



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

Serving Romiley, Bredbury, and Woodley

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**SUNDAY 29th MAY 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Day of Special Prayer for World Communications**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL We have now received an arrival date for our second Syrian refugee family – more details below. Thank you again for the very generous response to the request for items to enable us to furnish the house in Romiley that we have acquired for the family.

We are hoping to hold a day on the Synod due to take place in Rome in 2023 in the St Christopher Centre on Saturday 25th June. There will be more information on this in next week's newsletter.

Please do make sure to let us know if you will be attending the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration after the 11 am Mass next Sunday by putting a tick on the list at the back of church.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 29th May 2022 – Sunday 5th 2022*

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Ian Vickers RIP People of the Parish Moira & Wilf Duddy RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Michael McGovern RIP
Tuesday	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7.30pm	Ann Standing RIP
Wednesday	St Justin, M	9.30am	Trevor Baldwin RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	The Hogan Family
Friday	St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Mm	12.00pm	Geoff Hooley RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Solemnity (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	The Holy Souls Teresa Palmer RIP
Sunday	PENTECOST SUNDAY	9.00am 11.00am	Kathleen Foley 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, Pat Stewart, Sheila Murphy, Kath Longden, Michael Sainsbury, Kathleen Zwierink, Moira McNeill, John Bardsley, Isaac Saed Iqbal, Simon Wright, Margaret Schofield, Margaret Wooliscroft, Winifred Corrigan, Mark Sorrell, Rory Ireland, Samuel Minnis, Brian Murphy, Helen Bridge. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Mary O'Donnell and Patrick James Morrall who died recently. May they rest in peace. Please also pray for their families at this time.

ANNIVERSARIES Please remember to pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael Martin, Mary Waddington, Trevor Baldwin, Margaret Chadwick, Harry Hudson, Catherine Swarbrick, Elizabeth Brierley, Enoch Bradley, Lorraine Gordon, Michael Storan, Mary Gault, Rt Rev Ambrose Moriarty, Charles McKeown, Margaret Mitchell, Patricia Jones.

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

SUNDAY READINGS for Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7: 55-60, Apocalypse 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20, John 17: 20-26.

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.

PLEASE NOTE There will be no 8.15am Mass at Harrytown Catholic High School on Friday due to the half term break.

MONSIGNOR CHRISTOPHER LIGHTBOUND RIP Please pray for Monsignor Christopher who died recently. He was ordained in 1955 and served as an assistant priest to Fr Michael Elcock at Our Lady & St Christopher's from 1969 – 1970 before then becoming parish priest of Our Lady of Pity, Greasby, Wirral. He had various parish appointments and was also Vicar General under Bishop Joseph Gray. May he rest in peace.

HELP NEEDED!! Parishioners are running an event called "Experience Church" for the children of St Christopher's, which will take place over two days on Tuesday June 14th and Wednesday June 15th. The children come over from school a class at a time and circulate in small groups of round five activity stations – all to do with an aspect of church. Seven groups will be coming over and we would love for as many parishioners as possible to be involved! There are a lot of different tasks – e.g. helping the children with activities on those two days, or helping in the coming weeks to prepare the activity materials (lots of cutting out!!) If you would like to be involved please contact Mary Hostler at maryhostler@hotmail.co.uk or ring 0161 430 3943. Thank you!

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE Many of the voluntary roles undertaken within the Parish require a regular DBS check which needs to be updated every 3 years. Several of our Parish volunteers are due an update and Stella Hulley will be contacting these volunteers over the next few weeks to support the re-application procedure.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION Sunday 5th June from 12 noon. All are welcome to come and celebrate this occasion in the St Christopher Centre.....drinks, strawberries, gateaux, etc. Please just tick the sheet at the back of church so that we have an idea of numbers. Names are not required. Thank you.

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP In my last update just 2 weeks ago I was able to let you know that the Home Office had signed off and agreed our application. I am even more delighted to let you know we now have a date for the family's arrival which will be mid July. This is a very fast turnaround and is recognition by the Home Office that our parish is a reliable and effective partner capable of welcoming a new family and giving them the best start for a new life here in the UK. Can I please ask that those people who have kindly agreed to donate items for the house bring them to the presbytery in the next few weeks and please pray for the safe arrival of the family? I shall keep you informed of progress and update you again after the family is here with us in Romiley.

CONTACTLESS GIVING IN THE PARISH A new **Digital Collection Plate** contactless terminal has been installed near the church entrance for those who would like to make their weekly offering in this way. If you wish to use this method simply choose the amount and tap the reader with your card or insert it if instructed to do so. **Dominic Berry & Colette Lennon will be on hand at the Masses this weekend to assist and answer any questions including gift aiding donations.**

LOURDES DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE The flyer for this is on the noticeboard at the back of church and has also been posted on the parish website.

FAMILY TREASURE HUNT WITH PRIZES!! Family treasure hunt (with prizes): Forms are available after Masses this weekend for the self guided treasure hunts, one for Romiley and one for Woodley. These can be done in your own time. Minimum donation £1 each. Please post completed sheets through the presbytery door before Monday 6th June.

PARISH QUIZ – 17th JUNE, 7.30PM Tickets for the fundraising Parish Quiz are on sale after the weekend Masses. Tickets will be £10 each to include interval sandwiches, snacks, tea & coffee and team prizes. There will also be an opportunity to buy raffle tickets and to enter "Higher or Lower" for a cash prize. Please bring your own refreshments. We will be selling a limited number of tickets compared to previous years to allow more space in the hall so please buy early! We would welcome any raffle prize donations. Please leave in the small sacristy clearly marked. Many thanks.

EVERGREENS - Wednesdays in the St Christopher Centre from 1.30pm - 3.30pm:
1st June Jubilee Afternoon Tea

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.

SPONSORED WALK Please could all additional sponsor money be handed in by Monday 6th June. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £474.70, CAFOD £38. Fr Michael's sponsored walk £1,100. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK Thank you for your continued generous donations to the foodbank. Seven crates and six large carrier bags of groceries and toiletries plus cash donations amounting to £245 ((£60, £50, £40, £40, £20, £20, £10, £5) were delivered to St Mark's last Tuesday. **Tinned sweetcorn and crisps for treats would be welcomed. Thank you.**

The church will be open today, Sunday and on Monday between 2.00pm – 4.00pm for your donations. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox.

JOB VACANCIES

1. The Sisters of Evron are looking for a **House Coordinator** to coordinate the administrative, care and household duties involved in the running of their community house for Senior Sisters in Stockport. For job description and further details apply to: Sister Phyllis Hughes, St Bede's Presbytery, 25 Church Lane, Weaverham, Cheshire CW8 3NP or philevron@yahoo.co.uk Closing date for applications 13 June 2022.

2. **PA to the Director of Schools.** Details of post can be found on the diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies Closing date Friday 24 June. Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch via email recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

3. **Team member for the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team.** Based in Stockport. Details of the post can be found on the diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies Closing date Friday 24 June. Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch via email recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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 3893801.



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