



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

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### SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

#### MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Today is a day of prayer for World Peace. We are aware of the many different areas of our world where people are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the Covid pandemic. We can all pray for peace and also strive to be better peacemakers ourselves. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children at [www.paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022)

The Octave of Prayer (8 days) for Christian Unity begins on Tuesday and this is something we should also engage with in response to the Lord's call that "they all may be one." *John 17: 21.*

#### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022*

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) <b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Debbie Sainsbury RIP People of the Parish John Burke RIP
Monday	<b>St Anthony, Ab</b>	9.30am	Patricia Byrne RIP
Tuesday	Ferial <b>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity starts today</b>	7.30pm	Special Intention
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Denis Francis Mather RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	The Loftus Family
Friday	<b>St Agnes, V, M</b>	8.15am 12.00pm	<i>Harrytown Catholic HS Mass</i> Susan Clegg RIP
Saturday	<b>St Vincent, Dc, M</b> Evening Mass of the following Sunday	9.30am 6.00pm	Delia & Felix Pooler RIP People of the Parish
Sunday	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00am 11.00am	For a Peaceful World Monica Kelly 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, Samuel Minnis. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please pray for Bernard Kendrick who died recently. May he rest in peace. Please also pray for Bernard's family at this time.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Please remember to pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Dalton, James McCumaskey, Eric Baigent, Kenneth Shaw, Paul Scanlon, Peter Gilleney, John Mullindar, Provost Henry Hazelhurst, Maura Nelson, Robert Oxford House, Caroline Flood, Elizabeth Taylor, John Melling, Brenda Melling, Florence Bardsley, Olive Holland, James Timblin, James Gregg, Alma Toy, Eileen Bradburn, Bernard Duffy, Maureen Escott, Fr Terry Hillhouse, Gerard Grady, Diana Aldred, John Kearney, John McAuley, Dorothy Turner.

**PARISH LIVE STREAM** Please go to [www.churchservices.tv/romiley](http://www.churchservices.tv/romiley)

**SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS READINGS** [www.universalis.com/20200802/mashtm](http://www.universalis.com/20200802/mashtm) Readings for the 2nd Sunday Year C: Isaiah 62: 1-5; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11; John 2: 1-11.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Alexander Jeremiah Watson 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.

**SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN DIRECTORY** Copies of the latest directory are available at the back of church priced at £5 each. The directory contains lots of useful information about our diocese: parishes, departments, Mass times, clergy, statistics, as well as other information and various articles. Please put money in newspaper wall box.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** The bereavement group is continuing to meet in person and the next meeting will be in the St Christopher Centre on Thursday 20 January from 1:00pm until 2:30pm.

The group is for anyone who has suffered a bereavement and is an opportunity to share your feelings; however, if you don't want to chat you are welcome to 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.

**CONFIRMATION 2022** The next preparation meeting is on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January in the St Christopher Centre from 4.00pm – 5.30pm.

**RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION** Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund) An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available on the parish website and at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund) and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

**LADIES GUILD** Meeting on Thursday January 20th at 7.30pm. 'A Ukulele Evening'. All welcome to join us for an evening of entertainment and fun.

**FUNDRAISING MEETING** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm in the St Christopher Centre. All welcome.

**EVERGREENS** - Wednesdays in the St Christopher Centre from 1.30pm - 3.30pm:

**19th January** Board Games

**26th January** Famous Stockport Women Quiz

**NEW ROTAS** are available in the small sacristy for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the 6.00pm & 9.00am Masses and for Readers at the 6.00pm Mass.

**200 CLUB** Our fundraising club will restart in February. Would all existing members please rejoin as soon as possible? We would also welcome any new members and application forms can be found on the table at the back of church. Please note that 50% of the revenue is for church funds. Thank you.

**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](http://www.ourladyandstchristophersromiley.org.uk) to see the link.

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection £667.00, CAFOD £23.50, Crib offerings £56.00, Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

**PARISH WEBSITE & LIVE STREAM 2021 in numbers:** 48,407 visits to our parish website with an average of 131 views each day. The days with the most views were Christmas Eve - 555 views and Friday 2nd April (Good Friday) with 468 views.

58,697 viewers of our Live Stream service during the year watching a total of over 25,000 hours. We had viewers from 72 countries over the course of the year including the USA, Romania, Indonesia, Argentina, Slovakia, Barbados and Liberia!!

**FOOD BANK** Thank you for your continued generous donations to the foodbank. Seven crates of food and toiletries plus cash donations amounting to £150 (£70, £40, £20, £20) were delivered last Tuesday. The church will be open today (Sunday) and tomorrow (Monday) between 2.00pm – 4.00pm for your donations. 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.

#### **JOB VACANCIES**

1. A vacancy for a Clergy Welfare Officer has arisen within the Diocese. The role of the clergy welfare officer is to work with and supervise the welfare assistant to support and assist priests who are approaching retirement and those already in retirement, or on sick leave. The clergy welfare officer will provide advice, practical assistance, and support on a wide range of issues including health, finances and housing. Hours: 21 hours a week. Salary £38,000-£42,000 FTE pro-rata dependant on experience and qualifications. **Closing date Friday 11 February.** For further details please see

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> Completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

2. Headteacher required for St Joseph's RC Primary School, Stockport. For more information please visit: [www.st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk) [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/primary](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/primary) [www.stockport.gov.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/job-vacancies) Closing date 24th January 2022.



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