

St Joseph's RC Church

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2nd August 2026 – Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 1 st August	5pm	Patrick Molloy RIP	
Sunday 2 nd Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time A	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Paul Peers RIP People of the Parish	
Monday 3 rd <i>St Oswald</i>	12 noon	Deacon Terry Simms RIP	
Tuesday 4 th <i>St John Vianney</i>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Wednesday 5 th	12 noon	Carla Read-Shaw	
Thursday 6 th <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	12 noon	John-Paul Kalladanthiyil RIP	
Friday 7 th	12 noon	For all those in our Remembrance Book	
Saturday 8 th <i>St Dominic</i>	5pm	Yvonne Casey RIP	
Sunday 9 th Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time A	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Fr Liam Rooney SCJ RIP People of the Parish	
Daily Schedule	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	9.30am 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****

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 £641.90 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.myдона.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.



Please Note – next Sunday 9th August – there is the annual Krazy Races event in Stockport Town Centre. Access to the car park should be as normal, however, we expect there will be extra visitors/traffic due to the event so you may wish to allow extra time to come to church.

Pray for Priests: the August leaflet is now available at the back of church. Please take one and pray for our Diocesan priests and their vocation.

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.

Isaiah 55:1-3: Thus says the Lord: ‘Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.’

Responsorial Psalm 145 (144): You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Romans 8:35, 37-39: Brothers and Sisters: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Alleluia.

Matthew 14:13-21: At that time: When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ But Jesus said, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.