



**OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S
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SUNDAY 31st October 2021

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL In a recent pastoral letter the Bishop spoke about "Journeying Together" a time for listening, prayer and reflection by way of preparation for the 2023 International Synod of Bishops in Rome. Pope Francis has invited the Church throughout the world to engage in this process and to listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. There are a series of questions that have been prepared for people to consider in parishes between now and the end of December. Copies of the questions are available to collect from the back of church and they may also be downloaded from the parish website. Please consider these questions either individually or as members of parish groups. Information on where to send responses is detailed below.

On Monday we start our Confirmation preparation programme for the young people who have signed up to receive the sacrament in February 2022. There are further details about this below. Please keep our young people in your prayers during this time of preparation.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 31st October 2021 – Sunday 7th November 2021*

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Solemnity (Saturday) SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Frances Nichols RIP People of the Parish Fred Stanley RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Philomena Cocket RIP
Tuesday	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	9.30am 7.30pm	All the Faithful Departed Desmond O'Connor RIP
Wednesday	St Winefride, V Funeral Service	9.30am 12.30pm	The O'Brien Family Avril McCormack RIP
Thursday	St Charles Borromeo, B	9.30am	Rawson Family
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	<i>Harrytown Catholic HS Mass</i> Holy Souls
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of the following Sunday	9.30am 6.00pm	Living & Dead-Murray Family Alfred & Eileen - Slim Golden Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Sonia Faure Intentions People of the Parish

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, 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, Margaret Wooliscroft, Winifred Corrigan. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to 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 Solemnity of All Saints: Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Ellen Kate Barriball who was baptised recently.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for the repose of the soul of Avril McCormack who died recently. May she rest in peace. Please also pray for Avril's family at this time.

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.

"JOURNEYING TOGETHER" Regarding the forthcoming synod (details in Fr Michael's message above), all feedback from individuals and parish groups may be sent in writing either electronically to synod@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or by post to: **Bishop's Office, 13 Belmont, Shrewsbury SY1 1TE.**

REFRESHMENTS in the St Christopher Centre after the 9.00am & 11.00am Masses today.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS Tomorrow (Monday) is the start of November, the month of the Holy Souls, when we pray for our departed loved ones. Please pick up an envelope and write down the names of those you wish to be remembered during this month, enclose in envelope and return to church. One Mass every week during this month will be offered for those on the November Dead List. Please do **not** put any money in the envelope.

PARISH MEMORIAL SERVICE for those who have died during the past year in church on Sunday 14th November at 3.00pm. All who have died during the year will be prayed for and there will be the opportunity to light a candle for them. Please let family, relatives and friends know. All are welcome. The service will also be live streamed and recorded.

DOMINIC McCANN Dominic has contacted me to say that he is back in Rome where he is continuing his studies for the priesthood. He is grateful for his time on placement in the parish in September and he assures me that he is keeping us all in his prayers. Let us also remember him in prayer as well as Alec Davey who is with us until January next year.

PIETY STALL We now have our Christmas stock in. Boxes of Christmas cards £4. Diaries £3, Calendars £1. Packets of Christmas cards £1.50. Also a variety of advent calendars and nativity sets. The piety stall will be open on 6 & 7 November, 20 & 21 November and 4 & 5 December 2021.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION MEETING in the St Christopher Centre on Monday 1st November from 4.00pm – 5.00pm. 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.

MEMORY TREE Hopefully we will be able to have our Christmas Memory Tree on show this year to remember those we love and the ones we have lost. The hearts are at the back of church you can take them home pop a photo or a message on them then return to the box on the table at the back of church. The Tree will be blessed on Christmas Eve. Donations will be given to church funds.

CARITAS CHILDREN'S BOXES The October collection has been postponed – but if there are box holders want their box emptying now please bring it to the office or phone your collector. Collections resume in April next year. Thank you. Christine Connolly.

TRAIN AS A RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR WITH MARRIAGE CARE Catholic Marriage Care is the largest faith-based relationship support specialist in the UK. We are looking for empathetic listeners who would like to train and volunteer with us at local centres as relationship counsellors. You could make a world of difference to couples and families. No previous counselling qualifications are required. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc

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 30th / 31st 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.

EVERGREENS WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

3rd November Ann from Pic a Lily will be demonstrating an Autumn Spray

10th November No meeting today

17th November Board Games

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 £540.39; CAFOD £26.00. Thank you for your generosity.

200 CLUB WINNERS Congratulations to Anne Granby, Kathy, Burton, Karin Moore & Jo Taylor. Please collect envelopes from small sacristy. Thank you to all who support the monthly draw.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Our Christmas raffle takes place on Saturday 27th November, drawn by Fr Michael and shown on our live stream. Raffle Tickets are now available from the back of church, priced at **£2 per book (50p a ticket)**. Please take books and sell amongst family & friends. Children at St Christopher's Primary School will receive books through school after the half term break. Counterfoils and money can be brought back to church. The prizes already confirmed are detailed below and a copy can also be found on the table at the back of church and will be published on the parish website.

1st prize One Night B&B for Two People at the Hilton, Manchester.

Other prizes include: Afternoon Tea for Two in the Cloud Bar at the Hilton, Manchester, Two Course Dinner for Two in the Podium Restaurant at the Hilton, Manchester, £40 voucher at The Midway,

Stockport, Signed Shirt from Manchester City, £50 Stockport County Club Shop Voucher, 3 x Vouchers for Photo-shoot & Print at Icon Photography Studios, Stockport, £30 voucher at Balloons by Boo, Romiley, One Month Premium, Family Membership at Life Leisure, Ladies Glitterball Perfume, donated by Next, Bottle of Whiskey, £20 voucher at Qurashi, Romiley, Voucher from The Italian, Romiley, £15, voucher from Almond Family Pubs, 2 x Pairs of tickets from Stockport County, Ticket for Two at the Regent Cinema, Marple, Ladies Gift Set, donated by Next, Men's Gift Set, donated by Next, 4 wood-fired pizzas and Garlic Bread at Pizza 'Ere of Romiley, Bottle of Prosecco, Bottle of Gin, Bottle of Red Wine, Home Made Christmas Cake, Crock Pot from Tesco, Hamper from Morrison's, Voucher from Tittertons Butchers, Woodley, Voucher from Romiley butchers, Fruit Basket from Tunnacliffes Fruit & Veg, Woodley, Fresh Flowers from Pic A Lily, Bredbury, Candle set donated by Next Photo Frames, donated by Next, Men's beanie hat Gift Set, donated by Next, Necklace, donated by Next, Box of Chocolatea. *Plus more prizes to be confirmed.*

SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS FOR ALL WHO DIED IN THE PANDEMIC at Our Lady & The Apostles Church, Shaw Heath, Stockport, SK3 8BQ, Thursday 25th November at 7.00pm.

COP26 – you can make a difference – WITH PRAYER Working in partnership with CAFOD, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have written a prayer to encourage people to pray for the leaders meeting in Glasgow next week that God will provide them with the courage necessary to take action on behalf of the environment and the world's poorest. You can find prayer cards at the back of church or just say your own prayers for all those who work for climate action to save God's creation.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/COP26-prayer>

FOOD BANK Thank you for your continued generous donations to the foodbank. There were seven trays and six strong carrier bags plus cash donations amounting to £145 (£65, £20, £20, £20, £20). The church will be open today (Sunday) and tomorrow (Monday) between 2.00pm – 4.00pm for your donations.

Tinned rice, puddings, milk, baked beans and toothpaste would be appreciated. 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.

Rejoice and be glad.

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