

St Joseph's RC Church

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19th July 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

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	
Monday 20 th	12 noon	Noel Fowler	
Tuesday 21 st	12 noon	Intentions of Bridie Charles	
Wednesday 22 nd <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	12 noon	Anna Forde	
Thursday 23 rd <i>St Bridget</i>	12 noon	Maryan Sozanskiy	
Friday 24 th	12 noon	Peter Lucas RIP	
Saturday 25 th	5pm	November List	
Sunday 26 th Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time A	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Deacon Terry Simms 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 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 Leigh Lou Roberts, Peter McGahan, John Derbyshire, Anthony Hunter 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 £524.65 in the collection and £217.40 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.myдона.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.

Request from Gift Aid Co-ordinator Can the owner of boxed envelopes number 5, please contact Rosemary 07977002396 asap, Thank you.

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.*

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We are looking at starting our next course in September 2026. The course is the process of formation and instruction for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or if you are a Baptised Catholic who missed receiving First Communion and or Confirmation. The course will run for several months, if you are interested, or would like to know more, please speak to Fr Sean or Rosemary. The sessions are a Journey in Faith, exploring the Catholic faith in a welcoming, pressure free environment.

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.

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19: Neither is there any God besides you, whose care is for all, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the one who is righteous must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Responsorial Psalm 86 (85) : O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Romans 8:26-27: Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

Matthew 13:24-43: At that time: Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?” He said to them, “An enemy has done this.” So the servants said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he said, “No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, ‘Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ” He put another parable before them, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’ He told them another parable. ‘The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.’ All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.’ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.’