



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

***Serving Romiley, Bredbury, and Woodley***

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**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL**

This week St Christopher's RC Primary and Harrytown Catholic High School schools will close for the summer holidays. It has been a challenging year for our schools and I hope the staff and pupils will find time for rest and relaxation and be ready to return refreshed for the new school year in September. I'll be celebrating the Leavers' Mass at St Christopher's at 9.30am on Wednesday and parishioners are welcome to come to this Mass.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022***

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| Sunday    | Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)<br><b>16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> | 6.00pm<br>9.00am<br>11.00am | Fr Michael Murray RIP<br>People of the Parish<br>Debbie Sainsbury RIP |
| Monday    | Ferial  | 9.30am                      | Kath Longden - sick   |
| Tuesday   | St John Plessington, P, M   | 7.30pm                      | Stephen Aldcroft – for healing  |
| Wednesday | Ferial ( <b>Mass in Primary School</b> )  | 9.30am                      | Tony McCluskey RIP  |
| Thursday  | Ferial  | 9.30am                      | Ronald Swainbank RIP  |
| Friday    | <b>St Mary Magdalene</b>  | 12.00pm                     | Edward Barlow RIP   |
| Saturday  | <b>St Bridget, R</b><br>Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)                           | 9.30am<br>6.00pm            | David Marsland RIP<br>John Tunmore RIP                                |
| Sunday    | <b>17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  | 9.00am<br>11.00am           | Successful operation/recovery<br>People of the Parish                 |

**THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Christine Beswick, Hillary Rustage, Kieran O'Brien, Lionel & Jenny Rawlings, Jadar Jones, Michael Christie, 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 soul of Patrick Chamberlain who died recently. May he rest in peace. Please also pray for his family at this time.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Please remember to pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gertrude Skeer, Bridie Dixon, Catherine Williams, Kathleen Bowers, Raymond Oldham, Julia Maughan, Moira Duddy, Maria Andretta, James Mannion, Tony McCluskey, Alan Ford, Margaret Robinson, Josie Burke, Margaret Harrison, Margaret Taylor, Irene White, George Barratt, David Marsland.

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

**SUNDAY READINGS** for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday: genesis 18: 1-10, Colossians 1: 24-28, Luke 10: 38-42.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH HEATON & CHRISTOPHER SMITH** who were married with Nuptial Mass at Our Lady & St Christopher's on Saturday. May God bless them with a long and happy life together.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Alaiza Tandan 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.

**PLEASE NOTE** that the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday will be celebrated in St Christopher's Primary School. Parishioners are very welcome to attend.

**DONATIONS TO FOODBANK** I am pleased to acknowledge the tremendous support of parishioners for the local Foodbank over the first six months of the year (January – June): Cash donations = £4,735; crates of food and toiletries = 142; full shopping bags = 101. This remarkable generosity is commendable and no doubt helping to make a real difference to the lives of those who struggle to put food on the table in these challenging times. Thank you and may God continue to bless your generosity.

**LADIES GROUP** Thursday 21st July - a Cheese & Wine evening. Cost £3. This rounds off our meetings for the Summer. Next meeting 1st September.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** The next meeting will be in the St Christopher Centre on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 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.

**CALLING WELCOMERS** If you are willing and able to act as a Welcomer at one of the weekend Masses please give your name (and particular Mass) in to the office. So far we have four for the Vigil Mass, two for the 9.00am Mass and none for the 11.00am Mass. Thank you.

**VISITING SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL** Parishes and parish groups are invited to book a pilgrimage day at the Cathedral. This will include a tour of the Cathedral where you will see how the reordering of the Cathedral is evolving, including the restored east window and the original, recently uncovered encaustic tiles, (which are being matched and recast by 'Craven Dunnill Tiles', whose manufacturing background began at the Jackfield Tile Factory in Ironbridge in 1872).

Mass will be celebrated at 12.15pm and followed by a light lunch provided by the on-site Orchard Café. The cost of the day is £10 per head. **If you would like to book a pilgrimage or have any questions, please contact Cathedral Events Officer, Richard Keddie directly:**

**Telephone: 01743 290077**

Email: [events@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk](mailto:events@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk)

**FOR CATHOLICS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE** New Resources from the Anscombe Bioethics Centre. The Anscombe Bioethics Centre is an organisation which does research on behalf of our Bishops and education for the Catholic community on moral matters in medicine. They have a new website which has resources which will benefit parishioners who are doctors, nurses, or others who work or study in fields related to health and social care.

You can access and benefit from their work through their website and social media: [www.bioethics.org.uk](http://www.bioethics.org.uk) You can also sign up to their monthly digest for the latest news, events, and accessible briefings on moral matters in medicine, here: <https://bit.ly/ABC-Subscribe>

**A REQUEST PLEASE** We would be grateful for someone to take 4 or 5 sacks of items to the Wellspring Centre in Stockport. Thank you.

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

**20th July** Summer Goodbye

then no meetings until 14th September.

**RETURN OF OFFERTORY COLLECTION BASKETS** From next weekend we will have the return of the collection baskets at each Mass. These will be passed among the congregation as was the case before Covid. A good number of people contribute by Direct Debit, Standing Order, the Digital Collection Plate (Contactless) and the Invest My Community online donation platform. For those who do not use these methods for their offertory donations, envelopes and loose cash may be placed in the baskets as they are passed around. Thank you for your generous financial support of the parish which enables us to carry on the mission of the Church.

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection: £514.55, CAFOD £135.50. Thank you for your generosity.

**CONTACTLESS GIVING IN THE PARISH** Parishioners can use the Digital Collection Plate contactless terminal at the church entrance for their weekly offerings. 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. Occasionally it may take a few moments for the Wi-Fi connection to be made due to variable signal strength. If there are any problems, simply pressing the button at the side of the reader will cancel the transaction and reset the terminal ready to use again.

**FOOD BANK** Thank you for your continued generous donations to the foodbank. Four full crates and four full bags of groceries and toiletries plus cash donations amounting to £195 (£60, £40, £30, £20, £20, £10, £10, £5) were delivered to St Mark's last Tuesday. **All donations are gratefully received but donations of fruit juice or cordial and pasta sauce would be particularly welcome at this time.**

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.

**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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