

St Joseph's RC Church

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8th February 2026 – 5th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 7 th	5pm	For the souls of all those in purgatory	
Sunday 8 th	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy)	Eileen Regan	
5 th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	People of the Parish	
Monday 9 th	12 noon	Fr Louis Pappy	
Tuesday 10 th St Scholastica	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Wednesday 11 th	12 noon	Fernando Macedo Rodrigues	
Thursday 12 th	12 noon	Sheila Hayes RIP	
Friday 13 th	12 noon	Martha Rattos RIP	
Saturday 14 th	5pm	Deb Ball RIP	
Sunday 15 th	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy)	Derek Hoole RIP	
6 th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	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, 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 Martha Rattos 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 £734.30 in the collection last week. Thank you very much. We have also received a very generous donation of £1000 from the Cathedral following collections they held during the Jubilee year. *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.

Save the Date: Saturday 21st March 2026 Celebration of St Joseph and St Patrick. St Joseph's Parish Hall. 7.00pm. Tickets £20.00. More details to follow.

World Day of Prayer: You are invited to join the Christian women of Nigeria for the World Day of Prayer, 2pm on 7th March 2026 at Tiviot Dale Church, Stockport, SK1 1TA. The service they have prepared reflects on the theme, "I will give you rest, come." It speaks to our need for peace and solace, drawing on their faith and experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties. The day is a powerful demonstration of Christian solidarity. The day begins in Samoa with the same service and moves across the world in a continuous wave of prayer, ending 38 hours later in American Samoa. Everyone is welcome to attend so please come along and be united as one people in both prayer and action. Following the service tea/coffee and biscuits will be available.

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 PaulineMcCullochrecruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: Friday 20 February 2026. Further details can be found www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies

Footsteps: at St Peter's Hazel Grove Tuesday 17th February Fr Eamonn Mulcahy 7.30pm.

South Manchester Catholic Young Adults: are currently planning a pilgrimage to Poland for young adults aged 18-30. At this stage, we are simply collating expressions of interest. If anyone is interested, please email southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com by **14th February 2026**.

St Catherine's Didsbury: Fr Michael Payyapilly, a Vincentian, from the Divine Retreat Centre, Pantasaph will lead an evening service on Friday 13th February 6pm to 8.30pm at St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Didsbury. The session shall include Praise & Worship, Holy Mass with extended homily and healing adoration.

Six Bible Studies on the Lenten Sunday Gospels: Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. Starts: Tues 17th Feb, 2026 Tuesdays: 17/24 Feb, 03/1-17/24 Mar (7-8:15pm). Free LIVE on YouTube. Registration: comeandsee.org/lent26

Marriage Week 7th - 14th February 2026: Marriage Week is an annual celebration offering the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. Jane Deegan the Director for Marriage and Family Life Vocation is seeking to build a team of volunteers to support this vital ministry in the Diocese. Two Retreat days have been run to date with another being arranged for April 2026. Please see the poster and flyers at the back of the Church. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity and/or would like to find out more, please contact: **Monika**

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Isaiah 58:6-10: Thus says the Lord: Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

Responsorial Psalm 112 (111): *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

1 Corinthians 2:1-5: I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.

Matthew 5:13-16: At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. 'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'