

St Joseph's RC Church

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1st February 2026 – 4th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 31 st	5pm	George Terence Proctor RIP	
Sunday 1 st February 4 th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am (with Children’s Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Nancy Robinson RIP People of the Parish	
Monday 2 nd <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	12 noon	Noel Fowler	
Tuesday 3 rd	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Wednesday 4 th	12 noon	Matthew Bassirat	
Thursday 5 th	12 noon	Requiem Mass Gerald Smalley	
Friday 6 th	12 noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book	
Saturday 7 th	5pm	For the souls of all those in purgatory	
Sunday 8 th 5 th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am (with Children’s Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Eileen Regan 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 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, Noel Fowler and all those who are sick.

Recently Deceased: We pray for Deacon Terry Simms, Patricia Doran, Yvonne Cassey and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The Requiem Mass for Deacon Terry Simms, will take place at 12 noon on Tuesday 24th February 2026.

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 £622.36 in the collection last week. 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.*

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

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.

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 Closing date: Friday 20 February 2026. Further details can be found on the Diocesan website 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. We will be having a talk, 10—15 minutes with slides at Our Lady's Social Club Flint Street SK3 8BD on 5th February about this pilgrimage directly after 7 pm mass. If you wish to know more about it please come along. For more information about the trip or to book, please email 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 4th 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

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 28th February & 7th March 2026: *Registration is essential. To register please contact Monika at:* monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13: Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD. I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD, those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31: Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.

Matthew 5:1-12a: At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'