

St Joseph's RC Church

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30th November 2025 – 1st Sunday Advent Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

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	
Monday 1 st December	12 noon	William Henry Dempsey RIP	
Tuesday 2 nd	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Wednesday 3 rd	12 noon	Matthew Bassirat	
Thursday 4 th	12 noon	Ernie Mason	
Friday 5 th	12 noon	For all those in the Remembrance Book	
Saturday 6 th	5pm	Mary O’Brien RIP	
Sunday 7 th 2 nd Sunday Advent Year A	9.30am (with Children’s Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	People of the Parish Pierre Angeline	
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

Our Christmas Mass times will be:

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24 th December	7.30pm Carols 8pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day Thursday 25 th December	10am

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 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, 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.

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

Money Matters: we received £604.98 in the collection last week. 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.*

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>

Christmas Tree Festival 2025: there is still time to visit the Christmas Tree Festival at St George's Church, Buxton Road (A6), SK2 6NU on: Sunday 30th November 12pm-4pm.

Accessible Mass: Sunday 7th December 2.30pm at St Peter's, the next fully inclusive mass is coming up, to celebrate the Christmas season. This service is suitable for all, with a focus on adults and young people who feel our regular services do not meet their needs. This mass is shorter, we have a breakout space, sensory activities and limited sensory input. We encourage participation in the service and movement around the church where needed, followed by refreshments. Any questions, please contact: inclusionstpeters@gmail.com

CAFOD: Thank you so much for your generous contributions to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. Your donations in our parish collection and online are helping families like Waré's in Ethiopia. CAFOD's local partners worked with Waré's community to build an underground water tank that now provides safe water for 300 families. Your support this Harvest will help more communities have better access to safe water. You can read more about Waré's story here: cafod.org.uk/harvest

Isaiah 2:1-5: The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

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

Romans 13:11-14a: Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

Matthew 24:37-44: At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'