

St Joseph's RC Church

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24th August 2025 - 21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 23 rd	5pm	Fr Chris Jenkins RIP	
Sunday 24 th 21 st <i>Sunday Ordinary Time C</i>	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Anthony Wright & Family People of the Parish	
Monday 25 th	12 noon	John Nixon RIP	
Tuesday 26 th	12 noon	Thanksgiving for baptism of Ifenna Ezeufonna	
Wednesday 27 th	12 noon	Paddy Purcill RIP	
Thursday 28 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Friday 29 th	12 noon	Maureen Burgess	
Saturday 30 th	5pm	June Pollard	
Sunday 31 st 22 nd <i>Sunday Ordinary Time C</i>	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Peter Taylor RIP 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 Bridget Elizabeth Martin and 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 £641.90 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

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/>

St Joseph's Stockport Football Tournament: takes place this Saturday 30th August at Cheadle Catholic School, Conway Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 6DB from 10a - 3pm (gates open from 9.30am). Come along to support the teams! Entrances are via Bruntwood Lane footpath (pay and display carpark in Bruntwood Park) or via Conway Road (front of the school) limited parking in this residential area, please park respectfully. Last few tickets remaining: £10 for adults, £5 for children or £15 for a family ticket. To purchase call 07958 795105. We do have a few tickets available to purchase on the gates on the day, so if you can't make it for 10am then please join us later. Please support by either buying a ticket or donating to the restoration fund.

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

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.

Irish Charity Ceilidh/Disco: Sundat 31st August in St John's Parish Centre, Chorlton, M21 9DX, 4pm-7pm. Everyone is welcome. No previous experience required. Enquiries to John Morgan (SDCRG) Tel: 07900002105. Email JohnJosephMorgan@outlook.com. Enrol now to avoid disappointment.

Isaiah 66:18-21: Thus says the LORD: 'For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the LORD, 'just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,' says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm: *Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.*

Second reading: Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

Luke 13:22-30: At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!" In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'