

## St Joseph's RC Church

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**17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A**

### Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Frank Dempsey RIP
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter A	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Tommy Smyth RIP People of the Parish
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For young peoples' mental health
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Tim Dalzell
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	12 noon	Peter & Ada Parkes RIP
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12 noon	Martin & Mary Sisson RIP
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5pm	John
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Tony Kiely RIP 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 £787.70 in the collection last week. Thank you very much.

This weekend we will have a second collection for World Communication Day.

**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.



**Relics of St Gerard Majella:** On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May our parish will be privileged to host the relics of St Gerard Majella as part of their tour of England and Wales. This is to mark St Gerard's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He was a Redemptorist lay-brother from Southern Italy who died at 29. St Gerard is popularly invoked as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. The relics will be available for personal prayer from 6pm, there will be a Mass and sermon at 7pm, followed by individual or family blessings with the relic. Perhaps there is someone in your life who would really appreciate the intercession of St Gerard - come along, and bring a friend.

**Live-streaming:** [www.churchservices.tv/stjosephsrcchurchstockport](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephsrcchurchstockport).

**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.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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>

**Diocesan Mass for Marriage 2026:** Parishioners celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2026 are invited to attend the mass which will be held at 12 noon on Saturday 13th June at Saint Columba's, Chester. The Mass be followed by a buffet lunch for invited guests. Please speak to Fr Sean if you would like to attend. The closing date to receive an invitation is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**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](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies). Closing date Friday 29 May 2026.

**College Vacancy:** Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College is seeking to appoint a full-time teacher of Core Religious Education and Chaplaincy Support. Core RE has centrally planned resources and is not an examined subject. Therefore, there are no formal assessments and no significant marking commitments. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. For more information, please go to the Loreto Website vacancies page. <https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies>.

**Shrewsbury Diocesan Mission Mass:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 12.15pm at Shrewsbury Cathedral (SY1 1UE). Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies, Rev Anthony Chantry MHM National Director of Missio England & Wales, Rev Anthony Grace, Missio Diocesan Director and representatives of the Mill Hill Missionaries. Refreshments in the Orchard Cafe after Mass. To assist with planning, if you would like to attend please RSVP by 29<sup>th</sup> May to [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) or 07593 544625.

**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.*

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**Acts 1:12-14:** After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 27(26) I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.

**1 Peter 4:13-16:** Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

**John 17:1-11a:** At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. 'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'