

St Joseph's RC Church

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23rd November 2025 – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Year C

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 22 nd	5pm	November List	
Sunday 23 rd Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	9.30am (with Children’s Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Albert Oatley RIP People of the Parish	
Monday 24 th <i>Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, P & Companions, Mm</i>	12 noon	Requiem Mass Mary O’Brien	
Tuesday 25 th	12 noon	Margaret Doyle and family	
Wednesday 26 th	12 noon	Matthew Bassirat	
Thursday 27 th	12 noon	November List	
Friday 28 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Saturday 29 th	5pm	Anthony Wright and Family	
Sunday 30 th 1 st Sunday Advent Year A	9.30am (with Children’s Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Celia Meehan Intentions People of the Parish	
Daily Schedule	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	9.30am (with Children’s Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)
Eucharistic Adoration	7am-9pm		
Confessions	11am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	On request
Rosary for Vocations	11.20am		11am

We pray for our sick: Jacobi Hill, Maria Sandiford, Jane Coupes, John McCormick, Michael Philbin, Linda Abel, Ged Gibbons, Robyn Gibbons, 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, Terry Simms, James Croston, John Wallis, Wyn Ah-tou, Toni Wilson, Derek Boulton, Marcela Robinson and all those who are sick.

Recently Deceased: We pray for Mary O'Brien, Mary Norton and all those who have died recently.

Funeral arrangements: Mary Norton will be brought into Our Lady's, Shaw Heath at 7.45pm on Thursday Dec 4th. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Vincents, Bramhall, at 10.45am on Friday Dec 5th, followed by a service at the Rowan Chapel, Stockport Crematorium at 1pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in Mary's memory will be gratefully received and will be sent to the Catholic Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, Norfolk.

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 £811.12 in the collection last week and £232.16 for the Clergy Education & Training Fund. Thank you very much. **Flowers for Christmas:** if you would like to make a donation towards Flowers for Christmas, please use one of the envelopes at the back of church and post through the presbytery door.

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.

Live-streaming: www.churchservices.tv/stjosephsrcchurchstockport.

Christmas Concert Hamper and Raffle Prizes: There is a list at the back of Church for anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize or item for the Christmas hamper. Thank you for your generosity.

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 ensuite. 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.com for a booking form and further details.

Christmas Concert 13th December 2025 This year the Stockport Male Voice Choir will be joined by the Manchester Civil Service Choir. It will commence at 7.00pm but the doors will open at 6.00pm for anyone attending 5.00pm Mass. There will be traditional carols, a raffle and a bar (cash only) will be open for extra refreshments. Tickets are £8.00 per person which includes a glass of mulled wine and mince pie, and will be on sale after Masses or please contact the phone numbers on the poster. We look forward to seeing you there.

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; days to be negotiated. Rate of Pay – £12.60 per hour. Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Further details are available on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies>

Four Bible Studies on the Advent Sunday Gospels: Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching. Four Wednesdays: 26 Nov, 3, 10, 17 Dec (7- 8pm UK Time). Free. | LIVE on YouTube. Registration: comeandsee.org/advent25

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: The Pilgrimage Management Team will be launching the 2026, 75th Anniversary, Pilgrimage on Saturday 29th November with Mass at 12noon in Saint Hugh & Saint John parish in Timperley, followed by refreshments and pilgrimage information in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

Christmas Tree Festival 2025: will be held at St George's Church, Buxton Road (A6), SK2 6NU on: Wednesday 26th November 12pm-6pm, Thursday 27th November 12pm-7pm, Friday 28th November 12pm-8pm, Saturday 29th November 10am – 6pm and Sunday 30th November 12pm-4pm.

Samuel 5:1-3: In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel." ' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm 122 (121): Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

Colossians 1:12-20: Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.

Luke 23:35-43: At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'