



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

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SUNDAY 29th AUGUST 2021

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

I'm sure our thoughts and prayers will be very much with the suffering people of Afghanistan at this time. I encourage you to support the appeal for various essential items that are urgently requested for the many evacuees who have flown into Manchester airport over the last week or so and who are being accommodated in local hotels. Our Young Caritas members will be involved in sorting and packing the items needed for distribution to the evacuees. Please see the back of the newsletter for details on how you can help.

Please also see the item about our intention to welcome another refugee family into our local community following the successful placement of a Syrian family over two years ago.

I hope you all enjoy the holiday weekend and may God bless our parish family in the week ahead.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS – Sunday 29th August 2021 – Sunday 5th September 2021

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Anne & Peter Oakes RIP Lynne Tyson RIP People of the Parish
Monday	Ss Margaret Clitherow, Margaret Ward & Anne Line, Mm	9.30am	James & Mary Moran RIP
Tuesday	St Aidan, B, and Saints of Lindisfarne	7.30pm	Mark Kelly RIP
Wednesday	Ferial Requiem Mass Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	10.00am	Norah Hodson RIP
Thursday	Ferial Funeral Service	9.30am 10.30am	Dominic Gahan RIP Christopher Smith RIP
Friday	St Gregory the Great, Pp, D	12.00pm	The Afghan People
Saturday	St Cuthbert, B Evening Mass of following Sunday	9.30am 6.00pm	Fr Michael Dyson RIP Eddie & Philip Palmer RIP
Sunday	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Pamela Birch RIP

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 22nd Sunday: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2. 6-8; James 1: 17-18. 21-22. 27; Mark 7: 1-8. 14-15. 21-23.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Jaxon Jace Ricci who was baptised recently.

ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE Refreshments will be served in the Centre after the 9.00am & 11.00am Masses today.

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE You will be aware that over two-and-half years ago we welcomed a refugee family from war-torn Syria into our local community. They have settled in well and have good prospects for a much brighter future. I am grateful to our dedicated team of parishioners who continue to support the family. It was always our intention to resettle a second family and we think the time has now come to start planning for this. There will be regular updates in the newsletter about how things are progressing. I am sure you will keep this project in your prayers as well as remembering in prayer all those forced to flee their homeland, mindful of the current terribly sad situation in Afghanistan. *"I was a stranger and you made me welcome."* Mt: 25:35.

LADIES GUILD MEETING Thursday September 2nd at 7.30pm in the St Christopher Centre To celebrate our return to the centre we are having a shared table. All the ladies of the parish are welcome to join us. During lockdown we continued to meet via Zoom and had some really interesting meetings (cookery demonstrations, various speakers, bingo, quizzes, a Christmas party and Carol service to name a few). We are a very social group and would welcome any new members. (Transport can be arranged, if required). For more information contact Susan Latham on 07791 649861 or susanlatham1948@yahoo.co.uk

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD The Christmas shoe box campaign will take place this autumn. In October empty shoe boxes can be collected from the back of church and then returned full at a later date. For more information please contact Karin Moore on 494 9104. Thank you.

FREE BOOKS on the table at the back of church – please help yourself.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm, Sunday 10.20am – 10.45am. 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 £505.60, CAFOD £63.00. Thank you for your continued generosity. The White envelope collection is next weekend.

DONATION Thank you to Varivocals for a recent donation of £100 to the parish.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE I would like to invite you to '40 days for life' vigil outside 136 Chester Road, Hazel Grove, NUPAS Abortion facility. 40 Days for life is a non denominational global organisation committed to ending abortion all over the world. It has been endorsed by Pope Francis and we have this autumn from the 22nd September to 31st October an opportunity to join with our fellow Christians around the world to put an end to Abortion in Hazel Grove. If you are interested in helping Dan Chamberlin and myself in holding a prayerful vigil for 40 days can you contact me Steve Conlon on 07702 828984.

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. 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.*

FOOD BANK Three trays and two large bags of food were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £140 (£40, £20, £20, £20, £20, £20). Many thanks for your continued support. The Foodbank was very busy again so donations of the following would be very welcome: cereals, long life milk and fruit juices, tinned tomatoes and potatoes as well as toothbrushes.

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.

Caritas Afghan Evacuee Crisis Appeal

Young Caritas would like your practical help in responding to the fast-moving situation in Afghanistan

URGENT LIST OF ESSENTIALS

- **Aptimil 200ml made up bottles please. This is a specific ask due to dietary requirements**
- **Nappies size 2 and 3**
- **Pull-up nappies size 6 and 7**
- **Nappy sacks for disposal**
- **Nappy cream (Sudocreme or similar)**
- **Sanitary products**
- **Tena Lady discreet pads**
- **Blankets – babies and all ages**
- **Socks (new/unused)**
- **NEW underwear for both adults and children**
- **Slippers (new/unused)**
- **Paper / crayons and similar toys for children**
- **Shoes (good condition and new please)**

These can be dropped off at the St Christopher Centre today between 2.00pm – 4.00pm and tomorrow (Bank Holiday Monday) between 10.00am – 11.00am and on any morning between 10.00am – 11.30am from Thursday 2nd September. They may also be dropped off at the Parish Office on Wednesday & Friday mornings between 10.00am 11.30am.

If you prefer, you may wish to make a donation by credit/debit card to the appeal online here: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/afghanistan-appeal-2021/> or to donate £20, text the word WELCOME to 70580. Thank you.

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