

St Joseph's RC Church

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25th May 2025 – 6th Sunday Easter Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 24 th	5pm	David Brown RIP	
Sunday 25 th <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am (with children’s liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Sean Lynch RIP People of the Parish	
Monday 26 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Tuesday 27 th	12 noon	In thanksgiving (Elizabeth Kennedy)	
Wednesday 28 th	12 noon	Scott Barrett RIP	
Thursday 29 th <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	12 noon	Conway Wright	
Friday 30 th	12 noon	Jean Somerville RIP	
Saturday 31 st	5pm	William & Frances Moore RIP	
Sunday 1 st June <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am (with children’s liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Bridget Elizabeth Martin 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

***Please note that the feast of The Ascension of the Lord**, this Thursday 29th May is a Holy Day of Obligation.*
Adorers Needed: for the following hours: 9am to 10am on Fridays and 6pm to 7pm on Thursdays. Please speak to Fr Sean if you are able to attend these times. Thank you.

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. 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.

Money Matters: We received £572.18 in the collection last weekend and £122.10 for Day for Life. Next weekend (31st May/1st June) we will have a collection for World Communication Day. Thank you.

Big Band Night: Join us for a Big Band evening Saturday 7th June 2025 at 7pm. The fabulous 'Swingin' Affair' will be playing for St Joseph's Shrine again following their tremendous evening in 2023. Tickets cost £15 per person, this includes a cold buffet, and are on sale after Masses or by contacting 07412 003991 or 07977 002396. Licensed bar (cash only). 1940's dress is optional. All proceeds towards the ongoing upkeep and restoration of St Joseph's.

St Joseph's Football Tournament: due to unforeseen circumstances this event has been postponed and will now take place on Saturday 30th August 10am-3pm. We are still in need of teams, referees, marshalls to help with the day, so please get in touch stockportshrine@gmail.com if you are able to help. Thank you.

Live Streaming from St Joseph's: we are in the process of installing a fixed camera to livestream our services. Whilst we have received a grant from the Diocese to cover the cost of the equipment, we will need to cover the ongoing monthly cost of £95 per month for the service itself. If anyone would like to make either an ongoing or one off contribution to the running costs it would be greatly appreciated. If 30 people increased their offerings by £3 a month we would cover this cost. We are sure you will agree that this is a vital service which allows us to stay connected with those unable to come to church as well as reaching those further away. Thank you.

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 28th 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. All welcome (you don't need to be a musician). 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, email stockportshrine@gmail.com.

Supporting the Vocation to Marriage & Family Life: For 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. 7 June 2025 9.30am-4.00pm Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barnes WA15 0HG To Register please contact: Monika at monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07549226794.

'...and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' You are welcome to join us for a Holy Hour for Pentecost. A time of prayer with live worship music and scripture readings in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at St Benedict's, Hall Lane, Handforth, SK9 3AD Sunday 8th June 2025 at 7pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Rosemary Linnane. *If you have any concerns about safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults, please contact Rosemary in the strictest confidence. Details on the noticeboards.*

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29: In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question. Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.

Farewell.' **Responsorial Psalm:** *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23: The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

John 14:23-29: At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. 'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'