



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

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**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** Prisons Week this year is from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October until Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October and we are invited to pray for all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of our prisons.

October is the month of Our Lady and from Monday to Friday the Rosary will be prayed in church after each Mass led by Alec Davey who, as you know, is a student for the priesthood on a pastoral placement in the parish until next January. You are welcome to join in praying the Rosary in church or via the live stream.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021***

Sunday	<b>Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Neville & Paul Schofield RIP Fr Aidan Mullan RIP Peter Murray RIP
Monday	<b>St John XIII, Pp</b>	9.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	<b>St Wilfrid, B</b>	7.30pm	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday	Ferial <b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Irene White RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Kieran's Intentions
Friday	<b>St Theresa of Avila, V, D</b>	8.15am 12.00pm	<i>Harrytown Catholic HS Mass</i> Special Intention
Saturday	<b>St Margaret Mary Alacoque, V, R</b> <b>Evening Mass of following Sunday</b>	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	Martin Murray RIP Helen Tomlinson RIP
Sunday	<b>29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish Malcolm Berry 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 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Wisdom 7: 7-11; Hebrews 4; 12-13; Mark 10: 17-30.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Jack Harry Brennan & Freddie Thomas Brennan 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.

**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 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022.** Please let Fr Michael have the above details as soon as possible. Thank you.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN HOGAN** who is in formation for the Permanent Diaconate as he prepares to receive Candidacy at St Mary's College, Oscott, next Saturday. This means that he has been invited by the Bishop to enter a time of formal preparation for ordination. Please keep Kevin in your prayers as he continues his journey towards the permanent diaconate.

**FAITH FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT** As a follow up to the recent meeting regarding ongoing formation in the faith we will be holding a 'workshop' on Wednesday 13th October at 7.00pm in the St Christopher Centre. We will be working together to complete one of the modules from the Franciscan at Home Programme. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and its teachings please come along, all are welcome. For further information please contact Kevin Hogan on 07762 091388.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** This week you can collect an empty box and leaflets from the back of church. The boxes with your gifts need to be returned to the church for the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you cannot collect a box from church please contact Karin Moore on 494 9104 if you would like to have a box delivered to you and collected afterwards. Thank you.

**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.

## **EVERGREENS WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm – 3.30pm.**

**13th October** - Craft with Anne Marie

**20th October** - Angie Clark will give a talk on Gertrude Powicke from Hatherlow who was a suffrage campaigner.

**27th October** - Ditloids Quiz

**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 £550.00, CAFOD Family Fast Day £393.51. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** As per last year, we are continuing with our Christmas Raffle this year, which will take place on Saturday 27th November, drawn by Fr Michael and shown on our live stream.

A number of fantastic prizes have already been secured with more to come. A list of prizes will be published in the newsletter in coming weeks and will also be on our parish website. The first prize is a One Night B&B for Two people at the Hilton Manchester Deansgate.

Raffle tickets will be available from church **next weekend**. These will be priced at £2 per book (50p per ticket). Children in our primary school will receive some books through school as normal.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** Thank you so much for your donations to CAFOD this Family Fast Day. Your generous gifts will help people like Ivanilde in the Amazon to protect our common home. You can add your voice to our petition calling for the Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, and find out more about how you can get involved, by visiting [cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim)

**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 five trays of donations plus cash donations amounting to £70 (£65, £5) delivered last week. **There is currently a shortage of fruit juice, tins of soup, fruit, rice pudding, noodles and jam.**

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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