



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

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**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** On Tuesday we celebrate the feast of Sr Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who spoke profoundly of God's mercy, that mercy which ceaselessly pours from the heart of Christ and which inspired a movement dedicated to imploring and proclaiming Divine Mercy throughout the world. The familiar image of Divine Mercy in our church is a reminder to us to seek God's mercy. Sr Faustina was canonised by St John Paul 11 in the year 2000.

I am pleased to say that 15 Photinia "Red Robin" shrubs have been planted in the Prayer Garden by Abdalnaser Alshurbaji – he and his family from Syria were resettled over two-and-a half years ago as part of the Community Resettlement Scheme. The shrubs will provide a greater degree of privacy as well as enhancing the appearance of the shrine area. And of course, it's also a contribution towards a greener environment which we are encouraged to promote.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021***

Sunday	<b>Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Banikos Yiatrou RIP People of the Parish Peter Whittam RIP
Monday	<b>St Francis of Assisi, R</b>	9.30am	Dominic Gahan RIP
Tuesday	<b>St Maria Faustina Kowalska, R</b>	7.30pm	Neil Roberts RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Joseph Haddock RIP
Thursday	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>	9.30am	Tony McCluskey RIP
Friday	Ferial	<b>No 8.15am Mass at Harrytown Catholic High School</b> 12.00pm	Neville & Anne Marie Jackson RIP
Saturday	<b>St John Henry Newman, P</b> <b>Evening Mass of following Sunday</b>	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	Pa Curry RIP People of the Parish
Sunday	<b>28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Fr Aidan Mullan RIP Peter Murray 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 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Genesis 2: 18-24; Hebrews 2: 9-11; Mark 10: 2-16.

**MY THANKS** to Fr Bill Fitzgerald & Fr Joseph Anchanickal who will celebrate a number of Masses this week while I'm in Worthing to celebrate a Requiem Mass for my second cousin Sr Margaret Mary Gormally. She died recently and was a Sister of Mercy for 71 years. May she rest in peace. Fr Bill is the parish priest of Holy Spirit, Marple, & St Bernadette, Brinnington and Fr Joseph is the priest looking after the Kerala Catholic community in South Manchester & Stockport.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please pray for Norbert Francis Crump who died recently. May he rest in peace. Please also pray for his family at this time.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Edie Belle Johnson 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.

**PLEASE NOTE** there is no 8.15am Mass at Harrytown Catholic High School on Friday this week.

**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.

**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.**

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

**13<sup>th</sup> October** - Craft with Anne Marie

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

**27<sup>th</sup> October** - Ditloids Quiz

**CLEANING THE CHURCH** Many thanks to those parishioners who have formed a team for Wednesday cleaning (once a month).

Is it possible to find a second team who will clean on Saturdays starting at 10.00am....again once a month.....this day and time might be suitable for some??

**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 £544.42. CAFOD £45.20. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST** envelopes should be returned with your donation this weekend. Please place in baskets provided. Thank you.

**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.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY was last Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October and Family Fast envelopes should be returned with donations at this weekend's Masses.** 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 six trays of donations plus cash donations amounting to £200 (£130, £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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