

St Joseph's RC Church

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20th July 2025 – 16th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 19 th	5pm	Edwin Eugene Scully RIP
Sunday 20 th	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	In Thanksgiving People of the Parish
Monday 21 st	12 noon	Fr Ray Matus RIP
Tuesday 22 nd <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	12 noon	All children who came to the Beacon prayer group
Wednesday 23 rd <i>St Bridget</i>	12 noon	Deceased members of the families of Patrick & Elizabeth Kennedy
Thursday 24 th	12 noon	Gerard Kenrick RIP
Friday 25 th <i>St James</i>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Saturday 26 th	5pm	Michael Cassidy RIP
Sunday 27 th	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Peter Taylor 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

Adorers Needed: for Fridays 9am – 10am. Please speak to Fr Sean if you can attend.

Adoration: Please note that during August the time for Adoration will be from 9am-9pm

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, Terry Simms, and Tony Sheehan.

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 £645.60 in the collection last weekend and £118.40 for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea). Thank you very much.

Afternoon Tea: Thursday 14th August 2024 after 12noon Mass in the Parish Hall. A bring-and-buy table will be set up (no clothes please). Tickets are £10 and will be available after Masses from 12th July onwards.

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.

Live-streaming: www.churchservices.tv/stjosephsrcchurchstockport.

Men's Football Tournament in aid of St Joseph's Stockport: taking place on Saturday 30th August 2025 at Cheadle Catholic School, Conway Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 6DB from 10am – 3pm (Gates open from 9.30am) Entrance via Bruntwood Lane footpath only. Bring a picnic, chair or rug. Drink refreshments available to buy. No parking on site. Please park in Bruntwood Park or park respectfully nearby. Tickets now on sale and cost £10 for adults, £5 for children or family ticket for £15 – to purchase call 07958 795105. Book early to avoid disappointment. Come along to support your parish team and to help raise funds for the restoration of St Joseph's.

Pilgrimage to Shrewsbury Cathedral: St Chad's Cheadle is organising a day Pilgrimage to Shrewsbury Cathedral on Saturday 13th September 2025. Leaving St Chad's at approx 8.30am and returning (again to St Chad's) at approx 6.30pm. The schedule for the day will be: 11am – Confessions, 12.15pm – Pilgrim Mass followed by Lunch in the Orchard Cafe, 2pm – Cathedral Tour, 3pm – Jubilee Pilgrim Liturgy (finishes by 4pm). Price £20 per person includes coach and lunch of either Ploughman's Lunch, Soup or Jacket potato (orders for lunch will be taken nearer the time). Places will be allocated on First Come First Served basis. To book please email stchadscheadle@gmail.com.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Next week our Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage will depart for Lourdes, with the theme 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope. Our Youth section leaves on Wednesday, the main pilgrimage coach and the Juniors coach leave on Thursday, and the planes on Friday. There are almost 430 pilgrims this year, which is our biggest number since covid. Many thanks for your help and support in encouraging parishioners to join us in Lourdes this year. On Sunday 27 July we will be joining the International Mass at 9.30am (8.30am UK time) and on Monday 28 July we will be joining with Hexham & Newcastle Diocese at the Grotto for Mass at 10am (9am UK time). Both Masses and other liturgies will be available to watch on Lourdes TV which can be accessed via www.lourdes-france.com. While we are in Lourdes we will be praying for you, please pray for us.

Genesis 18:1-10a: In those days: The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the tent.' The LORD said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm: *O LORD, who may abide in your tent?*

Colossians 1:24-28: Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience. Alleluia.

Luke 10:38-42: At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'