

## St Joseph's RC Church

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### 26<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

#### Mass Times and Intentions:

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| Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>                                        | 5pm                                      |                 | November List                                                      |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time A       | 9.30am<br>11.30am (with Gregorian Chant) |                 | Deacon Terry Simms RIP<br>People of the Parish                     |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>                                          | 12 noon                                  |                 | For all of our Benefactors                                         |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>                                         | 12 noon                                  |                 | Anthony Hunter RIP                                                 |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus</i> | 12 noon                                  |                 | John Quinn RIP                                                     |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>                                        | 12 noon                                  |                 | David Joseph                                                       |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>             | 12 noon                                  |                 | Jean Kilcoyne RIP                                                  |
| Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> August                                  | 5pm                                      |                 | Patrick Molloy RIP                                                 |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time A         | 9.30am<br>11.30am (with Gregorian Chant) |                 | Paul Peers RIP<br>People of the Parish                             |
| <b>Daily Schedule</b>                                            | <b>Monday - Friday</b>                   | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Sunday</b>                                                      |
| Mass                                                             | 12 noon                                  | 5pm             | 9.30am (with Children’s Liturgy)<br>11.30am (with Gregorian Chant) |
| Adoration                                                        | 9am-9pm                                  |                 |                                                                    |
| Confessions                                                      | 11am-11.45am                             | 4pm-4.45pm      | On request                                                         |
| Rosary for Vocations                                             | 11.20am                                  |                 | 11am                                                               |

**\*\*Please note that during August Adoration will begin at 9am. During the summer months if you are unable to attend your Adoration slot please email Karen: [karenjordan1914@gmail.com](mailto:karenjordan1914@gmail.com)\*\***

**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 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 £576.50 in the collection. 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.

**Payments by card:** please note it is possible to pay for 'Sponsor a Slate' donations as well as candles and cards by the card machine.

**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.

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



**Kelly Pilgrimages-Truly Catholic:** Join us on 16–18 October 2026 for a sacred journey to Ireland's International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock, where faith and history unite. Accompanied by Father Tony McGrath as spiritual director, this weekend pilgrimage offers prayer, reflection, and fellowship at the site of the 1879 apparition. Please see more details on posters at the back of church.

**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 are now on sale after Masses. There will also be a bric-a-brac and book stall. All welcome.

**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

**RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** next course will begin 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.

**Oppose Assisted Suicide** – The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill. For more information see posters at the back of church.

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**1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12:** In those days: The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.'

**Responsorial Psalm 119 (118):** O LORD, how I love your law!

**Romans 8:28-30:** Brothers and Sisters: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**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 13:44-52:** At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all these things?' They said to him, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'