

St Joseph's RC Church

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12th July 2026 – Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 11 th	5pm		Bridie Barry RIP
Sunday 12 th Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time A	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)		Deborah Barry RIP People of the Parish
Monday 13 th	12 noon		Mick Lee RIP
Tuesday 14 th	12 noon		November List
Wednesday 15 th <i>St Bonaventure</i>	12 noon		Private Intention (DPD)
Thursday 16 th	12 noon		For all of our Benefactors
Friday 17 th	12 noon		Teddy Pinto RIP
Saturday 18 th	5pm		Lisa Harvey
Sunday 19 th Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time A	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)		Paddy Barry 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 Gilsenan, 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 John Quinn and 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 £760.36. This weekend we have the collection for Stella Marris (Apostleship of the Sea). 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.



Wednesday prayer group: every Wednesday at 7pm, finishing around 8.30pm in the church hall. The group will be doing Lectio Divina over the course of the summer, and then intend to study a papal document, probably on the Eucharist, for three weeks each month with Lectio on the fourth. For more information contact Karen on 07974 024288. All welcome.

Afternoon Tea: will be held on Tuesday 11th August 2026 at 1pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall. Ticket price is £12.50 inclusive, and will be on sale in two weeks. There will also be a bric-a-brac and book stall. We look forward to seeing you then.

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

Sponsor a Slate: we are re-launching our 'Sponsor a Slate' scheme to help raise more funds for the South Aisle roof as well as our ongoing restoration works. *For a suggested donation of £15 you can sponsor a slate in the name of anyone you choose. Perhaps you would like to remember a loved one, celebrate a marriage, wedding anniversary, Christening or Confirmation or simply give as a Christmas or birthday present.* Please take a form/envelope from the back of church and return with your payment either by leaving in the Donations Box or posting through the presbytery door. Payment can be made by cash or card via the Dona machine. Your message will be written on the slate prior to installation on the roof. The names of all sponsors will be added to our Book of Thanksgiving. Thank you for your ongoing support

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.*
The National Eucharistic Congress Adoremus will be held in London on Saturday 10th October. The day will begin with Holy Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark and there will a Eucharistic Procession from St George's Cathedral Southwark to Westminster Cathedral. If you would like to be part of the Shrewsbury Diocese Pilgrimage Group please register an interest with Mrs Natalie Orefice natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Isaiah 55:10-11: Thus says the Lord: 'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

Responsorial Psalm 65 (64): Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Romans 8:18-23: Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live for ever. Alleluia.

Matthew 13:1-23: At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.' Then the disciples came and said to him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. 'Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'