



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

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**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** It was good to see the St Christopher Centre used last week by Harrytown Catholic High School for their Year 7 retreat days. There were four days in all and two more are being held this week led by our Diocesan Youth Mission Team. I hope we can further develop this use of the Centre and currently we are looking at running various courses with the focus very much on growing in our understanding of the faith. Please come to the meeting on Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Centre where there will be more information about this.

The parishioners supporting our Syrian family attended an online training event on Thursday to do with the application process for another refugee family that we are hoping to resettle in our parish community. It was very helpful and I look forward to providing further updates in due course.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Sunday 3rd October 2021***

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| Sunday    | <b>Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)<br/>26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> | <b>6.00pm</b><br><b>9.00am</b><br><b>11.00am</b> | People of the Parish<br>Eamonn McFadden RIP<br>Nick Donovan RIP |
| Monday    | <b>St Vincent DePaul, P</b>  | 9.30am   | Mark Marshall RIP   |
| Tuesday   | Ferial<br><b>Funeral Service</b>   | <b>12.45pm</b><br>7.30pm                         | Martin Leach RIP<br>Joe Waters RIP                              |
| Wednesday | <b>Ss Michael, Gabriel, &amp; Raphael, Archangels</b>  | 9.30am   | Eddie Clayton RIP   |
| Thursday  | <b>St Jerome, P, D</b>   | 9.30am   | Maureen Woods RIP   |
| Friday    | <b>St Theresa of the Child Jesus, V<br/>Family Fast Day</b>                                    | 8.15am<br>12.00pm                                | <i>Mass at Harrytown Catholic HS</i><br>Frances O'Brien RIP     |
| Saturday  | <b>Guardian Angels<br/>Evening Mass of following Sunday</b>                                    | 9.30am<br><b>6.00pm</b>                          | Phyllis Ward RIP<br>Banikos Yiatrou RIP                         |
| Sunday    | <b>27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>   | <b>9.00am</b><br><b>11.00am</b>                  | People of the Parish<br>Peter Whittam 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** Please go to [www.churchservices.tv/romiley](http://www.churchservices.tv/romiley)

**SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS READINGS** You can find the readings at: [www.universalis.com/20200802/masshtm](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please pray for Irene White who died recently. May she rest in peace. Please also pray for her family at this time.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Edward Alan Joshua Kennion and Tymon Pirog Szatkowski who were 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.

**WE SAID FAREWELL TO DOMINIC McCANN** on Saturday following this three week pastoral placement in the parish. Dominic will shortly return to the Beda College in Rome to continue his studies for the priesthood. I am grateful for his contribution to the life of the parish whilst with us. Please keep him in your prayers and also Alec Davey, whose pastoral placement in the parish continues until January next year.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** Young people who wish to be confirmed are invited to give their names and contact details to Fr Michael. Young people in Years 9, 10 & 11 in High School are eligible and also those who have now left school and missed out last year due to the pandemic. The preparation meetings will begin on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November in the St Christopher Centre led by the Shrewsbury Diocesan Youth Mission Team. The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop on February 2022. Please let Fr Michael have the above details as soon as possible. Thank you.

**EVERGREENS 1.30pm – 3.30pm.**

**29<sup>th</sup> September** – Quiz

**6<sup>th</sup> October** – Board Games

**LADIES GUILD** meeting Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. There will be a film show: "Memories of the Ladies Guild."

**FUNDRAISING GROUP** There will be an informal meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in the St Christopher Centre. New members are welcome to come along.

**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.**

**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](http://www.ourladyandstchristophersromiley.org.uk) to see the link.

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection £592.15, CAFOD £23.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**200 CLUB WINNERS** S Dobson, J Coll, R Walker, A Bibby. Please collect envelopes from the small sacristy. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who support the monthly draw.

**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 around 30 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.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October and collections on 2-3 October** The poorest communities are the most affected by the climate crisis. CAFOD's local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

Donate online through the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can easily give via text: text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10\* OR choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD followed by the amount you wish to donate to 70580.

\*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70580.

*If you are a UK taxpayer, please use the Fast Day envelopes that have Gift Aid slips on them and by filling in the form, you can increase the value of your donation by 25p for every £1 you give.*

**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** Thank you for your continued generous donations to the foodbank. There were 5 trays of donations, including carrier bags in the trays plus cash donations amounting to £70 (£20, £20, £20, £10).

**The foodbank was busy again this week, and whilst all donations are most welcome, we are getting short of tinned spaghetti, carrots, baked beans, and fruit juice.**

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.



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