



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 24th JULY 2022

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes departs by coach next Thursday with the air section departing the following day and returns again on Thursday 4th August. This is the first pilgrimage in three years following the pandemic and although numbers are lower than usual it is wonderful to think that the pilgrimage is able to take place again. There are some people joining the pilgrimage from the parish and we wish them safe travelling and a wonderful time in Lourdes. Let us be united in prayer with all the pilgrims.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 24th July 2022 – Sunday 31st July 2022*

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	John Tunmore RIP Successful operation/recovery People of the Parish
Monday	St James, Ap Funeral Service	9.30am 10.45am	Anne Bedford - Intentions Anne Marie Morsy RIP
Tuesday	Ss Joachim & Ann Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7.30pm	Matthew Norman RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Maureen Dobson - Intentions
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Patrick Chamberlain RIP
Friday	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	12.00pm	Lloyd Hayes – for a good recovery
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Joe Kennedy RIP People of the Parish
Sunday	18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Mary Maryati RIP Moira & Wilf Duddy RIP

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, 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 Kathleen Longden and Winifred Corrigan 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: Carla Latham, Mary Agnes Sutton, Margaret Lynch, Frances Trought, Lorraine Mycock, Francis Tarmey, Thomas Luckman, Christina McAteer, Ann Cregan, Winifred Perry, Joseph Halliwell, Mary Bates, Catherine Taylorson, J Loughrey, Freda Masterson, Robert Kennerley.

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

SUNDAY READINGS for the 17th Sunday: Genesis 18: 20-32, Colossians 2: 12-14, Luke 11: 1-13.

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.

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.

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 one 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

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 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>

HIRING OF PARISH HALLS FOR PRIVATE CELEBRATIONS (The St Christopher Centre) The Catholic Insurance Services have provided new guidance and rental agreements which include the hire of halls for private celebrations, with the stipulation that no inflatables, bouncy castles or fireworks will be allowed on church premises; inside or outside. The CIS guidance also states that **hirers should have their own event insurance and that, as the liability remains with the hirer, they should check their House Insurance Policy to ensure it contains legal cover which would be sufficient for the purpose of such events.**

RETURN OF OFFERTORY COLLECTION BASKETS From this 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 of general groceries, six large carrier bags of specific items e.g. juice & cordial, pasta sauce etc. 2 x 6 bottled milks plus cash donations amounting to £180 (£60, £40, £30, £20, £20, £10) were delivered to St Mark's 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.

CATENIAN BURSARY FUND Are you 16-24? Catholic? Passionate about helping others? Planning a future voluntary project? Needing financial help? Each year the Catenian Bursary Fund makes awards to young Catholics aged between 16 and 24 who volunteer to work on development projects and as helpers on HCPT and Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimages. For full details including eligibility criteria visit our website catenianbursary.com Local contact 07504 130749 or 07827 628261.

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.

<p>THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07771 330402 or email ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk</p>

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