

St Joseph's RC Church

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14th September 2025 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass Times and Intentions:

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
Monday 15 th <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	12 noon	Les Pickford RIP
Tuesday 16 th <i>Ss Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	12 noon	Doreen Robinson RIP
Wednesday 17 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Thursday 18 th	12 noon	November List
Friday 19 th	12 noon	Sean & Magda Booth
Saturday 20 th	5pm	Winnie Wardle RIP
Sunday 21 st	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	People of the Parish Matthew Grant

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 Thursday mornings 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 James Croston.

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.

Money Matters: we received £768.20 in the collection last weekend. Next weekend we have a collection for Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday. Thank you very much.

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/>

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We are starting our 2025/26 course on Monday 29th September 2025 at 7pm. The course is the process of formation and instruction for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic. The course will run for several months, if you are interested in joining, or would like to know more, please speak to Fr Sean. We look forward to meeting you and guiding you through the course with prayer, discussions and teachings of the Catholic Faith.

Foodbanks: recent reports show that the North West currently has the highest rate of food insecurity in the country. Please be as generous as you can to support our foodbanks, especially over the coming months. Wellspring is one that is close by, there is a list on the noticeboards of items that they are in need of.

Walsingham 2026 Pilgrimage 4-8 May 2026: Bookings are now being taken with the expected cost to be a maximum of £450 in standard accommodation and £530 in en-suites. Cost includes coach travel and half board. If you would like to book you will need to pay a deposit of £100 by 25 October 2025. Please email shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com for details.

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>

Numbers 21:4b-9: In those days: The people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.' Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.' So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Responsorial Psalm: Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Philippians 2:6-11: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia.

John 3:13-17: At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

The Holy Father's Prayer Request for September: For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.