

St Joseph's RC Church

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7th December 2025 – 2nd Sunday Advent Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

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	
Monday 8 th <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12 noon 7pm	Catherine Mulholland Patrick Mongan RIP	
Tuesday 9 th	12 noon	Requiem Mass Lucia McCurrie	
Wednesday 10 th	12 noon	Matthew Bassirat	
Thursday 11 th	12 noon	Requiem Mass James Gallagher	
Friday 12 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Saturday 13 th	5pm	Caroline Howard RIP	
Sunday 14 th 3 rd Sunday Advent Year A	9.30am (with Children’s Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	November List 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

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

**Please note Adoration will finish
at 9pm on Tuesday 23rd December and resume on Monday 5th January at 7am**

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 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 £559.96 in the collection last week. Next weekend we will have a second collection for Caritas. 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.

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

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>

Isaiah 11:1-10: On that day: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples — of him shall the nations enquire, and his resting-place shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm 72 (71): *In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.*

Romans 15:4-9: Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

Matthew 3:1-12: In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."' Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father", for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptise you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'