

St Joseph's RC Church

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6th September 2026 – Twenty Third Sunday Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 5 th	5pm	Teresa Phelan RIP
Sunday 6 th Twenty Third Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Enda Donegan RIP People of the Parish
Monday 7 th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Tuesday 8 th	12 noon	Clare & Eddie Wyland
Wednesday 9 th	12 noon	Sr Elizabeth Murray RIP
Thursday 10 th	12 noon	Margaret Simms
Friday 11 th	12 noon	For my daughter - Rossitt Thomas
Saturday 12 th	5pm	Miguel Grant
Sunday 13 th Twenty Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	John Garrigan RIP People of the Parish

Daily Schedule	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mass	12 noon	5pm	9.30am 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)
Adoration	7am-9pm		
Confessions	11am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	On request
Rosary for Vocations	11.20am		11am

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 Gilson, 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 Josie Kealey RIP 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 three weeks notice and we will try our best to do that date or as near it as possible.

Money Matters we received £698.79 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.

Children's Liturgy: will resume next Sunday 13th September at the 9.30am Mass.

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.

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 be starting on Monday 14th September at 7pm in the Parish Hall. 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
shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com

Vacancies: The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT) are recruiting for a Programme Coordinator and Team Member and The Curial office is recruiting an Accounts Assistant. Closing date 18th September. CV's to be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. More details found <https://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers>

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. There are cards available at the back of church that you can send to your MP.

Ezekiel 33:7-9: Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

Responsorial Psalm 95 (94): O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Romans 13:8-10: Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

Matthew 18:15-20: At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'