

St Joseph's RC Church

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17th August 2025 - 20th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 16 th	5pm	Paul Sands RIP
Sunday 17 th 20 th Sunday Ordinary Time C	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Fr Sean Davidson People of the Parish
Monday 18 th	12 noon	Terry Simms
Tuesday 19 th	12 noon	November List
Wednesday 20 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Thursday 21 st	12 noon	Vera Jenkins
Friday 22 nd	12 noon	Lorraine Hardy RIP
Saturday 23 rd	5pm	Fr Chris Jenkins RIP
Sunday 24 th 21 st Sunday Ordinary Time C	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Anthony Wright & Family People of the Parish

Daily Schedule	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)
Eucharistic Adoration	9am-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

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

We pray for our sick: Jacobi Hill, 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.

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.

Money Matters: we received £625.91 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

Afternoon Tea Thank you to everyone who attended the Afternoon Tea get-together and to the 3 "Angels" who prepared it. It was lovely to see you all. We raised £768.61 in total including £165 on the bric-a-brac/plant table. All proceeds raised for St Joseph's Shrine. There are a few items left on the bric-a-brac table and this will be left for those participating in the tea/coffee session after weekend Masses.

Vacancy: A vacancy has arisen for the role of Cook within St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Stockport. This is a permanent appointment requiring 9 hours per week; 3 hours each day on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Rate of Pay – £12.60 per hour. Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 5 September. Further details are available on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

Children's Liturgy: The group has now finished for a summer break and will start up again in September, date will be advertised in the newsletter. The group want to Thank you for the support in bringing your children to this very special formation of Faith and also for all the donations of various items that help us teach our parishioners of the future. Rosemary

Men's Football Tournament takes place on Saturday 30th August 2025 at Cheadle Catholic School, Conway Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 6DB from 10am – 3pm. Tickets now on sale and cost £10 for adults, £5 for children or family ticket for £15 – to purchase call 07958 795105. Come along to support our parish team and to help raise funds for the restoration of St Joseph's. *We are looking for volunteers to help steward at this event, if you are willing to help, to find out more please contact Rosemary via email roisinlinnane@btinternet.com* Thank you

Sharing hope with a broken world with special guest star Mark Saunders. On September 13th 2025 at St Joseph's Stockport. 10.30am – 2.15pm. Mark Saunders was an Evangelical Pastor who reverted back to the Catholic faith just over a year ago. As an evangelical Mark travelled across the county training people on evangelisation and he is very keen to bring this experience to us. Mark will talk about his story and also about the importance of evangelisation. For more information and to book your place please email Natalie.Orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Jubilee for Catechists with Bishop Mark Davies, the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis. On Saturday 15th November at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton St, Stockport SK1 1EJ. Book a free place here: <https://bit.ly/Jubilee-for-Catechists>

Benediction in honour of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux to be held at the Carmelite Monastery, 12 Grosvenor Place, Birkenhead CH43 IUA on Sunday September 28th 2025 at 3.00pm Benediction followed by Veneration of the First Class Relic of St Thérèse and the Blessing of the Roses. All are welcome

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10: In those days: The officials said to the king, 'Let this man, Jeremiah, be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.' King Zedekiah said, 'Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you.' So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud. Ebed-melech went from the king's house and said to the king, 'My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.' Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, 'Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make haste to help me!

Hebrews 12:1-4: Brothers and Sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Gospel Acclamation: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me.

Luke 12:49-53: At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided: three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'