

St Joseph's RC Church

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22nd March 2026 – 5th Sunday Lent Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 21 st	5pm	Edilene da Silva Rodrigues RIP
Sunday 22 nd 5 th Sunday Lent Year A	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Ann Reeh Luiz Antonio da Silva Rodrigues RIP
Monday 23 rd	12 noon	In thanksgiving (Maria & Syd)
Tuesday 24 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Wednesday 25 th	12 noon	Anthony Hall
Thursday 26 th	12 noon	David Grant
Friday 27 th	12 noon	David Whelan (Sonny) RIP
Saturday 28 th	5pm	Ana Terezan da Silva Rodrigues
Sunday 29 th Palm Sunday	9.30am (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Jacqueline Pemberton 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

Easter Service Times

Maundy Thursday 2 nd April	7pm
Good Friday 3 rd April Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross	3pm 7pm
Easter Vigil 4 th April	8.30pm
Easter Sunday 5 th April	9.30am and 11.30am

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, 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 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 £651.35 in the collection last week. Thank you very much.

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.*

Vacancy: in the Diocese for a Health & Safety officer. **Salary** £32,000 - £38,000. **Hours:** 25 per week, term

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

time only, Please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
Closing date 10 April. More details www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/

Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and we are currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling course (CRC) and volunteer with us. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families. To find out more please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Day of Eucharistic Reflection: at the Annunciation Church, New Mills (SK22 3BW) on Saturday 28th March, starting with tea/coffee at 9.30am and finishing at 2.00pm. Theme of this day is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; we will be exploring and reflecting on some of the saints' thoughts on Adoration, as well as the practicalities of organising a service. There will also be an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am. Whilst this day fulfils the requirements for Eucharistic Ministers to complete an annual day of renewal, all interested parishioners are welcome to attend and learn more about this beautiful sacrament. Please bring a packed lunch.

Diocese of Shrewsbury Lourdes Pilgrimage – YOUTH 2026 Date: 29th June – 7th August 2026 Cost: £740 (Bursary, match funding and support are available) Age: 16 to 23. Closing Date for all applications – 31st March 2026. For more information contact youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Encountering Jesus in the Gospels: How to lead groups in reflective prayer. A short online formation course building the skills and confidence needed to hold and guide groups of those who wish to deepen their relationship with Jesus Tuesdays 6.30pm-8.30pm Dates Apr 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 9. www.jesuitinstitute.org/events

Ezekiel 37:12-14: Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm 130 (129): *With the LORD there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.*

Romans 8:8-11: Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

John 11:1-45: At that time: the sisters sent to him, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.' Jesus was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a

cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.