



**OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST 2021

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL My thanks to the Sacred Heart Fathers at St Joseph's, Stockport, for covering some of the weekday Masses while I was away last week.

It was good to see people returning to the St Christopher Centre for refreshments following the Sunday Masses last weekend – about forty in total. The Centre is a great resource for the parish and thankfully we can look forward to the gradual return of parish groups as well as to planning various other events.

The Foodbank continues to be very well supported as you can see from the weekly updates in the newsletter at a time when there is so much need. Thanks to all who regularly support this charitable effort through which we live out the corporal works of mercy.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS – Sunday 22nd August 2021 – Sunday 29th August 2021

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Susan Clegg RIP People of the Parish Lloyd Samuels RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Ronald Evans RIP
Tuesday	St Bartholomew, Ap Requiem Mass	1.00pm 7.30pm	Louise Hopkinson RIP Anne Fitzpatrick RIP
Wednesday	St Thomas of Hereford, B	9.30am	Rachel Carroll Ints.
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Moira Smith RIP
Friday	St Monica	12.00pm	Thomas McGahan RIP
Saturday	St Augustine, B, D Evening Mass of following Sunday	9.30am 6.00pm	Martin Murray RIP Anne & Peter Oakes RIP
Sunday	22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Lynne Tyson RIP People of the Parish

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Christine Beswick, Hillary Rustage, Kieran O'Brien, Debbie Sainsbury, Lionel & Jenny Rawlings, Matthew Norman, Jadar Jones, Michael Christie, Sonia Faure, Wilfred Hartley, Mandy Keane, Joyce Osbourne, Michael O'Sullivan, Bob Parker, Katelyn Reilly, Margaret Smith, Amy Harris, Elizabeth Brown, Bridget Robertson, Valerie Gahan, Marina Hernandez. Joshua Goddard, Eamon Curran, Pat Duggan, Ruth Grace Crosby, Mary Ready, Avril McCormack, Howard Moore, Eileen Bush, Ann Standing, Pat Stewart, Sheila Murphy, Kath Longden, Michael Sainsbury, Kathleen Zwierink, Moira McNeill, John Bardsley, Tricia Burke, Isaac Saed Iqbal, Simon Wright, Margaret Schofield, Barry Swarbrick, Margaret Wooliscroft. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

PARISH LIVE STREAM Masses and services are live streamed at www.churchservices.tv/romiley

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS READINGS You can find the readings at:

www.universalis.com/20200802/masshtm The Prayer of the Church (Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night prayer, etc.) is also on the website. Readings for the 21st Sunday: Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18; Ephesians 5: 21-32; John 6: 60-69.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Dorothy May Murphy & Leonardo Gabriel Louis Walker who were baptised recently.

FULL DETAILS of the latest guidance and recommendations following the ending of lockdown measures on 19th July are available to view on the parish website as well as an electronic copy of the Catholic Bishops' statement on Sunday Mass.

ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE Refreshments will be served in the Centre after the 9.00am & 11.00am Sunday Masses this weekend. Thanks to those who have volunteered to serve the refreshments. If anyone else would like to volunteer please contact Tony O'Reilly at aoreilly12@hotmail.com letting him know your preferred time. Please note the points at the end of the newsletter to help keep everyone safe and well while using the Centre. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm, Sunday 10.20am – 10.45pm. Please allow one minute after the previous penitent has left before entering the confessional. This is for ventilation purposes. Thank you.

ONLINE GIVING TO THE PARISH For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection (Planned Giving envelopes & cash) at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish has been added to the Parish website. Please go to: www.ourladyandstchristophersromiley.org.uk to see the link.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £1,455.40. CAFOD £63.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.

LIVING LAUDATO SI - Your Planet and Your Parish – September 3rd-6th.

A long weekend of talks and discussions on Zoom + practical activities on living the message of Laudato Si'

Find out how to be part of an 'ecological conversion' in our own lives and in our parish. Pope Francis calls us to this in *Laudato Si'*. Guest Speakers for the Zoom weekend are Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Bishop Paul Swarbrick. The weekend, led by Boarbank Hall and the Ecological Conversion Group, is designed to be combinable with work and with Sunday Mass commitments, as well as some time out!

For more details, email Sr Margaret Atkins on margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk and if you're interested in getting together with others in our parish to share and discuss this topic, please contact me, Judith O'Neill at judithone2@gmail.com or 0161 465 1368.

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. *There is more information on the CAFOD board at the back of church.*

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

FOOD BANK Five trays and thirteen bags of food and other items were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £155 (£50, £25, £20, £20, £20, £20). **The Foodbank was once again extremely busy and as well as general donations, we are very short of multipack crisps, tinned tomatoes, long life fruit juice, squash and shampoo.**

The church will be open today (Sunday) and tomorrow (Monday) between 2.00pm – 4.00pm to receive your donations. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox.

MARRIAGE CARE If you are going through difficulties in your relationship, Stockport Marriage Care can offer a confidential counselling service. Marriage Care is still here for you and is at the end of the phone if you need help. You can contact them on 0800 389380.

THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE

PLEASE NOTE THE POINTS BELOW WHEN ATTENDING THE CENTRE

- Do not attend the Centre if you are unwell, showing possible symptoms of COVID-19 or are clinically vulnerable.
- A QR code will be available at the entrance for those users wishing to scan.
- For Parish events we will restrict the number of visitors in the Centre to 40. This number will be reviewed regularly.
- Where possible the number of daily events in the Centre will be limited to one, allowing enhanced cleaning to take place.
- A hand sanitising station will be available at the entrance to the Centre and we ask that people sanitise their hands when entering.
- Windows and doors will be left open to support increased ventilation throughout the building
- Although not mandatory, we recommend that people continue to wear masks when not seated at a table
- The round tables should be limited to 5 people seated
- People should limit movement around the Centre as much as possible.
- Avoid queues at the kitchen hatch. If there is a queue when you enter the Centre, please take a seat and wait for the queue to reduce.

On the 15th August we will recommence serving tea and coffee after the Sunday Masses. All existing parish groups that use the Centre can now start to plan their return. Please contact the Secretary, Ruth Craven on 07423682266 with proposed dates for return.

Those groups that already have a hire agreement with the centre will be contacted separately. We will not be taking requests for single hire events (parties, birthdays etc) until further notice.



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