



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

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**SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2023
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL Today is World Day of Prayer for the Poor aimed at promoting solidarity and compassion for the poor and marginalised. The theme this year is, "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor." Tobit 4:7.

We have our parish memorial service later today at 3.00pm. Parishioners who have lost loved ones during the year have been contacted and we are expecting a good number to attend. You are also welcome to attend the service to pray for deceased family members, relations and friends. The service will also be live streamed.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 19th November 2023 – Sunday 26th November 2023

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Mary Knox RIP Ernest Kilgallon RIP Moira & Wilf Duddy RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Fr Donal Daly RIP
Tuesday	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Funeral service	12.15pm 7.30pm	Maureen Mitchell RIP Patrick O'Neill RIP
Wednesday	St Cecilia, V, M	9.30am	Adam & Caroline RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Ron Atherton RIP
Friday	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Mm	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic High School Rita & Peter Stewart Ints.
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday Memorial Evening Mass of following Solemnity	9.30am 6.00pm	Tom Ward - ill Holy Souls – November List
Sunday	Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Sheelah Smith 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: Sarah Hill, Ernest Kilgallon, Edith Shaw, Cecilia Moores, Barbara Lawton, Paul Bruce, Mary Anderson, Archibald Burns, Thomas Furneaux Alfred White, Sheelah Smith, Hannah Boyle.

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

SUNDAY READINGS for the 33rd Sunday A: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, Matthew 25: 14-30. **Mass Preface 8**, page 68, **Eucharistic Prayer 2**, page 24.

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.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY Today is Safeguarding Sunday. It is a day when we highlight just how much safeguarding is a vital part of our day-to-day life in the Church. It is a day to remind everyone involved in the Church that safeguarding is the responsibility of us all.

LADIES GUILD meeting on Thursday November 23rd at 7.30pm. Please bring any fancy goods for the Christmas Fair.

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.

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.

RETREAT DAY IN PARISH The year 2025 is the next Jubilee Year in the Church. Pope Francis has asked the Church to prepare well. In order to help us do so, (beginning from advent 2023), Pope Francis has called 2023/2024 "A Year of Prayer." In response, the Shrewsbury Diocese Team for Evangelisation and Mission will be running a **Retreat Day on Prayer** for our local parishes:

Date: Saturday the 16th December 2023

Time: 10.00am-3.00pm.

Place: Our Lady & St Christopher's, Parish Hall. See the Flyers at the back of the Church.

All welcome. **Please bring a packed lunch.**

MISSIO The Mission Today Calendar 2024. Will the Promotors kindly collect these from the table at the back of church. Boxes to be emptied, if possible, for the Year End total. Grateful thanks to Parishioners for continued support, which enables communities to become more self-sufficient. Kathleen Walker 317 7785.

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 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.

EVERGREEN GROUP WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm – 3.30pm

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 - NEXT SATURDAY

This time next week it will all be over! Our Christmas Fair takes place next Saturday from 12.00-3.00 in the St Christopher Centre. We will have all the usual stalls, a children's area with Christmas themed games, Lunches, Refreshments including Mulled Wine and Irish Coffees will be available, and Father Christmas will be making an appearance too.

Don't forget to bring your tickets (or purchase some more) for our Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at the fair. We have over 40 prizes on offer. If you have any unsold books please bring them too so they can be sold on the day.

We look forward to seeing as many people at the fair next week to make it a huge success.

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.

THE MISSION OF THE FAMILY is a dynamic new video series that proclaims the truth and beauty of the Catholic vision of marriage and family life in the modern world. Free download from the knights of St Columbus. They have also produced a video series which seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world.

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

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 £672.30, CAFOD £44.00. Faster payments and standing orders for October £2741. Contactless donations for October £664.69. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

FOOD BANK Many thanks for the response to last week's request for foodbank donations: there were 4 trays and one carrier bag of donations plus cash amounting to £305 (£120, £60, £30, £30, £20, £20, £10, £10, £5) 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. Donations of peas, carrots and tampons are particularly welcome. Thank you.

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



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

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