



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

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**SUNDAY 31st JULY 2022
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

A number of parishioners have gone on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this week. Please pray for the intentions of the pilgrimage which are listed below – this is a good way of uniting ourselves in prayer with those in Lourdes. Details of how to join the live streamed International Mass on Sunday and the Diocesan Mass on Monday are also included.

I received notification during the week that the Bishop will make a pastoral visit to the parish on the weekend of 17th / 18th September and visit St Christopher's Primary school on Monday 19th September. The visit originally scheduled for April 2020 was postponed at the time due to Covid.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 31st July 2022 – Sunday 7th August 2022*

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Mary Maryati RIP Moira & Wilf Duddy RIP
Monday	St Alphonsus Liguori, B, D Requiem Mass	9.30am 11.00am	Mary Killick RIP Patrick Chamberlain RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Tony McCluskey RIP
Wednesday	St Oswald, K, M Requiem Mass	9.30am 12.15pm	Eileen Murphy RIP Kathleen Longden-nee Gahan
Thursday	St John Vianney, P	9.30am	Mary & Jim Moran RIP
Friday	Ferial	12.00pm	Special Intention
Saturday	The Transfiguration of the Lord Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Bernard & George Marshall RIP Jenny Love RIP
Sunday	19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Lloyd Samuels 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, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES Please remember to pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: M McLoughlin, Bernard Lyons, Kathleen Ford, Catherine McGrath, Mary Bell, Mary Gahn, Catherine Brennan, Marie Rochford, Denis Butler, Stanislaus Hearne.

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

SUNDAY READINGS for the 18th Sunday: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2:21-23, Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11, Luke 12: 13-21.

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: This Friday our Diocese returns to Lourdes after a two year absence. It is a joy to be able to return to this wonderful place of pilgrimage. We will keep the whole Diocese very much in our thoughts and prayers throughout the pilgrimage. If you wish to join us via the live stream for the International Mass on Sunday 31st July at 8.30am BST and for our Mass in the Grotto on Monday 1 August at 9am BST, please go to the Sanctuaries website www.lourdes-france.org and click on the link. *Fr David Long.*

Bishop Mark has proposed the following prayer intentions for the Pilgrimage:

- *For the renewal of our Shrewsbury Diocesan Pilgrimage, that we may wholeheartedly respond as pilgrims to the message of Our Lady of Lourdes.
- *For the peace of the world as we entrust all humanity, especially Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- *For all the people of Shrewsbury Diocese, that we may return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy.
- *For all young people of our Diocese, that amidst the uncertainties of our time they may respond with joy to their vocation in life.

Please join with us in praying for these intentions.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS We are currently living in challenging times with rising food costs impacting on many household budgets. Mindful of this, if you know of an individual or family who would welcome a little extra help with food purchases please let Fr Michael know directly or by emailing the parish at stchris52@gmail.com **Please make sure you have their permission before making contact. Thank you.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION AT MASS We now have the return of the collection baskets at Mass again. Many parishioners make their offertory donation by direct debit, standing order, the online digital platform (Invest My Community) and the digital collection plate (Contactless) at the back of church. If you make your offertory donation in any of these ways you do not need to put any money in the basket. If the basket is passed to you please just pass it on along the line. The baskets are for parishioners who use envelopes and loose cash as their preferred method of giving. Thank you.

MEMORIAL CARDS At the back of church there are a number of memorial cards of the late Monsignor Christopher Lightbound who died recently. He was an assistant priest at Our Lady & St Christopher's from 1969 – 1970. You are welcome to take one.

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.**

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £514.55, CAFOD £135.50. Thank you for your generosity. The White envelope collection is due next weekend.

THANK YOU for a donation of £40 to the parish from the Evergreen Group.

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. Six trays and six large carrier bags were donated this week plus cash amounting to £215 (£70, £60, £30, £30, £10, £10, £5). At the moment, we are welcoming general donations.

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.

THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk

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