



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

I hope you are all enjoying Christmas whether you are by yourself or with loved ones. It was wonderful to welcome parishioners and visitors to the Christmas Masses despite the current anxieties around the coronavirus variant. Let us pray that we may stay safe and well while still being able to enjoy the Christmas season.

You are welcome to come to any of the parish Masses below during Christmas week.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 26th December 2021 – Sunday 2nd January 2022*

Sunday	THE HOLY FAMILY	9.00am 11.00am	Frank & Dorothy Maher RIP Mary Keenan RIP
Monday	St John, Ap, Ev	10.00am	Frank Maher – Birthday Ints.
Tuesday	The Holy Innocents, M	10.00am	Frederick Morris RIP
	Nuptial Mass	12.30pm	Louise O'Sullivan & Matthew Simmons
Wednesday	St Thomas Becket, B, M	10.00am	Kathleen Burton (Snr) RIP
Thursday	6th Day of Christmas Octave	10.00am	O'Neill, Lennon & Wallis Families
Friday	7th Day of Christmas Octave	10.00am	James O'Sullivan
New Year's Day (Sat.)	Mary, Mother of God	10.00am	People of the Parish
	Evening Mass of Following Sunday	6.00pm	Ints. Sisters of Evron
Sunday	2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Thomas O'Reilly RIP

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Christine Beswick, Hillary Rustage, Kieran O'Brien, 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, Samuel Minnis. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

THANK YOU The family of the late Adele McCluskey would like to thank parishioners for their prayers and the messages of condolence they have received since her death recently.

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to www.churchservices.tv/romiley

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS READINGS www.universalis.com/20200802/masshtm Readings for the Fast of the Holy Family: Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-5, 12-14; Colossians 3: 12-21; Luke 2: 41-52.

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS this year are to support Caritas Shrewsbury, our own diocesan social care agency in their work with needy children, families and refugees. Thank you.

REFUGEE FAMILY Our application to welcome a second refugee family has been approved by the Home Office. It is our hope to be able to welcome the family in the next four to six months once we have succeeded in identifying a suitable property. Please continue to pray for this project.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Many thanks to everyone who helped to bring happiness to 117 children in Easter Europe by filling a box with lots of wonderful treasures for these poor children, some of whom are homeless. In addition, 260 warm beautiful hats were knitted as well as 76 scarves and 64 sets of mittens. Also, 92 bars of soap were donated. Many thanks to everyone who made a dream come true! *Karin Moore*

PRAYER BOOKLETS & BOOK MARKERS FROM THE PRAYER TRUST You are welcome to take the latest booklets and book markers from the small basket at the back of the church.

COUNTERS Please collect your 2022 rotas from the small sacristy (in the blue pockets). Thank you.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £564.50, CAFOD £88.00. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK Thank you for your continued generous donations to the foodbank. Seven crates and five large carrier bags of food and toiletries plus cash donations amounting to £280 (£100, £50, £40, £30, £20, £20, £10, £10) were delivered last Tuesday.

Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

