St Joseph's RC Church

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28th September 2025 – 26th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

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5pm		Mira Florcamay RIP
9.30am (with Children's Liturgy)		Lee & Jane Higgins
11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)		People of the Parish
d 12 noon		Bridie Jordan
12 noon		All those on our November List
12 noon		Kathy Thomas
12 noon		For all of our Benefactors
12 noon		For all those in our Remembrance Book
5pm		Stephen Pye RIP
9.30am (with Children's Liturgy)		People of the Parish
11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)		Matthew Grant
Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12 noon	5pm	9.30am
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7am-9pm		
11am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	On request
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Adorers needed for Tuesdays 7pm-8pm. Please speak to Fr Sean if you are able to help.

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, James Croston, John Wallis, Wyn Ah-tou and Mary O'Brien.

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 5 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 £559.00 in the collection and £145.60 for Evangelii Gaudium last weekend. Next weekend, we will have a collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day. Thank you very much.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest: Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church.

RCIA – **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**. Our 2025/26 course begins Monday 29th September 2025 at 7pm. The course is the process of formation and instruction for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic and will run for several months, if you are interested in joining please speak to Fr Sean.

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.

Walsingham 2026 Pilgrimage is from 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 ensuites. Cost includes coach travel and half board. If you would like to book you will need to pay a non refundable deposit of £100 by 25 October 2025. Please email shelaghclarinet@virginmedia. for a booking form and further details.

Rosary Retreat Day and Jubilee Pilgrimage: here on Saturday 25th October. Bishop Mark Davies will lead this Jubilee Pilgrimage. The Rosary Retreat begins 9.30 am with reflections & praying of the Mysteries of the Rosary scriptural meditations. Holy Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop at 11.00 am who will renew the entrustment of the Diocese to Our Lady especially entrusting in this shrine dedicated to Eucharistic Adoration and intercession for the sanctification of priests and new and generous priestly vocations all vocations to the Priesthood. The day will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession and Solemn Benediction at 3.30 pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

The Bible Timeline Course: You are warmly invited to sign up for The Bible Timeline Course—a world-renowned, FREE 8-week course presented LIVE ONLINE by Mauro Iannicelli. the course, enables participants to see how the people & events of Scripture fit together into one, unified narrative. Starting on Wednesday 1st October for 8 Wednesday sessions from 7pm-8.45pm. Registration required at <u>comeandsee.org</u>

Year 6 Open Evening: at Harrytown Catholic High School on Thursday, 2nd October 2025 from 4.30pm until 7.30pm. An opportunity to find out more about the school, meet some of the pupils and find out about the range of subjects and extracurricular activities offered.

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. There will also be presentations from representatives of some of the apostolates already working in the diocese in support of marriage and family. 11th October 2025 9.30am-4.00pm, Parish Room Shrewsbury Cathedral. Parking is limited but public car parks are available nearby Register & Information please contact: Monika at monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Amos 6:1a, 4-7: Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria. 'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

Responsorial Psalm: *My soul, give praise to the* LORD.

1 Timothy 6:11-16: O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia.

Luke 16:19-31: At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."