



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 2ND JANUARY 2022 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

It was gratifying to see so many people at the Christmas Masses and once again I wish to thank all who worked so hard to clean and decorate the church for the feast of the Lord's Nativity. Many people have commented on just how lovely the church looks.

At the start of the New Year we ask God to bless all in our parish community and we pray that we may all strive to live and share our faith with others and become beacons of God's love to all we meet. The feast of the Epiphany on Thursday in which Jesus was manifested to the world is a reminder to us that it is our task also to make him known to our contemporaries today.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 2nd January 2022 – Sunday 9th January 2022*

Sunday	First Mass of Sunday (Saturday) SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Ints. of the Sisters of Evron People of the Parish Thomas O'Reilly RIP
Monday	Monday of the Christmas Season	9.30am	Mary Marshall RIP
Tuesday	Tuesday of the Christmas Season	7.30pm	Patrick Gahan RIP
Wednesday	Wednesday of the Christmas Season	9.30am	Tony McCluskey RIP
Thursday	Epiphany of the Lord Holyday of Obligation	9.30am 7.00pm	Ints. of the McKenna Family People of the Parish
Friday	Friday after Epiphany Requiem Mass	10.00am	Patricia (Pat) Frayne RIP
Saturday	Saturday after Epiphany Evening Mass of the following Feast	9.30am 6.00pm	Charles Olatunde & Oluyomi Olurotimi Lawson RIP Debbie Sainsbury RIP
Sunday	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.00am 11.00am	Frances Fisher RIP People of the Parish

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.

ANNIVERSARIES Please remember to pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alan Cleaver, Thomas Waddington, Sr Gertrude M Davies MMM, Ann Patricia Cody, Kathleen McDowell, Ann Kelly, Florence Turner, Margaret Spencer, Patrick Joseph Gahan, Eileen Catlow, Margery Simms, Dr Garth (Bill) Owen, Alice Duggan, Dinah Holland, Wilfrid Duggin, Francis Glendinning, Marie O'Brien, Tony O'Riordan, Joseph Morgan, Joyce Barlow, Dennis Hawley.

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

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS READINGS www.universalis.com/20200802/masshtm Readings for the 2nd Sunday after Christmas: Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2, 8-12; Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18; John 1: 1-18.

PLEASE NOTE that Thursday is the Feast of the Epiphany and a Holyday of Obligation. The Masses on Thursday are at 9.30am & 7.00pm. Please also note that there is no 12.00pm Mass on Friday as there will be a Requiem Mass for Patricia Frayne on that day at 10.00am which parishioners are welcome to attend.

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Louise O'Sullivan and Matthew Simmons who are married with Nuptial Mass at Our Lady & St Christopher's recently. May God bless them with a long and happy life together.

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.

FR MICHAEL & ALEC DAVEY would like to thank parishioners for all the cards and gifts they received over the Christmas period for which they are very grateful.

THANK YOU for all the contributions to the Memory Tree this year which amounted to £211.08.

THANK YOU for the generous donations towards the Christmas flowers for the church which amounted to over £300.

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.

LADIES GUILD The next meeting is on Thursday January 6th at 7.30pm. There will be a guest speaker.

NEW ROTAS Readers and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion are asked to collect their new rotas from the small sacristy. Thank you.

PRAYER BOOKLETS & BOOK MARKERS FROM THE PRAYER TRUST You are welcome to take the latest booklets and book markers from the small baskets at the front and back of the church. They contain some lovely and meaningful prayers for Christmas and are free of charge.

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 £371.50, CAFOD £35.00, Christmas offerings £1363.20, Crib offerings £231.20, Memory Tree £211.08. Thank you for your great generosity over Christmas and throughout the past year.

MISSIO RED BOXES The annual return form for 2021 shows that parish box holders raised a total of £3228.32 during the year. Thank you for this great support for Missio which is the Holy Father's charity for world mission. Thanks also to Kathleen for coordinating the collection in the parish.

WELLSPRING CENTRE STOCKPORT Thank you for all the donations of warm clothing received for the Wellspring Centre in the weeks before Christmas. No more donations are needed for now. Thank you again.

CAFOD URGENT APPEAL - Please continue to keep the people of Afghanistan in your prayers. In Afghanistan, more than 8 million people are on the brink of famine, and things are likely to get worse. Decades of conflict, recent droughts, coronavirus and now the extreme winter weather mean that Afghan families need urgent practical support – water, food, and shelter.

CAFOD is joining with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to make sure they can reach people in urgent need. Whatever you can give will help us reach more families with the urgent assistance they need and deserve. **YOU CAN DONATE AT** <https://cafod.org.uk> Thank you.

FOOD BANK Thank you for your continued generous donations to the foodbank. Four crates of food and toiletries 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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS There are a number of cards on the table at the back of church and it would be appreciated if those for whom they are intended could please collect them as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 the school website. For further information or to send an application, please email headteacher@st-christophers.stockport.sch.uk Closing date 17th January 2022.



FR MICHAEL WISHES PARISHIONERS A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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