

St Joseph's RC Church

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22nd February 2026 – 1st Sunday Lent Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

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
Monday 23 rd	12 noon	Helena Maria da Silva
Tuesday 24 th	12 noon	Requiem Mass Rev. Deacon Terry Simms
Wednesday 25 th	12 noon	Matthew Bassirat
Thursday 26 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Friday 27 th	12 noon	Anthony Wright & Family
Saturday 28 th	5pm	Emily Burrow
Sunday 1 st March 2 nd Sunday Lent Year A	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Shirley Sears 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, 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 Stephen Pye and 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 £628.15 in the collection last week. Thank you very much. Next weekend we will have a second collection for CAFOD. *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 ensembles. 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.

Celebration of St Joseph and St Patrick: Saturday 21st March 2026 at 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall. Tickets cost £20.00 and includes a two-course meal. Entertainment by the Keegan School of Dance, followed by a sing-along of toe-tapping melodies by The Craic. Raffle and Licensed bar available. Tickets on sale from next weekend.

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?

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7: The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Responsorial Psalm: *Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

Romans 5:12-19: Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Matthew 4:1-11: At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."' Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.