

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19: I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.' Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.'

Gospel Acclamation: You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

John 20:19-31: On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.' Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.