



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER - THIRTY SECOND IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL I am pleased to welcome Fr Chris McCurry to celebrate the Sunday Masses in the parish to enable me to spend the weekend in Ireland with my mother. I return again on Monday. I am sure you will make Fr Chris, a retired priest of the diocese, very welcome.

Following on from what I said last week, we have now been informed that the consultation period in the parishes regarding the 2023 International Synod of Bishops in Rome has been extended to the 1st March next year. As you know, 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. Details of where to send responses are below.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 7th November 2021 – Sunday 14th November 2021*

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Alfred & Eileen Slim – Golden Wedding Anniversary
		9.00am	Sonia Faure Intentions
		11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Maurice Temprell RIP
Tuesday	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	7.30pm	Mary Moran RIP
Wednesday	St Leo The Great, Pp, D Requiem Mass	9.30am	Thomas Ryan RIP
		12.15pm	Mary Ready RIP
Thursday	St Martin of Tours, B	9.30am	November Dead List
Friday	St Josaphat, B, M	8.15am	<i>Harrytown Catholic HS Mass</i>
		12.00pm	Mike McGovern RIP
Saturday	Ferial	9.30am	Ints. of SSCF
	Evening Mass of the following Sunday	6.00pm	Theresa Palmer RIP
Sunday	33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Lloyd Samuels 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. 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 32nd Sunday: 1 Kings 17: 10-16; Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 12: 41-44.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Robyn Turton 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.

“JOURNEYING TOGETHER” Regarding the forthcoming synod, 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 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 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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY There will be a Remembrance Service at the War Memorial, George Lane, Bredbury, on Sunday 14th November at 3.00pm. Assemble outside the Duke of York Hotel at 2.30pm for the 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 weekends of 6 & 7 November, and 4 & 5 December 2021.**

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION MEETING in the St Christopher Centre on Monday 8th 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.

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.

10th November No meeting today

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 £606.70, CAFOD £13.00. Thank you for your generosity.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who supported the card & craft sale last Saturday. £346.00 was raised from the card sale and £50.00 from the craft sale for the St Christopher Centre.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION Next weekend the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way.

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available on the Parish website. This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Our Christmas Raffle takes place on Saturday 27th November. Thank you to all who have supported this by purchasing and selling tickets. There are still raffle tickets available at the back of church priced at £2 per book. Raffle counterfoils and money needs to be returned to church. Please could we also ask that any unsold books are returned back to Church. The prizes available are listed below, and are also 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 Chocolate. *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 which continues this week that God will provide them with the courage to take action on behalf of the environment and the world's poorest. There are 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 carrier bags plus cash donations amounting to £120 (£30, £20, £20, £20, £10, £10, £10) delivered last Tuesday. The church will be open today (Sunday) and tomorrow (Monday) between 2.00pm – 4.00pm for your donations. **There is currently a shortage of tinned soups, packets of rice, coffee, hair shampoo, pasta sauce and crisps.** 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.



Data Protection Privacy Notice The parish of Our Lady & St Christopher sometimes collects personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed & stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary & used by the Parish/Diocese for the benefit of the Parish & for legitimate reasons such as admin. & religious purposes. Read our full privacy notice at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice
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