

St Joseph's RC Church

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4th January 2026 – Second Sunday after Christmas

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 3 rd	5pm	For favours received	
Sunday 4 th 2 nd Sunday of Christmas	9.30am (with Children’s Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Bob Boyer RIP People of the Parish	
Monday 5 th	12 noon	Thanksgiving for prayers answered (M&S)	
Tuesday 6 th <i>The Feast of the Epiphany</i>	12 noon 7pm	People of the Parish The Jamieson Family	
Wednesday 7 th	12 noon	Joseph Dalzell	
Thursday 8 th	12 noon	For the repose of the Clayton, Durkin, Graham, Harkin, Hodson, Kenny, Maguire, Smith, Tomer, Walden and Wright Families.	
Friday 9 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Saturday 10 th	5pm	Fr Gerry Bowen RIP	
Sunday 11 th The Baptism of the Lord	9.30am (with Children’s Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Donald Grindrod RIP 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)
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 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, Cillian Gallagher and all those who are sick.

Recently Deceased: We pray for Con Wright, Shirley Seers, Ann (Elizabeth) Turffy, Fr Liam Rooney and 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 4 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 £753.04 in the collection last week and £1219 in the Christmas Collection. Thank you very much.

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.

Children's Liturgy: will resume on Sunday 11th January.

Walsingham 2026 Pilgrimage 4-8 May 2026: We still have a few spaces available and the expected cost to be a maximum of £450 in standard accommodation and £530 in ensembles. Cost includes coach travel and half board. Please email shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com for details.

Vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a Programme Coordinator, Youth Mission Team Member and an Administration Assistant. Further details regarding the 3 posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 23 January 2026.

St Simon's Catholic Primary School: A main scale teacher to cover a maternity leave to begin in February 2026. For further information, please click on the link below: <https://www.greater.jobs/en-gb/job/75772726> Also there is a position for a Teaching Assistant <https://www.greater.jobs/en-gb/job/75773866>

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School: St Peter's Catholic primary school are looking to appoint an inspirational and caring leader to support the continued success of our wonderful school. More information at: www.st-peters.stockport.sch.uk under Our School/Vacancies.

Pilgrimage to Rome, Monte Casino & Pompeii. Join us on a profound Pilgrimage of Catholic faith to the heart of the Catholic Church in Italy. We will travel to Rome, Monte Cassino and Pompeii absorbing our Catholic history, 14th - 21st September 2026 from Manchester. Cost £1845 single room. £1550 per person for two sharing. Extra cost Rome Tax approx £6 per day payable to hotel on arrival. For more information about the trip or to book, please email unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com

Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12: Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.'

Responsorial Psalm: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations. Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world. Alleluia.

John 1:1-18: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me."' For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.