



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

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**SUNDAY 9th JANUARY 2022
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which we celebrate today reminds us of the relationship between the Father and the Son. Jesus who was baptised by John in the river Jordan remained deeply conscious of his identity as the Son of the Father in his life and ministry. May we too be conscious of our identity as the children of God and grow in our awareness of God's love for us.

The 8.15am Mass on Friday mornings at Harrytown Catholic High School resumes again this week and parishioners are very welcome to come to this Mass. We also welcome back the pupils and staff at Harrytown and St Christopher's RC Primary school following the Christmas holidays.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 9th January 2022 – Sunday 16th January 2022*

Sunday	First Mass of Feastday (Saturday) THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Debbie Sainsbury RIP Frances Fisher RIP People of the Parish
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Margaret Marshall RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Dan Arnold RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Norah Hodson RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	John & Eileen Kelly RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	<i>Harrytown Catholic HS Mass</i> Adele McCluskey RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of the following Sunday	9.30am 6.00pm	Carol Hogan RIP Debbie Sainsbury RIP
Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish John Burke 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.

ANNIVERSARIES Please remember to pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joyce Barlow, Dennis Hawley, Elizabeth McDowell, Robert Barlow, Marie Walton, Richard Taylor, Henry Jackson, Katharine Rose, Hugh Thompson, Christina Young, Fred Ardern, Mary Dalton, Mary Kendrick, Winifred Ball, Annie Murphy, May Quinn, Raymond Cornelly, Vera Drummond.

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

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS READINGS www.universalis.com/20200802/masshtm Readings for the Baptism of the Lord: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10: 34-38; Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22.

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.

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.

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

12th January Cake and Chat

19th January Board Games

26th January Famous Stockport Women Quiz

CHURCH CLEANING The next Wednesday session is on 15th January following the 9.30am Mass.

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.

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 to see the link.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £564.00, CAFOD £10.00, Crib offerings £71.10, Loose change boxes £20.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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. Four crates of food and toiletries plus cash donations amounting to £300 (£100, £60, £50, £20, £20, £20, £20, £10) 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. 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.

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

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