



**OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S
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**SUNDAY 21st NOVEMBER
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Today's feast of Christ the King marks the end of the current liturgical year; next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and marks the start of a new liturgical year. Let us remind ourselves that Christ's kingdom is not an earthly kingdom with all the trappings of power, wealth and prestige but a kingdom of justice, love and peace; one we are called to build as his followers.

Today is also a day of special prayer for young people. The young have been particularly affected during the pandemic including suffering severe disruption to their education. We pray for their growth in faith and for the resilience they need to face the challenges of life.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 21st November 2021 – Sunday 28th November 2021*

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Banikos Yiatrou RIP People of the Parish Mary Perry RIP
Monday	St Cecilia, V, M	9.30am	Peggy Nijam RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	November Dead List
Wednesday	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Mm	9.30am	Sheila Jackson 90 th Birthday
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Sue Connell RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	<i>Harrytown Catholic HS Mass</i> Emma Guilbert RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of the following Sunday	9.30am 6.00pm	Holy Souls Chris Reddy Birthday
Sunday	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Stephen Smith 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, Rory Ireland. 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 34th Sunday: 7: 13-14; Apocalypse 1: 5-8; John 18: 33-37.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Grace Mallory Byrne 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.

LADIES GUILD meeting Thursday 25th Nov at 7.30pm 'A demonstration on how to make a Christmas door wreath'. All welcome.

ADVENT RETREAT DAY on Saturday 27 November There will be an **Advent Retreat Day** at **St Peter's**, Green Lane, Hazel Grove when you can enjoy a bit of space and time to consider and prepare for the season of Advent, which starts the following day. **Mary Hardiman** will lead us in a day entitled **"As we wait in joyful hope"** – doesn't that sound inviting? Come on **Saturday, 27 November** for a **9.30am start** in the parish centre; we'll have Mass at noon in church. Back to the parish centre after Mass to eat **your packed lunch**, then the afternoon reflection will be in church. We aim to finish around 4pm. All are welcome – bring a friend, spread the word.

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 22nd 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 for church funds.

EVERGREENS WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

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 £542.00, CAFOD £21.00. Clergy Education & Training Fund £220.00. Thank you for your generosity.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY Using the QR code at the church entrance you can make a donation to Caritas to support their work with children, families and communities across the Diocese.

MISSIO Promoters are shortly delivering 2022 Calendars and collecting from the Red Boxes. I will attend the three masses, the weekend 4th/5th December to collect monies. Please contact me if you have any queries. Many thanks, Kathleen Walker 0161 317 7785.

MISSIO Online Advent Reflections, will begin on 26th November, each Friday at 10.30am lasting around 20 minutes. Livestream: www.missio.org.uk/livestream
YouTube: www.youtube.com/MissioUK

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.

LOOSE CHANGE BOXES If you would like your box emptying then they can be left in the small sacristy during the weekend of 4/5 December. Some boxes still available under the table at the back of church for anyone who would like to get involved. Thank you for your continued support.

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 - NEXT SATURDAY Our Christmas Raffle takes place next Saturday (27th). This will be drawn by Fr Michael and shown on our live stream, starting at **3.00pm** (not 2.00pm as previously advertised).

Huge thanks to everyone who has purchased and returned tickets already to church. All remaining counterfoils and money needs to be returned prior to 3.00pm next Saturday to be entered in the draw. The raffle has proven to be an excellent source of income for the Parish, especially with the Christmas Fair not taking place. The prize list has expanded to over 60 prizes, so there are plenty of chances to win. An updated list is available on our Parish website, and may well be added to during the course of the next week. So please return tickets and tune in next Saturday to watch the draw. Winners will also be notified immediately after the draw and prizes can be delivered if unable to collect.

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. 5 crates, 4 carrier bags and 7 multi packs (210 bags!) of crisps plus cash donations amounting to £90 (£40, £20, £20, £10) were delivered last Tuesday. The church will be open today (Sunday) and tomorrow (Monday) between 2.00pm – 4.00pm for your donations. **Pasta sauce, tinned soups and fruit will be welcomed and small chocolate treats as we approach Christmas but parishioners should be aware that the Trussel Trust does not allow anything containing alcohol (mince pies, puddings etc) to be given in food parcels.** 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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