

St Joseph's RC Church

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16th August 2026 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Times and Intentions:

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	
Monday 17 th	12 noon	Fr Sean Davidson	
Tuesday 18 th	12 noon	Gloria, Eiti, Giovanni & Michelle	
Wednesday 19 th	12 noon	Mike & Pat Fannon	
Thursday 20 th <i>St Bernard</i>	12 noon	Fidelia, Vincent, Catherine Agbonrofo RIP	
Friday 21 st <i>St Pius</i>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Saturday 22 nd	5pm	Deacon Terry Simms RIP	
Sunday 23 rd Twenty First Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	People of the Parish Jennifer Grant	
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 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, Cathie Cunliffe Downs & all those who are sick.

Recently Deceased: We pray for 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 £779.80 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.

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

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.

Wednesday prayer group: every Wednesday at 7pm- 8.30pm in the church hall. The group will be doing Lectio Divina over 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.



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

Sponsor a Slate: 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. 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

St Joseph's Needs Youcalling all men!! We are going to start writing the prayers from your offerings onto the slates for the last phase of the roof work. In order to undertake this task the good slates saved from taking the old slates off the original roof now need to be cleaned, and we are asking for volunteers to do this. There will be a sheet at the back of Church for you to leave your contact details. Thank you for your help.

Afternoon Tea - a huge THANK YOU to all who attended the Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 11th August. We raised over £1,000 the full total will be realised later as items sold on the bric-a-brac table were paid for online. Thank you to all the cake bakers and the wonderful team of organisers. The team have already received several commendations from attendees.

Bric-a-brac table There are some items left on this table in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to browse and buy. Items can be paid for online but there is a container for payment too.

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.

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab: God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.'

Responsorial Psalm 45 (44) On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

1 Corinthians 15:20-27: Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoice. Alleluia.

Luke 1:39-56: In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.' And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.