

St Joseph's RC Church

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7th September 2025 - 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

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	
Monday 8 th <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12 noon	Clare & Eddie Hyland RIP	
Tuesday 9 th	12 noon	Bishop Mark Davies	
Wednesday 10 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Thursday 11 th	12 noon	For the Diocese of Shrewsbury	
Friday 12 th	12 noon	Miguel Grant	
Saturday 13 th	5pm	Teresa Phelan RIP	
Sunday 14 th <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9.30am (with Children’s Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	People of the Parish John Garrigan RIP	
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 – 11am. 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 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.

Money Matters: we received £889.94 in the collection last weekend. Thank you very much.

Children's Liturgy: will resume from next Sunday, 14th September at the 9.30am Mass.

Football Tournament A very big thank you to everyone who turned out to help, play and support this event. Almost a case of : "saving souls and saving goals". A total of **£1,224.10** was raised. The teams: St Joseph's, St Vincent's, Sacred Heart/St Teresa's/St Benedict's and St Pius, Christ Church and St Ann's/St Chad's - played exceptionally well and the rain stayed off until all the equipment had been cleared away. A special thanks to Angela Canning who organised, sorted, cajoled and ran this event. We thank Bishop Mark for attending. We must congratulate the winning team of 2025 - Sacred Heart/St Teresa's/St Benedict's and St Pius. We aim to run this event again next year so watch this space for more news.

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.

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/>

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.

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

A Holy Hour: Sunday 21st September 2025 at 7pm - Praise and Worship with Scripture readings in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at St Benedict's Catholic Church, Hall Road, Handforth, SK9 3AD, followed by refreshments in the hall.

Marriage & Family Life Ministry Retreat Day: Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a Retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways that help is needed. There will also be presentations from representatives of some of the apostolates already working in the diocese in support of marriage and family. October 2025 9.30am-4.00pm. Parish Room Shrewsbury Cathedral - Entrance Address: Town Walls Shrewsbury SY1 1UE (Above the Cafe). Parking is limited but public car parks are available nearby To Register and for More Information please contact: Monika at monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07549226794

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>

Wisdom 9:13-18b: What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthly tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you, and were saved by wisdom.

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

Philemon 9b-10, 12-17: Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

Gospel Acclamation: Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees.

Luke 14:25-33: At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'