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SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER 2023 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL On Wednesday we celebrate the solemn feast of All Saints reminding us of the joy and glory of heaven at the of this life's journey. We are also reminded of the call to holiness exemplified in the lives of the saints in heaven and we ask their prayers for us. On Thursday we have the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and we pray for them during the month of November. You are invited to pick up an envelope from the back of church and write the names of those you wish to be remembered during November and return to the church. These will be placed in a basket at the front of the altar and one Mass per week will be offered for them. Please do not put any money in the envelope. We ask God's blessing on our parish family during this week.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 29th October 2023 - Sunday 5th November 2023

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Frances Nichols RIP Dexter Samuels RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Nora O'Donoghue RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Teresa Quinn RIP
Wednesday	All Saints (Holyday of Obligation)	9.30am 7.00pm	Oliver Charles RIP People of the Parish
Thursday	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) Requiem Mass	9.30am 11.15am 7.00pm	Mildred Coverley RIP Patricia Gordon RIP The Holy Souls
Friday	St Winefride, V Secondary Patron of the Diocese	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic High School Deceased of Shaw Family
Saturday	St Charles Borromeo, B Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Michael Murray RIP Eileen & Bill Bradburn RIP
Sunday	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am	Anthony Glynn RIP People of the Parish

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Christine Beswick, Kieran O'Brien, Lionel & Jenny Rawlings, Jadar Jones, Michael Christie, Mandy Keane, Joyce Osbourne, Michael O'Sullivan, Bob Parker, Katelyn Reilly, Margaret Smith, Amy Harris, Elizabeth Brown, Bridget Robertson, Valerie, Gahan, Marina Hernandez, Eamon Curran, Ruth Grace Crosby, Howard Moore, Pat Stewart, Sheila Murphy, Michael Sainsbury, Moira McNeill, John Bardsley, Isaac Saed Iqbal, Simon Wright, Margaret Wooliscroft, Rory Ireland, Helen Bridge, Patricia Godfrey, Karl Wood, Pat Owen, Kevin Bradley, Mary Sainsbury, Jeff Follows, Peter Stevens, Rita Stevens. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Please remember to pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dan Lyne, Helen Singleton, Eileen Pennington, Eileen Barlow, Baby Phelan, Jean Brennan, Eliza Hopwood, Joseph Jones, Kelly Conner, Patricia Lamon, Graham Walker, Sr Hilda Gaskell, Francis Lyne, Eileen Power, Marie Lowe, Thomas Phelan, Janet Broadbent, Cecilia Moores, Agnes Moores, Marie Leivens, George Riley, Karl Norman, Thomas Gilleney, James Williams, Frances Owen, Gerard Jones, Michael McNulty.

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

SUNDAY READINGS for the 30th Sunday A: Exodus 22:20-26, 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40. **Mass Preface 5**, page 67, **Eucharistic Prayer 2**, page 24.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Tilly Rose Colclough and Katie Elizabeth Bradley who were baptised recently.

CONTACTLESS TERMINAL The terminal has now been relocated back to its original position at the back of church and is fully functioning for credit and debit card donations. Thank you.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER This will take place at the War Memorial on George Lane at 3.00pm. People are asked to assemble at Green Lane outside the Duke of York Hotel at 2.30pm and parade from there to the War Memorial.

A JOINT CELEBRATION EVENING with Claire Sweeney and The VariVocals and The Roger Browne Jazz Trio on Friday 10 November 2023, 7-45pm in church. Admission on the door £8.

CONFIRMATION 2024 Young people in Years 9 & 10 who are eligible to be confirmed should let Fr Michael know of their interest as soon as possible. There will be a preparation programme starting in January for all who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The date of the Confirmation Mass has yet to be fixed.

THE PIETY STALL will be open the weekends of 28th & 29th October, 11th & 12th November, 2nd & 3rd December, 16th & 17th December. Please come and have a browse – all welcome. Christmas & 2024 stock now in: diaries £3, church art calendars £1, boxed Christmas cards £4, packets of Christmas cards £1.50.

FOODBANK JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2023 There has been tremendous support for the Foodbank during the first nine months of this year. The figures are: cash donations = £9,562, crates of groceries, toiletries, etc.= 171.5, bags of groceries, toiletries, etc. = 97. Thank you for your generosity – it is a great support to families who are struggling with the current cost of living crisis.

EVERGREEN GROUP WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm – 3.30pm

1st November	Clare Clayton - Let go and grow
8th November	Peter's Quiz
15th November	Pat Isaacs will sing for us
22nd November	Board Games
29th November	Winter Flowers with Anne from Pic a lily

6th December Clare Clayton - Let go and grow

13th December Christmas Party

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 4 weeks away Planning is well underway for our biggest fundraising event of the year - the Christmas Fair. Saturday 25th November is the date for your diaries.

We will have our usual stalls plus this year a children's area which will house the Chocolate & Sweets tombola, a number of Christmas themed games plus a visit from Father Christmas himself!

Raffle tickets are now available from the back of church, costing £3 per book. Please take some books and sell amongst family & friends, returning money & counterfoils as soon as possible. A list of raffle prizes confirmed so far is below.

To help support the fair we require donations of items - particularly any bottles, chocolates, sweets and cakes. Any small monetary donations towards any of these items would be gratefully received too. Thank you for donations received so far. Please continue to bring any suitable donations up to church.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - Confirmed Prizes 1st Prize - B&B for Two at the Pullman Liverpool

Other prizes - Three course dinner for Two at Trafford Hall Hotel, Stockport County signed shirt, Voucher from The Italian, £50 Experience Days voucher, Photo shoot at Icon Photography Studios, Voucher for No29 Coffee House, Voucher for Marple Regent Cinema, £30 gift card from The Joshua Bradley, Fruit Basket from Tunacliffes Fruit & Veg, 2 x VIP Tickets at Altrincham Ice Rink, Voucher from Quarshi, Voucher from Go Thai, Voucher from Tittertons butchers, Voucher from Romiley butchers, Voucher from The Barnhouse, Voucher from Stockport Eats, Voucher from Breakout Rooms Manchester, Donation from Pic a Lily, Morrisons Hamper, Yankee Candles from Homebase, Jasper Conran sets from Tesco, Voucher from Jake's Alehouse, Voucher for Dino Golf, voucher for Gullivers World, 2 x £25 vouchers for The Samuel Oldknow in Marple

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY A way of life centred on Christ, inspired by Ignatian Spirituality. Please see poster in porch – leaflets also available to take away.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD This week you can collect an empty box, leaflets and a hat and cuddly toy from the back of church. The boxes with your gifts need to be returned to the church for the weekend of 28th/29th October. If you cannot collect a box from the church, please contact Karin Moore on 494 9104 if you would like to have a box delivered to you and collected afterwards. Thank you.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S BOX COLLECTION 2023.... time again In order to simplify things and to help the collectors I will place a box labelled "CARITAS – Boxes" at the back of church. Please your box in it OR empty your monies into a plastic bag (keeping your box to continue saving). Please ensure your details are included to ensure Gift Aid. The collectors will pick up monies from this central box. If you cannot do this, your collector will arrange a "pick-up" for your box. If you cannot continue to hold a box, please let your collector or myself know. There are some spare boxes if anyone feels able to join in. *Many thanks.....Christine.*

FROM CARITAS SHREWSBURY We know that poverty in the UK is an avoidable, solvable problem that can be fixed. That's why we're so excited to be supporting the Let's End Poverty Founding Assembly on 14 October, as people from across the UK gather together in towns and cities across the UK and online to call for a future where poverty can't keep anyone down.

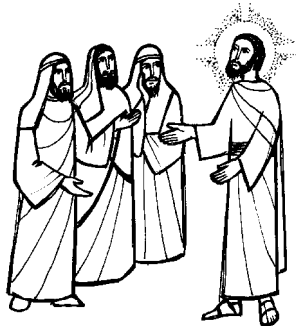
Will you join us in building the movement towards ending poverty in the UK? Find out more and book your place: <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/assembly/>

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £696.20. CAFOD £81.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

FOOD BANK Many thanks for the response to last week's request for foodbank donations: Four green crates and three carrier bags plus cash donations amounting to £180 (£120, £40, £10, £10) were delivered to St Mark's last Tuesday. The church is open on Sunday and Monday between 2.00pm - 4.00pm for 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. You can contact them on 0800 3893801 or search www.marriagecare.org.uk

JOB VACANCY The Diocese is looking to recruit a **Director of Property** due to retirement. The role of the Director of Property within the Diocese is to provide leadership, vision, professional advice and strategic direction, to support the Bishop and Diocesan Trustees in their oversight and management of the Diocesan Property Portfolio. Further details can be found at <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> completed applications should be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date **10 November 2023**.



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

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