



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

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**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL Today is World Day of Prayer for the Poor. The theme chosen by Pope Francis, "Stretch out your hand to the poor" (Sirach 7:32), is meant to draw our attention to our brothers and sisters in need and to encourage us to be generous in serving them.

On this Remembrance Sunday let us also pray for the victims of war and that people and nations may work together to bring about justice and lasting peace in our troubled world.

We have our annual parish memorial service later on this afternoon in which we remember and pray for those who have died especially during the past year as well as those who mourn them.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 14th November 2021 – Sunday 21st November 2021*

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Theresa Palmer RIP People of the Parish Lloyd Samuels RIP
	Parish Memorial Service	3.00pm	
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	November Dead List
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Mary Ready RIP
Wednesday	St Hilda, Ab	9.30am	John Turner RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Bill Ibison RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	<i>Harrytown Catholic HS Mass</i> Ernest Kilgallon RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of the following solemnity	9.30am 6.00pm	Fr Jim Murray RIP Banikos Yiatrou RIP
Sunday	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Mary Perry 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, 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, Mark Sorrell. 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 33rd Sunday: Daniel 12: 1-13; Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18; Mark 13: 24-32.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Rafe George Stanley 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.

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

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION in the St Christopher Centre on Monday from 4.00pm – 5.30pm.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS November is 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 today at 3.00pm. All from the parish who have died during the year will be remembered and prayed for and there will be the opportunity to light a candle for them. All welcome.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The bereavement group is continuing to meet in person and the next meeting will be held in the St Christopher Centre on Thursday 18th November from 1.00pm – 2.30pm. This group is for anyone who has suffered bereavement and is an opportunity to share your feelings; however, if you don't want to chat you can come along just for the tea and coffee! This is not a counselling service but is a space to get support from others who have experienced bereavement. For more information please contact Susan Carr on 07543 408551.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Remembrance Service at the War Memorial, George Lane, Bredbury, today at 3.00pm. Assemble outside Duke of York Hotel at 2.30pm for parade to the War Memorial.

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 the weekend of 4 & 5 December 2021.**

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION MEETING in the St Christopher Centre on Monday 15th November from 4.00pm – 5.30pm.

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.

CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) continues in November with in-person classes on Thursday morning at St Columba's Chester. There is also an online learning option. An excellent course for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith or lead in a school or parish. Please Register in advance at ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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

EVERGREENS WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

17th November Board Games

24th November Local poet Lesley Walker will read some of her witty and interesting poems for us.

1st December Advent Quiz

8th December Making Christmas decorations

15th December Christmas Party

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 £619.45, CAFOD £23.00, White envelopes £195.00. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS There is a small box on the table at the back of church and on the bookcase at the front to receive donations towards Christmas flowers. Any donation, small, medium or large will be very welcome. Thank you.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION at all the Masses this weekend for the Clergy Education & Training Fund.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS – catalogues in church or go on the web to order

There's a new one of those lovely colourful booklets filled with ways you can help the needy of our world. Each *World Gift* is a real example of CAFOD's work. Find a perfect waste-free Christmas gift for an adult or child. Some new gifts have been added this year inspired by CAFOD'S work in response to the climate crisis. Order by 15 December for FREE DELIVERY by Christmas.

THE WELLSPRING would welcome any war clothing in good condition - underwear and socks need to be new please. There is a blue tub in the porch ready to collect any items.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE It is now only 2 weeks until our Christmas Raffle on Saturday 27th November. The raffle will be drawn by Fr Michael and shown on our Live Stream, starting at **3.00pm** (not 2.00pm as previously advertised). Thank you to all who have already purchased and returned tickets to church. Please continue to return the counterfoils and money to be in the draw. We would also appreciate the return of any unsold books.

We have around 60 prizes on offer in the raffle, so plenty of chances to win. All confirmed raffle prizes are listed below and will be updated on our 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.

SATURDAY CLEANERS Anyone who is able to join this team will be most welcome.

FOOD BANK Thank you for your continued generous donations to the foodbank. There were seven trays and six carrier bags plus cash donations amounting to £66.50 (£20, £20, £20, £6.50) delivered last Tuesday. The church will be open today (Sunday) and tomorrow (Monday) between 2.00pm – 4.00pm for your donations. **Crisps and individually wrapped chocolate biscuits as 'treats' would be very welcome, if possible.**

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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