



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 12th September 2021

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Today is Education Sunday - a day of prayer for all involved in Catholic education. It is a day to pray for all who teach and all who study. The challenges of the past 18 months have been particularly demanding for our schools and teachers, school leaders and support staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to support the young people in their care. I have been able to visit both Catholic schools in our parish since they reopened after the summer holidays and I have to say it felt good to be "back again".

As you know, we intend to resettle a second refugee family in our parish and I'll be joining the other members of the parish support group in an online training session next week. We are also starting the application process which will hopefully be less bureaucratic than it was last time because of the experience already gained. Please do keep this worthwhile project in your prayers.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 12th September 2021 – Sunday 19th September 2021*

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| Sunday | Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am | People of the Parish Ruth O'Reilly RIP Sheelagh Smith – 100 th Birthday |
| Monday | St John Chrysostom, B, D | 9.30am | Sheelagh Smith |
| Tuesday | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross | 7.30pm | Margaret Sweeney RIP |
| Wednesday | Our Lady of Sorrows | 9.30am | Fr Jack McLeish RIP |
| Thursday | Ss Cornelius, P, M & Cyprian, B, M | 9.30am | Theresa Quinn RIP |
| Friday | Ferial | 8.15am 12.00pm | <i>Mass at Harrytown Catholic HS</i> Gerda Carroll RIP |
| Saturday | Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday | 9.30am 6.00pm | SSCF Ints. People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.00am 11.00am | Martin Leach RIP Susan Clegg 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 24th Sunday: Isaiah 50: 5-9; James 2: 14-18; Mark 8: 27-35.

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.

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

CHURCH CLEANING after Mass on Wednesday. Please come along for an hour or so if you can to help with the cleaning. Thank you.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Over the last 18 months the Bereavement Group has continued to meet on Zoom however we are now looking forward to be able to meet again in person. The next meeting will therefore be in the St Christopher Centre and will take place on Thursday 16 September from 1:00PM until 2:30PM. The group is for anyone who has suffered a bereavement and is an opportunity to share your feelings however if you don't want to chat you are welcome to come along just for the tea and coffee! This is not a counselling service but is a space to get support from others who have experienced bereavement. For more information please contact Susan Carr on 07543 408551.

LADIES GUILD MEETING Thursday 16th September at 7.30pm. "Quiz Night". Another enjoyable evening with Josie and her quiz. All welcome. Remember to bring a pen and paper!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE As per last year, we have decided not to hold our usual Christmas Fair this year, as it is probably too soon for people to gather together following the Covid pandemic. However we are continuing with a Christmas Raffle, which will be drawn on Saturday 27th November. We have already secured over 20 prizes, once again donated by businesses, and the first prize is a One night B&B for Two people at the Hilton in Manchester. Raffle tickets will be available from mid-October.

CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) begins this month with in-person classes on Thursday morning at St Columba's Chester. There is also an online learning option, with an in-person seminar in Wythenshawe or Birkenhead. This is an excellent course for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith or lead in a school or parish. Please register in advance - information is available from ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

EVERGREENS 15th September, 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

15th September – Cakes & Chat

22nd September – no meeting

29th September – Quiz

6th October – Board Games

We look forward to seeing familiar faces again and perhaps some new ones too. Everyone is welcome. Just come along – please note the new time.

SUNDAY 9 'O' CLOCK MASS READERS A rota is currently being set up and will be in place for the beginning of October. We will continue to read all the readings & bidding prayers for that Mass.

New rotas will be available on the website and displayed on the notice boards by the sacristy & at the back of church. In order to save unnecessary use of paper, details of each new rota, along with contact details will be emailed to all readers, however, if preferred, paper copies will be available on request. Those already on the readers list should have been contacted by now, and your preferences noted, but if not, my sincere apologies, please get in touch. New readers are very welcome at any time and if you have not read before, training is available. Please contact Anne Granby 0161 494 2711.

DAY FOR MEN at St Joseph's Church, Tatton St., Stockport, Saturday 25th September 9.00am – 4.00pm.

Talks, testimonies, prayer, healing and Reconciliation. Breakfast and lunch provided. Suggested donation of £10. Please see poster in porch or on the parish website.

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 £517.21, CAFOD £49.00, White envelopes £230.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.

200 CLUB WINNERS M Pereira, M Whiting, J Berry, C Holt. Please collect envelopes from the small sacristy. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who support the draw.

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.

"IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?" Help friends and family who don't have the faith you do, to answer that question for themselves.

A course is to start in October that can draw people in to finding God for the first time in their lives or returning to a faith from which they have drifted away. A weekly Zoom session with video and short discussion will be run by a small team of parishioners and all are welcome to attend online from wherever they live. Further Info from the team - CONTACT: Tony and Judith at judithone2@gmail.com or phone Anne on 0161 494 2711.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP? We all know someone who isn't a churchgoer or doesn't seem to have any faith, a neighbour a friend or relative. This Alpha course could be just what they need right now. INVITE them along. Uncertain whether a person would be interested, then TELL THEM about it and suggest that they give it a try by attending a couple of sessions.

Finally, your prayer support gained many blessings for all those who attended the Prayer Course earlier this year and we ask again for your prayers for this upcoming course.

FOOD BANK Many thanks for all your recent contributions to the Foodbank - this week there were 5 trays and 2 carrier bags of food and toiletries plus cash donations amounting to £115 (£65, £20, £20, £10). **We welcome all donations but are currently short of tinned tomatoes and carrots, shower gel, tooth brushes and toilet paper.**

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. Thank you.

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.

JOB VACANCY Primary Deputy Headteacher Vacancy St Peter’s RC Primary School, Stalybridge are looking for a new Deputy Head. Please contact admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk to arrange a visit. Salary: L5-L9 (**£46,566 - £51,402**) Group 2: NOR 207 & 22 Nursery. For application forms etc contact Sue.Jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org



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