



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

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SUNDAY 19th September 2021

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL This Sunday afternoon we welcome back the members of the parish Friendship Group to the St Christopher Centre following the 11 o'clock Mass for one of the members, Susan Clegg, who sadly died earlier this year. Susan attended the monthly meetings regularly before Covid-19 struck. May she rest in peace. The meetings are an opportunity to socialize, enjoy a lovely meal, take part in various activities and also pray and sing together.

I'm very pleased that our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are now visiting our sick and housebound parishioners again. If you know of anybody who would like to receive Holy Communion at home please let me have their name and contact details so that the necessary arrangements can be made. I am grateful to our sick and housebound parishioners for supporting the parish through their prayers and also to our Extraordinary Ministers for visiting them.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 19th September 2021 – Sunday 26th September 2021*

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Martin Leach RIP Susan Clegg RIP
Monday	Ss Andrew Kim TaegOn, & Companions, Mm Requiem Mass	9.30am 11.45am	Philomena Cockett RIP Gertrude (Betty) Dunne RIP
Tuesday	St Matthew, Ap, Ev	7.30pm	Michael Wilson RIP
Wednesday	Ferial Requiem Mass	10.30am	James (Jim) Byrom RIP
Thursday	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), P	9.30am	Eileen Owen RIP
Friday	Our Lady of Walsingham	8.15am 12.00pm	<i>Mass at Harrytown Catholic HS</i> Thomas, Frances & Margaret O'Brien RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday	9.30am 6.00pm	Pat & Evelyn Ward RIP People of the Parish
Sunday	26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Eamonn McFadden RIP Nick Donovan 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 25th Sunday: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James: 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Maverick Giuseppe Warner who was baptised recently.

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.

REFRESHMENTS in the St Christopher Centre after the 9.00am & 11.00am Masses today. You're welcome to enjoy a hot drink and biscuits and to have a chat with friends and fellow parishioners.

MESSAGE FROM SHEELAH SMITH'S FAMILY Sheelah Smith and her family would like to offer sincere thanks to Canon Gannon and all of the parishioners for their prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Sheelah is truly blessed to be a member of such a warm and caring parish.

EVERGREENS 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

22nd September – no meeting

29th September – Quiz

6th October – Board Games

CLEANING THE CHURCH Many thanks to those people who have valiantly cleaned the church for the last two years. However the task is onerous for 3-4 people. Ideally we could do with two teams each with six people - cleaning could be done once a fortnight and therefore each team would be on Rota once a month. If you are willing to join a team (new or existing cleaners) please give your names to Christine at the office. **Cleaning would be on Wednesday mornings, 10am – 11.30am.**

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 £667.26, CAFOD £18.60. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

CATECHESIS AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT The need for ongoing formation in the faith is one that we readily recognise as an essential aspect of our Christian calling and responsibility. Over the coming weeks and months we will be introducing a number of new opportunities for people to learn more about our faith, focusing on scripture, tradition and Church teaching. We will be re-launching the **Franciscan at Home Programme**, which was interrupted by COVID. This is an initiative promoted by the diocese and is aimed at helping people to not only learn about their faith, but also enable them to share their faith with others. A meeting to explain the aims of the programme and how participants will be supported will be held on **Wednesday 29th September at 7.00pm in the St Christopher Centre**. If you are interested in learning more about the programme please come along to the meeting or speak to Kevin Hogan [07762 091388]. On a very positive note, relaxation of some of the COVID restrictions means that we will once again be able to provide Baptism and Confirmation courses. Further details about these programmes will be announced shortly.

"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.

THE WELL SPRING – STOCKPORT We have many calls for our help and this is yet another appeal...this time to help people living on the streets of Stockport. The Wellspring has remained open during the pandemic but has struggled to cope with an increased demand for hot meals, food parcels, medical attention and where possible somewhere to sleep. Alterations have been made to the building to accommodate Covid rules. The Wellspring is now ready to fully open again but needs quite a lot of help.

Their Harvest Wish list is available and will be posted on the notice board in our porch. There is also a second list for those who wish to donate monies....showing how much items cost.

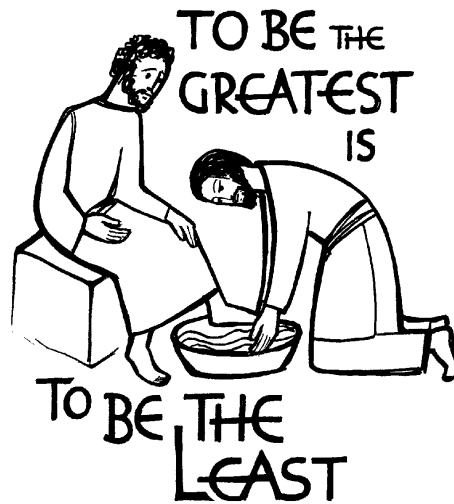
If you are able to donate please put items in the box labelled `WELLSPRING` at the back of church. There are envelopes if you wish to give money. Many thanks

FOOD BANK Many thanks for all your recent contributions to the Foodbank - this week there were 7 trays and 1 large carrier bag this week plus donations amounting to £135 (£65, £20, £20, £20, £10). **Many thanks for your generosity. Like last week, 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: THE DIOCESE OF SALFORD is seeking to recruit a suitably qualified individual to provide office management and oversight of the administration of the COO (Chief Operating Officer) Office. This role will have responsibility for providing robust administrative and secretarial support to the COO and her team across all areas but particularly in relation to IT, telephony, and Data Protection. **Appointment Type:** Full time, permanent, 35 hours per week. **Working pattern:** Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Some flexibility will be required. **Location:** Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Salary: £26,000 - £28,000 per annum depending on skills and experience. For further details please see <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/> closing date 24th September at 12 noon.



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