

St Joseph's RC Church

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15th February 2026 – 6th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 14 th	5pm	Deb Ball RIP
Sunday 15 th 6 th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Derek Hoole RIP People of the Parish
Monday 16 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Tuesday 17 th	12 noon	Patricia McGovern RIP
Wednesday 18 th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	12 noon 7pm	Shirley Sears RIP People of the Parish
Thursday 19 th	12 noon	The Wilson Family
Friday 20 th	12 noon	Eileen Regan
Saturday 21 st	5pm	Margaret Slim
Sunday 22 nd 1 st Sunday Lent Year A	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Margaret Doyle & Family 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, John Wallis, Wyn Ah-tou, Toni Wilson, Derek Boulton, Marcela Robinson, Cillian Gallagher, Noel Fowler, Lynn Newby and all those who are sick.

Recently Deceased: We pray for Deacon Terry Simms 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 £558.04 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.*

Walsingham 2026 Pilgrimage 4-8 May 2026: Cost £450 in standard accommodation and £530 in en-suites. Cost includes coach travel and half board. The 2nd payment of £215 is due by 1st March 2026. This is also the last date any bookings can be made. Please email shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com for details.

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

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: (A women led, global, ecumenical movement) Our sisters in Nigeria lead us for the Day of Prayer 2026. With over 200m people, Nigeria is enriched by over 250 ethnic groups, with more than 500 indigenous languages. There is a diverse climate from equatorial to arid. Your local service is on Friday 6 March, 2pm Tiviot Dale Methodist church, Tiviot Dale, Stockport, SK1 1TA and will be followed by refreshments. A Stockport town centre church, with parking close by. Everyone welcome! Why not join us this year?

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

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

Sirach 15:15-20: If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

1 Corinthians 2:6-10: Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him' — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

Matthew 5:17-37: At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. 'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'