

St Joseph's RC Church

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9th August 2026 – Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

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	
Monday 10 th <i>St Lawrence</i>	12 noon	Matthew Bassirat	
Tuesday 11 th <i>St Clare</i>	12 noon	For all souls in purgatory	
Wednesday 12 th	12 noon	Hague Family Special Intentions	
Thursday 13 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Friday 14 th <i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	12 noon	Deacon Terry Simms RIP	
Saturday 15 th <i>St Dominic</i>	5pm	Dorothy Whelan RIP	
Sunday 16 th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Francis Meehan 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, Cathie Cunliffe Downs 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, please give at least two weeks notice and we will try our best to do that date or as near it as possible.

Money Matters we received £719.62 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.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.



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

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

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.

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.

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a: In those days: Elijah reached Horeb, the mount of God. There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him. And he said, ‘Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.’ And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 85 (84) Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Romans 9:1-5: Brothers and Sisters: I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying. My conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers and sisters, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I long for you, O LORD, my soul longs for his word. Alleluia.

Matthew 14:22-33: After the crowd had eaten and were satisfied: Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, ‘It is a ghost!’ and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.’ And Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’ And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’