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27th July 2025 - Sunday Ordinary Time Year C  
**3rd August 2025 - 18th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C**

**Mass Times and Intentions:**

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Michael Cassidy RIP
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time C	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Peter Taylor RIP People of the Parish
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> St Mary, Martha & Lazarus	12 noon	Coleen Meleady RIP
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Deceased members of the families of Anne & Jim Mulvey
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> St Ignatius of Loyola	12 noon	Jean Alice Kilcoyne RIP
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori	12 noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5pm	Jamie Squire
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time C	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Winefried Marsden RIP People of the Parish
Monday St John Mary Manney	12 noon	A very special intention
Tuesday	12 noon	Paddy Purcell RIP
Wednesday The Transfiguration of the Lord	12 noon	The Dalzell Family
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	November List
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> St Dominic	12 noon	Maureen Burgess
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Michael O'Rourke RIP
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> 19 Sunday Ordinary Time C	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Margaret Smith 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	9am-9pm		
Confessions	11.00am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	On request
Rosary for Vocations	11.20am		11 am

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

Live-streaming: [www.churchservices.tv/stjosephsrcchurchstockport](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephsrcchurchstockport)

**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, 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.

**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.

**Afternoon Tea:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025 after 12 noon 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 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**Men's Football Tournament in aid of St Joseph's Stockport:** taking place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 CIO 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 [stchadsheadle@gmail.com](mailto:stchadsheadle@gmail.com).

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**Jubilee Prayer:** Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel; May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

**Prayer to St Joseph:** St. Joseph, just and true, with a father's care you raised the child Jesus, and with a husband's love, you shared your life with Mary, his mother. I entrust myself to your care and place in your hands this request of mine (mention intention). In quiet Nazareth, long ago, the Holy Spirit spoke to your heart and you followed God's will with wonderful faith. In the quiet of my days, and in the hard choices I must make, help me follow the Spirit's guidance and believe when I cannot see. Amen

## Readings for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C

### **Genesis: 18:20-32:**

In those days: The Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

**Responsorial Psalm** On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

### **Colossians 2:12-14:**

Brothers and sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia. You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia.

### **Luke 11:1-13:**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And he said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'" And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

## **Readings for 3rd August 18th Sunday Year C**

### **Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. -This also is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm** O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

### **Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11:**

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. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!

### **Luke 11:1-13:**

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, - who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods up for many years;" relax& eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you Land the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God."