



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2023 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King which marks the end of the current liturgical year. The feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 at a time of the rise of totalitarian governments in Europe, to remind the world that Christ is the true ruler of the world and his kingdom is the one we are called to build. His kingdom is not about seeking power and wealth and the will to dominate others but rather the promotion of justice, love and peace in the world. Insofar as we promote these values, we help his kingdom to grow in our world.

Next Sunday sees the start of a new liturgical year - the first Sunday of Advent with the focus on preparing for the celebration of Christ's first coming at his birth at Christmas and also looking forward to his Second coming at the end of time when he will hand over the kingdom to his Father.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 26th November 2023 – Sunday 3rd December 2023

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday Solemnity Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Holy Souls – November List People of the Parish Sheelah Smith RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	John William Birch RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Donor Ints.
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	James Quinn RIP
Thursday	St Andrew, Ap. Patron of Scotland In St Christopher's Catholic Primary School	9.30am	Holy Souls – November List
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic High School Michelle O'Brien RIP
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday Memorial Evening Mass of following Sunday	9.30am 6.00pm	Mr & Mrs R Ward & Family Margaret Hughes Ints.
Sunday	Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe	9.00am 11.00am	Eileen Murphy RIP James Quinn 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: Agnes Bell, Arthur Crompton, Jeffrey Taylor, P Neville, Mary Cook, Liam Walsh, Vincent Kearney DFM, Jacqui Andrews, Barbara Marshall, Lillian McDonald, John Duggan, James Quinn, Victor Nixon, Gerard Nicholson, W A Lumsden, Bertram Laidlow, Eileen McSweeney, Olive Marsland, Margaret O'Driscoll, Francis Rider, Leslie Wyatt, Penny Cunningham, Florence Monk, Adele McCluskey, John Burns.

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

SUNDAY READINGS Christ the King A: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28, Matthew 25:31-46. **Mass Preface**, page 68, **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.

PLEASE NOTE that Mass on Thursday and the following Thursdays in Advent will be in St Christopher's Catholic Primary School at 9.30am.

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

29th November	Winter Flowers with Anne from Pic a lily
6th December	Clare Clayton - Let go and grow
13th December	Christmas Party

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>

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 £633.33, CAFOD £15.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

FOOD BANK Many thanks for the response to last week's request for foodbank donations: there were three crates and four carrier bags of donations plus cash amounting to £140 (£120, £20) 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 crisps, tinned carrots, sweetcorn & toilet rolls would be welcomed. Thank you.

ADVENT RETREAT DAY next Saturday On **Saturday, 2 December** there will be an **Advent Retreat Day** in the parish centre at **St Peter's**, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA. **Fr David Long** will explore "**Becoming a servant Church**", looking at some of the major Advent figures and the pointers that they give us as we prepare to welcome the Servant King. 9.30am to 4pm with the opportunity to go to Mass at noon in church. Bring a packed lunch. As always, everyone is very welcome.

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



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