



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 7th August 2022 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

During the course of the Church's year we celebrate the feasts of various saints at Mass. We do so as a way of venerating or honouring them and also to remind ourselves of the call to follow their example of holiness of life. The saints always remind us of the call to holiness - of where our true priorities should lie. One of the saints we celebrate this week is St Theresa Benedicta of the Cross. Named Edith Stein at birth, she was a Jewess who converted to Catholicism in 1922 and became a Carmelite nun in 1933 taking her religious name. Arrested by the Nazis in Holland she died in Auschwitz concentration camp in 1942. May her example inspire us to live our faith with courage and conviction whatever obstacles we may face in life.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: Sunday 7th August 2022 – Sunday 14th August 2022

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Jenny Love RIP People of the Parish Lloyd Samuels RIP
Monday	St Dominic, P	9.30am	Rosalie O'Neill RIP & Family
Tuesday	St Theresa Benedicta of the Cross, V, M Patron of Europe / Day of Special Prayer for Europe	7.30pm	Special Intention
Wednesday	St Lawrence, Dc, M	9.30am	Clare Hoare - welfare
Thursday	St Clare, V	9.30am	Norman Walker RIP
Friday	Ferial	12.00pm	Geoffrey Hooley RIP
Saturday	Sat. Memorial Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Josephine Thompson RIP Ann Standing RIP
Sunday	20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	The Bradbury Family RIP 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, 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia (Pat) Haynes who died recently. May she rest in peace. Please also pray for her family at this time.

ANNIVERSARIES Please remember to pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Edward Dalton, Charles Powell, Edward Pope, Margaret Regan, Gladys Spencer, Marie Rochford, Kenneth McMurdo, John O'Driscoll, Harold Hill, Mary Ardern, Marie McConville, Phyllis Cooper, Norman Walker, Francis Lyons, Michael Ricci, Margaret Barrett,

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

SUNDAY READINGS for the 19th Sunday: Wisdom 18: 6-9; Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19; Luke 12: 32-48.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Elsie Rose Moxon 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.

CHURCH CLEANING The next session is on Wednesday 10th August after the 9.30am Mass. Volunteers very welcome to come along and help.

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 in the form of grocery vouchers please let Fr Michael know directly or by emailing the parish at stchris52@gmail.com

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.

200 CLUB WINNERS Kathleen, Walker, Sarah Heaton, Breege Lynch, Maurice Keenan. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who support the monthly draw for parish funds.

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.

YOUNG CARITAS RETURNS... The Catholic social action group for young people returns this September. If you are aged 9 years and over and would love to put your faith into action, then this is for you. We come up with acts of charity for our local community, for example we have: written letters to people who might be lonely; collected items for those who are homeless; fundraised to buy school uniforms, Christmas presents and food shopping vouchers for those who are struggling; looked after the Earth by planting sunflowers and recycling.

Everyone is welcome. Previous members who are now in Year 11 and 12, we will be looking for those who wish to carry on being involved as a helper or to work towards being a Youth Leader.

To register your interest in attending on Saturday 17th September (4pm start followed by Mass until 6:45pm), please ask your parent/guardian to text 0773 904 4060 or email Rachel and Catherine at youngcaritas2020@gmail.com

CLC – CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY If you long to bring together your life and faith more closely to live an even more active spiritual life? CLC MAY BE FOR YOU. Members support each other through regular meetings where they listen to how God has been at work in their daily lives and then encourage and support each other to deepen their union with God. In this parish, there are two groups of CLC members meeting regularly.

For information about CLC, LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH or please contact Judith and Tony O'Neill on 0161 465 1368 or email judithone2@gmail.com

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: £625.47 CAFOD £19. Thank you for your generosity. The White envelope collection is due this weekend.

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. Five trays of food were donated this week plus cash donations amounting to £400 (£100, £80, £60, £40, £40, £30, £30, £10, £10). **The foodbank was extremely busy and as a result we are short of tinned peas, carrots and sweetcorn as well as sanitary towels and tampons.**

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.

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

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