

# *St James the Great in St. Anselm's Local Missionary Area*

## The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd March 2025

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**MASS INTENTION FOR THIS SUNDAY:** Is for the Parishioners for St James,  
Hattersley.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please keep in your prayers all of our recently  
deceased Parishioners and their families at this sad time of loss.

**CONFESSION:** By appointment

**BAPTISM:** We pray for our recently baptised.

**MONEY MATTERS:** The Collection total for 23rd February was £67.00  
Thank you for your generosity.

## PARISH NOTICES

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In today's Gospel Jesus asks us to live our faith from the heart. We pray that in this Jubilee year, the year of hope that by our own loving kindness we can be a sign of hope for others.

**Mass for Ash Wednesday** - This will be held on Wednesday 5th March at 11: 15am, where we hope to be joined by children from St James School.

**The Holy Season of Lent** - On Wednesday with the celebration of Ash Wednesday we begin our journey through Lent. This holy time of prayer and preparation for the great events of holy week and Easter. During this time of prayer and reflection we will take a number of opportunities in our Masses and services to reflect on the great message of Lent and also keep in mind this Jubilee Year 2025, the year of hope.

**Message to the whole Parish** - ALL the Parish are invited to the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER on Friday 7th March at 2pm**. This year's Service has been prepared by the women of the Cook Island and the local service will take place at the Congregational Church, Baker Street (off Acres Lane) Stalybridge. Some of our ladies from St Peter's and St Raphaels will be taking part in the Service. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please try to join the other churches in the town for this lovely service of prayer and song if you can. Thank you.

**Marriage Care are looking for volunteers** - We are you looking for some rewarding voluntary work? Marriage Care, a national charity, assists parishes to prepare couples for marriage. We are looking for help in presenting our one day marriage preparation courses and/ or providing marriage preparation online. We aim to provide the best possible opportunity for couples to prepare for a lifelong, loving marriage. We focus on topics such as: exploring expectations; communication; conflict management; sacrament of marriage, vows and promises; nurturing the relationship. Would you be able to help? We are looking for both male and female volunteers. We provide training and ongoing support to equip you to work as part of a team. For further information, go to <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/get-involved/> or contact John Worth, Centre co-ordinator, Stockport Marriage Care, on 0161 494 6428.

**A message from Lourdes Director, Canon Christopher Matthews** - I am delighted to tell you that bookings for our 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now open. The brochure and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk)