

### St Joseph's RC Church

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**25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A**

#### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	John-Paul Kalladanthiyil 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
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Ss Timothy & Titus	12 noon	Caroline Bergin RIP
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Deacon Terry Simms RIP & Margaret
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> St Thomas Aquinas	12 noon	John Connor
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Susan RIP
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	5pm	George Terence Proctor RIP
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Nancy Robinson RIP

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 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, 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 Deacon Terry Simms, Patricia Doran 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 £742.57 in the collection last week and £262.40 for the Priests Retirement Fund. 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 ensembles. Cost includes coach travel and half board. Please email [shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com](mailto:shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com) for details.

**Live-streaming:** [www.churchservices.tv/stjosephsrcchurchstockport](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephsrcchurchstockport).

**Two vacancies have arisen within the Diocese of Shrewsbury.** 1) Sales Ledger Clerk. 20 hours per week, term time only contract. Hourly rate £14.60. 2) Pilgrimage Booking & Customer Service Coordinator. 20 hours per week, term time only contract with the possibility of some remote working. Hourly rate £14.60. CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date: Friday 20 February 2026. Further details can be found on the Diocesan website [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-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](mailto:unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com)

**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? 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. 7pm-9pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm, followed by a short talk at 7.45pm and refreshments, St Peter's Hazel Grove. Parking is available in the Church car park accessed via Green Lane. 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. The course runs over two consecutive Saturdays 9.30am to 4.30 pm each day at St Vincent de Paul Church Altrincham WA14 2BQ on the 28<sup>th</sup> February & 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026: *Registration is essential. To register please contact Monika at: [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)*

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**Isaiah 9:1b-4:** In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The LORD is my light and my salvation.

**1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17:** I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia.

**Matthew 4:12-23:** When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.