

St Joseph's RC Church

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3rd May 2026 - 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

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	
Monday 4 th <i>The English Martyrs</i>	12 noon	November List	
Tuesday 5 th	12 noon	Jez Harrison	
Wednesday 6 th	12 noon	Katie Quinn	
Thursday 7 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Friday 8 th	12 noon	Kathleen Peers RIP	
Saturday 9 th	5pm	Eloise-Hope Hollingsworth RIP	
Sunday 10 th	9.30am	Eamon Regan RIP	
6 th Sunday after Easter 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 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. 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 £759.71 in the collection last week. Thank you very much.

Card Reader: occasionally there are problems with internet connectivity to the card reader. If this happens and you cannot make your payment via the machine, you can pay by card online <https://donate.mydona.com/st-joseph-stockport> or scan the QR code.



Fr Sean's New Book: *The Eucharistic Springtime* is an exploration of the mystery of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration from a biblical perspective, while drawing also upon the wisdom and witness of Our Lady and the saints. Available from Amazon.

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

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

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@dioceseofshrewsbury.org>. Interested parties should send their CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch. **Closing date Friday 29 April 2026.**

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! Holy Hour with Scripture and Worship Music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart & St Teresa's, Wilmslow this Sunday 3rd May at 7pm.

Vacancy: 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. Closing date Friday 29 May 2026.

Manchester 10km Run: to raise funds towards the ongoing restoration here at St Joseph's, Chrissy Vora is putting on her trainers and will be running the Manchester 10k on Sunday 31st May 2026. You will be aware that we are in the process of securing funds to complete the roof works, and then we will be able to begin looking at the interior works, so all funds raised will be put to good use. If you are able to support Chrissy's efforts, sponsorship can be made at: <https://www.justgiving.com/chrissy-vora-4>

Parish Safeguarding Representative: is 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.*

Acts 6:1-7: In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm 33 (32) May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.

1 Peter 2:4-9: Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

John 14:1-12: At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. 'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'