

St Joseph's RC Church

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31st August 2025 - 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

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	
Monday 1 st September	12 noon	Margaret Doyle & Family	
Tuesday 2 nd	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Wednesday 3 rd <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	12 noon	Conor O’Doherty	
Thursday 4 th	12 noon	Sr Maureen O’Driscoll RIP	
Friday 5 th	12 noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book	
Saturday 6 th	5pm	Sydney Sandiford	
Sunday 7 th 23 rd <i>Sunday Ordinary Time C</i>	9.30am 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 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 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 and Terry Simms.

Recently Deceased: We pray for Tony Sheehan and 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 £694.72 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/>

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

Blessed Carlo Acutis: On Sunday 7th September St Anthony's Church, Portway, Wythenshawe, M22 0WR will be open from 10am - 3pm (Mass at 11am) for veneration of our first - class relic to coincide with the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis in Rome. All are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

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.

Stepping Hill Hospital Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Volunteer Training: Are you a good listener? Interested in exploring Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care? From 11th September, we are offering a six-week course (one afternoon per week), which will introduce people to the principles and practice of hospital chaplaincy for volunteers. If you are interested in attending the course, or would like more information, contact the Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Team on 0161 419 5889 or email chaplaincy.spiritualcareteam@stockport.nhs.uk

Footsteps – Thursday 4th September 7.30pm at St Peter's Hazel Grove. Gerard Markland -Do not be afraid.

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29: My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire.

Responsorial Psalm: *In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.*

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a: Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia.

Luke 14:1, 7-14: One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, "Give your place to this person", and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.' He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.'