



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

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**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023  
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** Today is a day of special prayer for all victims of war - it is especially relevant that we pray at this time so aware as we are of the wars in Ukraine and Israel & Palestine. Today also is Remembrance Sunday and details of the parade and service at the George Lane War Memorial are in the newsletter. I hope there will be good representation at the parade and service from the parish. Unfortunately, I cannot be present myself as I'll be leading the parish memorial service at the Sacred Heart Church, Whaley Bridge, at 3.00pm. As you know, we have our own parish memorial service next Sunday.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) <b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Eileen & Sandy Powell RIP John Warwick RIP People of the Parish
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Michael Cooke
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Kathleen Gilogly RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Brian Murphy RIP
Thursday	Ferial <b>Requiem Mass</b>	9.30am <b>12.30pm</b>	Holy Souls, November List James Clements RIP
Friday	<b>St Hilda, Ab</b>	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic High School Deceased Relations & Friends of the Hayes Family
Saturday	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</b> Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	Deceased of Murray Family Mary Knox RIP
Sunday	<b>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Ernest Kilgallon RIP Moira & Wilf Duddy RIP

**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: William Joseph Ibison, Barry Taylorson, Bridget Loftus, John Joseph Fardy, Molly Duggan, Louise Higgins, Peter Toolin, Christopher Crump, Pat Pearson, Alice Lomas, Raymond Molesdale,, William Bradburn, Irene Quinn.

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

**SUNDAY READINGS** for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday A: Wisdom 6:12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13. **Mass Preface 7**, page 67, **Eucharistic Prayer 3**, page 27.

**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.

**NOVEMBER LIST** 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 this month of the Holy Souls. Please place in the envelope and return to the church where they will be placed in a basket at the front of the altar. One Mass per week will be offered for all whose names are on the list. Please do not put any money in the envelope.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE TODAY** 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.

**MEMORY TREE** We will have our Christmas Memory tree on show this year to remember those we love and the ones we have lost. The hearts are at the back of church; you can take them home pop a photo or a message on them then return to the box on the table at the back of church. The Tree will be Blessed on Christmas Eve. Donations will be given to church funds.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**EVERGREEN GROUP WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm – 3.30pm**

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

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** The next meeting will be in the St Christopher Centre on Thursday 16 September from 10:00am until 11.30am. The group is for anyone who has experienced 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. For more information, please contact Susan Carr on 07543 408551.

**"A PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS"** A concert with The Marple Band and VariVocals will be held in Church on December 8th starting at 7.00pm. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses from Saturday 18th November priced at £10 which includes a glass of wine and a mince pie! Come along and warm up to Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR - 2 weeks away** We are now only a fortnight away from 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 continue to be 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.

Many thanks for all the donations of items received so far. In these last couple of weeks, could we please request bottles, chocolates and sweets for our tombola stalls. 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, M&S deluxe Hamper, £50 Experience Days voucher, Vouchers from Gullivers World, Dino Golf, The Italian, No 29 Coffee Shop, Samuel Oldknow Marple, Regent Cinema Marple, Altrincham Ice Rink, Bukharaa, Serenity Bookshop Romiley, Go Thai, Qurashi, Romiley Butchers, Tittertons Butchers, The Barnhouse, Stockport Eats, Breakout Rooms Manchester and Jake's Alehouse, Photo shoot at Icon Photography Studios, £30 gift card from The Joshua Bradley, Fruit Basket from Tunacliffes Fruit & Veg, Donation from Pic a Lily, Morrisons Hamper, Yankee Candles from Homebase, Jasper Conran sets from Tesco, bottle of Baileys from Jacksons News, 2 x Irish Hampers, plus more bottles and other prizes still to be confirmed.

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** Catalogues are available to collect at the back and side of the church. Choosing gifts from the catalogue supports those living in poverty and injustice in different parts of our world.

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection £726.44, CAFOD £40, White envelopes £50. The white envelopes no longer need to be used as the parish debt has been cleared. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

**FOOD BANK** Many thanks for the response to last week's request for foodbank donations: 3.5 crates of groceries and 3 carrier bags of cordial drinks plus cash donations amounting to £200 (£120, £30, £20, £10, £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. **Toothpaste and tinned hotdogs would be welcomed. Thank you.**

**CAFOD – Please pray for peace and take action too** We have all been shocked and saddened by the devastating conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. CAFOD and their local partners are actively responding and providing urgent humanitarian aid to those in need .

What can we do?

We can email the Foreign Secretary to urge the UK to play its part in upholding international law, ensuring humanitarian aid can reach people in need, and work with other world leaders to secure a lasting peace for the region? <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/136932/action/1>

We can donate and help families who are losing their homes and loved ones and need urgent support.  
<https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/israeli-palestinian-crisis-how-you-can-help>

We can pray. <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayers-for-peace>

**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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)



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