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SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and it marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. During this short season we look forward to the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas and also to his coming again at the end of time. This is a joyful season and one in which we hear the call to repentance, to turn away from those things which hinder Christ from coming to us. May we use it well and try to make more time for prayer and reflection on the Advent readings.

This afternoon the Friendship Group will hold their monthly meeting and lunch in the St Christopher Centre. This parish group has been going for well over 30 years and it is always a joy to welcome the members who get a lot out of simply coming together to share food and friendship and engage in various activities with the opportunity also for prayer and song.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 28th November 2021 – Sunday 5th December 2021*

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Chris Reddy - Birthday People of the Parish Stephen Smith RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	James Quinn RIP
Tuesday	St Andrew, Ap	7.30pm	November Dead List
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Winifred & Neville Partington RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Irene White RIP
Friday	St Francis Xavier, P Day of Special Prayer for Migrants / Refugees	8.15am 12.00pm	<i>Harrytown Catholic HS Mass</i> Molly & Vincent Gough RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of the following Sunday	9.30am 6.00pm	SSCF People of the Parish
Sunday	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00am 11.00am	Michael Deegan RIP Eileen Murphy 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, Patricia (Pat) Frayne. 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 1st Sunday of Advent: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2; Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Oliver Lewis Bruce and Max Harrison Bruce 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.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS lists for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are at the back of church. If you are willing to assist at the Christmas Masses please put your name on the list. Because of the restrictions only one reader and one Extraordinary Minister are required for each Mass. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers Helen Pope who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the 11.00am Mass today. Helen has been undergoing a period of preparation learning about the Catholic faith over the last few months and is now ready to take this important step in her faith journey.

BISHOP Mark will be leading us in prayer at the Cathedral for Holy Hour on Wednesday 1st December at 5pm. Once again this year, we will be praying for all those across society that have been affected by abuse. In our busy lives running up until Christmas, this Holy Hour provides us all with an opportunity to reflect and pray for the strength of God to aid those around us within our parishes and communities who may be facing challenges. We are evidently not clear of the pandemic yet and the journey has presented challenges for many in their daily lives. For those impacted by abuse that present themselves for help and those that still remain unseen, please remember them in your prayers.

The Holy Hour will be live streamed via the Shrewsbury Cathedral Church Services link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral> and the Cathedral doors will be open for those wishing to attend.

200 CLUB WINNERS C Holt, B & B O'Riordan, J Berry, P Cannon. Please collect envelopes from the small sacristy. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who support the monthly draw.

FUNDRAISING GROUP Meeting in the St Christopher Centre on Wednesday 6th December at 7.00pm. All welcome.

TEA TOWELS will be available to collect by those who ordered them after Mass next weekend, December 4th and 5th.

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.**

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.

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 £549.40, CAFOD £21.00. Thank you for your generosity. White envelope collection next weekend.

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.

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. Six crates and five large carrier bags of food and toiletries plus cash donations amounting to £70 (£40, £20, £10) were delivered last Tuesday. The church will be open today (Sunday) and tomorrow (Monday) between 2.00pm – 4.00pm for your donations. **Donations of soap, tea bags and long-life juice would be welcome.** Cash donations marked “Food Bank” may be posted through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

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

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.

JOB VACANCY St Christopher's Catholic Primary School is looking for an enthusiastic and energetic School Business Manager. An application form is available from the school office, Greater Jobs or on our school website. For further information or to send an application, please email headteacher@st-christophers.stockport.sch.uk



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