

**St Joseph's RC Church**

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Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Special Intention (LK)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	People of the Parish Ivy & Michael Moran RIP
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Paul Kilmey RIP
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	12 noon	Requiem Mass Shirley Sears
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12 noon	Kathleen Curtin
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12 noon	Isabel Kalladanthyil RIP
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	John-Paul Kalladanthyil RIP
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (Loreto) 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 Georgina Skelly, Shirley Sears 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 £723.31 in the collection last week. This weekend we will have a retiring collection for the Priests Retirement Fund – if you want to give your offering by card for any collections you can do this via the DONA machine. Thank you very much.

*Please note that there are wall boxes to collect monies/donations for flowers and cards these are located at the side of the confessional.*

**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 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 ensuites. Cost includes coach travel and half board. Please email [shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com](mailto: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](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date Friday 23 January 2026.

**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](mailto:unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com)

**We Dare To Ask:** is a resource for small group faith-sharing and for individual meditation, featuring five sessions on the theme of our Baptismal Vocation. Each session includes scripture, prayers and a reflection with questions. As we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter, let us explore the depth of what baptism truly means. The booklets can be ordered by emailing [aec@rcaos.org](mailto:aec@rcaos.org) the deadline is 19 January 2026.

**Missio Mass & Talk:** A missionary in Mongolia: Ever wondered what Mission looks like in Mongolia, home to the youngest Catholic community and church in the world? This is your chance to find out. Missio invites you to an evening with His Eminence Cardinal Giorgio Marengo – a Consolata Missionary, the Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar and the second youngest member of the college of Cardinals. **When:** 7pm-9pm on Wednesday, 4 February 2026, **What:** Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm, followed by a short talk at 7.45pm and refreshments, **Where:** St Peter's Catholic Church, Hazel Grove, Green Lane, Stockport SK7 4EA. **Transport:** Parking is available in the Church car park accessed via Green Lane. St Peter's Church is 5 minutes' walk from Hazel Grove train station and 10 minutes by taxi from Stockport rail station. It would help if you could let us know whether you will be joining us by emailing: [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk)

**Betrothed Sacramental Marriage Preparation:** is a Marriage Preparation Course offered by the Shrewsbury Diocese. It will help to prepare you both from a spiritual/faith perspective and relational perspective. You are welcome to attend the course whether you are to be married at the parish where it is being run or not. There are three courses for 2026. Each course runs over two consecutive Saturdays 9.30am to 4.30 pm each day. The most local is: St Vincent de Paul Church Westleigh Parish Hall on the 28th of February & 7th of March 2026: Address: Groby Road Altrincham WA14 2BQ. For more information please contact Jane Deegan at [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) *Registration is essential. To register please contact Monika at: monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org*

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**Isaiah 49:3, 5-6:** The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — he says: 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

**Responsorial Psalm 40 (39): Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-3:** Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God. Alleluia.

**John 1:29-34:** At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'