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25th October 2026 – Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Mass Times and Intentions:

Saturday 24th	5pm	Chris Hindmarch RIP
Sunday 25th Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Francis Meehan RIP People of the Parish
Monday 26th *Ss Chad & Cedd*	12 noon	Jacqueline Hammerton
Tuesday 27th	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors
Wednesday 28th *Ss Simon & Jude*	12 noon	Oonagh Wray
Thursday 29th	12 noon	Diana King RIP
Friday 30th	12 noon	In Thanksgiving
Saturday 31st	5pm	Amy & Bayron
Sunday 1st November All Saints	9.30am (with children's liturgy) 11.30am (with Gregorian Chant)	Philomena Linnane 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

****Adoration: Adorer Required for 10am-11am on Tuesdays.**
Please speak to Fr Sean if you are available to cover this slot.**

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, 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, Liz Wallis, John Humphries, Ken Sheehan & 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 to request a Mass said for your intentions. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Please note that it can sometimes take a few months to schedule a Mass. If you require a specific date, please give at **least three weeks notice** and we will try our best for that date or as near it as possible.

Money Matters we received £654.40 in the collection last week and £169.85 for World Missions. Thank you.

Candles: please note that during the week, church will be open via the sacristy door before and after the 12pm Mass for you to light candles if you wish.

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.

Sponsor a Slate: this scheme has now closed and we are no longer able to accept any sponsorship requests.

Wednesday prayer group: every Wednesday at 7pm- 8.30pm in the church hall. For more information contact Karen on 07974 024288. All welcome.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: there is still time to join our course on Monday evenings at 7pm in the Parish Hall. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please speak to Fr Sean or Rosemary.

Walsingham 2027 Update: The 2027 Pilgrimage will be from Monday 3 May 2027 to Friday 7 May 2027. A non-refundable deposit of £110 is required by 25 October 2026. The cost will be £560 in the en-suite rooms and £475 in standard accommodation. Further details available from Shelagh Humphries shelaghclarinet@me.com Please note the change of email address. If you have already enquired and not received a reply please can you resend it to the new email address.

St Joseph's School," Where every child is known and loved, as a child of God": We wish to let our Parishioners and local community know our school currently has places available and to also share some of the comments made following our recent Ofsted Inspection: Our schools overall result is Expected Standard. The Governors wish to thank all staff for their amazing dedication and care given to our pupils. Just some of the comments from the report, "St. Joseph's is a safe haven for pupils. The school provides a warm and nurturing environment, Pupils enter school happily each morning greeted by adults who genuinely care about them. Those pupils who need extra support to settle to learning receive this by caring staff". "Pupils are proud to be part of this small and welcoming school". "From the early years, children are taught to be curious and interested learners". "They benefit from the ambitious curriculum and staff's high expectations". "Pupils thrive in leadership roles such as school councillors, playground leaders and librarians. They recognise that they have a voice within their school. Through these opportunities, pupils develop confidence and independence. They are prepared well for life in modern Britain".

Vacancy: A vacancy has arisen within the Diocese for a Fundraising and Planned Giving Manager. Hours: Full time. Rate of pay: Competitive, commensurate with experience. Further details can be found at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers/fundraising-and-planned-giving-manager-2 Closing date: 27 November 2026. Please contact Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for an application form.

South Manchester Catholic Young Adults (SMCYA) is a community for young adults aged 18–35 across South Manchester, based at St Vincent's RC Church, Altrincham. Our upcoming dates are 7 & 21 November, and 5 & 19 December. For more information email southmanccatholicyoungadults@.gmail.com.

Exodus 22:21-27: Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'
Responsorial Psalm 18 (17): I love you, LORD, my strength.
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10: Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

Matthew 22:34-40: At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'