

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter Year C – Vocation Sunday**

## Habemus papam! We have a new pope! Pope Leo XIV

*Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.*

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Andew Wright & Jessica
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Sandra Cozen & Carl Bramhall People of the Parish
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Lorna Brooks
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Margaret Doyle & Family
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Anthony Wright and Family
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Eamon Regan RIP
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Rev Fr Anthony Coglioco RIP
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Joyce Brennan 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, Kathleen Grimes.

**Recently Deceased:** We pray for all those who have died recently.

**Anniversaries:** We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**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 £643.84 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much. *Next weekend (17/18 May) we will have a collection for 'Day for Life'.*

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations (11th May 2025)** – Have you considered exploring a vocation to the diocesan priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? A first step might be to speak to your parish priest or contact the diocesan vocations director at [vocationsdirector@g](mailto:vocationsdirector@g) who can help you with discernment. We have a simple website [www.Shrewsburyvocations.org](http://www.Shrewsburyvocations.org) [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) or [www.ukpriest.org](http://www.ukpriest.org).

**Family Faith and Fun Days:** Our next event is on Sunday 18th May, as it is the month of May our theme will be The Rosary and the message of Our Lady of Fatima. Our afternoon starts at 1.30, please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee and juice will be provided. At 2pm we will be showing a short film about the children of Fatima, the film is aimed at children, however adults are welcome to watch also, this will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration, the day will finish with Fun for children, adults too if they wish, and faith study. Please do come along and join in, all are very welcome. If you would like to know more please email [stockportshrine@gmail.com](mailto:stockportshrine@gmail.com)

**Save the date Saturday 7th June 2025 - Big Band Night.** The fabulous 'Swingin' Affair' are playing for St Joseph's Shrine again following their tremendous evening in 2023. Details to follow in next week's newsletter but please save the date in your diary.

**Day of Formation in Liturgical Prayer & Sacred Music:** A day of study, prayer, music and reflection. Led by Fr Guy Nicholls, Director of the St John Henry Newman Institute of Liturgical Music. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton Street, Stockport, SK1 1EJ. A practical day course on understanding the Liturgy and use of Sacred Music within Mass. Begins at 11am and ends with a sung Mass at 5pm. Cost £5 per person (suggested donation payable on the day). Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. To book or for more information, please email [stockportshrine@gmail.com](mailto:stockportshrine@gmail.com)

**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.

**Footsteps:** The next event in the Footsteps programme of talks will be on Thursday 15 May at 7.30pm in the parish centre at St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA. Mary Hardiman, teacher, counsellor, author, is always a most captivating and thought provoking speaker. She will be talking about the Jubilee year of hope and in particular she'll explore what jubilee means and how we can experience the hope and freedom that God offers. Footsteps is for everyone of all denominations and walks of life. We'd love to welcome you again to our informal, café-style setting with drinks and nibbles a-plenty.

**An evening talk on the Turin Shroud:** St. Peter (Hazel Grove) are organising a talk on the Shroud of Turin by Michael Kowalski - Author and editor from the British Society for the Turin Shroud. It's on Thursday 26th June at 7.30 PM in St Peter's Parish centre. Including a full-sized replica of the world-famous Shroud of Turin Entry Fee: By donation, Refreshments are Included.

**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/](http://youth2000.org/events/).

**Radio Maria:** Join Radio Maria for a Worldwide Rosary live from the Chapel of the Apparitions at the heart of the Fátima Shrine. Pray with our global family on Tuesday, 13th May at 4pm. Listen on DAB+, online at [RadioMariaEngland.uk](http://RadioMariaEngland.uk), on the free Radio Maria Play app, or on your smart speaker by saying, "Play Radio Maria England."

**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.

**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.

**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: May 31st. We hope to see you there!

**Lourdes Hospitality:** Following a very positive meeting held early April, where we explored the role of the Hospitality, you are invited to continue this reflection at a further meeting. We hope to build on the previous lively discussions and consider areas for further development. The meeting will take place on Wed 21 May at 7pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. Confirm your attendance at [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk)

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**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.*

**Acts 13:14, 43b-52:** In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God. The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." ' And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

**Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17:** I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands. Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

**John 10:27-30:** At that time: Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'