

St Joseph's RC Church

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26th April 2026 - 4th Sunday after Easter, Year A

Day of Special Prayer throughout the World for Vocations

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 25 th	5pm	Mrs Margaret Halliman	
Sunday 26 th	9.30am	Special Intention (LK)	
4 th Sunday after Easter A	11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	People of the Parish	
Monday 27 th	12 noon	For all those on our November List	
Tuesday 28 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Wednesday 29 th	12 noon	Katie Quinn	
Thursday 30 th	12 noon	Philip & Jen Saxon	
Friday 1 st May	12 noon	Remembrance Book	
Saturday 2 nd	5pm	Michael Joseph Martin RIP	
Sunday 3 rd	9.30am	People of the Parish	
5 th Sunday after Easter A	11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Frank Dempsey 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, 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 Michael Joseph Martin 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.

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.

Money Matters we received £607.00 in the St collection last week. Thank you very much.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: The Pilgrimage Team are very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 July to 7 August and by air 31 July to 6 August. Brochures can be found on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

Vacancies: Two vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a **Programme Coordinator** and **Youth Mission Team Member**. Further details regarding both posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.recruitment@shrewsburydiocese.org.uk>. Interested parties should send their CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@shrewsburydiocese.org.uk **Closing date Friday 29 April 2026.**

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

Diocesan Marriage Mass: will take place at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA on 13th June at 12 noon. Parishioners celebrating a significant wedding anniversary or married within the last year can apply for an invitation from the Bishop. Please speak to Fr Sean if you would like to attend.

He is Risen, just as He said, Alleluia! You are welcome to a Holy Hour with Scripture and Worship Music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart and St Teresa's in Wilmslow at 7pm on Sunday 3rd May 2026 followed by refreshments in the hall.

Vacancy: A vacancy has arisen for a Lay Pastoral Assistant in the parish of St Hugh & St John, Timperley. This specialised role will provide pastoral support to the Parish Priest with particular emphasis on faith formation and some liturgical ministry. Hours: 15 per week @ £15 per hour, afternoons and evenings, with occasional Sundays. Further details can be found www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies. If interested, please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 29 May 2026.

Catholic Family Holidays in the Lake District: Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. www.castleriggmanor.com

Acts 2:14a, 36-41: On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Responsorial Psalm – Ps 23(22) The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1 Peter 2:20b-25: Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

John 10:1-10: At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'