

St Joseph's RC Church

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23rd August 2026 – Twenty First Sunday Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

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
Monday 24 th <i>St Bartholomew</i>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Tuesday 25 th <i>St Thomas of Hereford</i>	12 noon	Matthew Bassirat
Wednesday 26 th	12 noon	Cathy McLanaghan
Thursday 27 th <i>St Monica</i>	12 noon	Elizabeth (Liz) Wallis
Friday 28 th <i>St Augustine</i>	12 noon	Shelly Turner
Saturday 29 th	5pm	Eveline Airey RIP
Sunday 30 th Twenty Second Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Celia Meehan 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, Liz Wallis, John Humphries & all those who are sick.

Recently Deceased: We pray for all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: We remember Bridget Elizabeth Martin and 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 £549.85 in the collection last week. During July we received: £1771.21 Loose Plate, £732.20 Gift Aid Envelopes, £1804 Standing Orders, £512.90 Card Machine and £719.47 Donations. 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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

Walsingham 2027: The 2027 pilgrimage will be from Monday 3 May 2027 to Friday 7 May 2027. A non refundable deposit of £110 is required by 11 October 2026. Further details on the cost to follow but it will be around £560 in the en-suite rooms. Further details available from Shelagh Humphries
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Isaiah 22:15, 19-23: Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, ‘Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: “I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father’s house.” ’

Responsorial Psalm: O LORD, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

Romans 11:33-36: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?’ ‘Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?’ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia.

Matthew 16:13-20: At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.