



**OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S
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**SUNDAY 16th JUNE 2024
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
DAY FOR LIFE SUNDAY**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL:

Today is Day for Life Sunday. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The theme is *The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*. A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives. We hope that parishes will be able to prepare to promote the Catholic view of life as a gift and the importance of care at the end of life using the resources that will be issued by the Conference in due course. *(Adapted from the message from the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales.)*

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 16th June – Sunday 23rd June 2024

Sunday	11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Mary G Ints. Dorothy Grace Killeen RIP Vera Espley RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Jean Grieves RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Anthony Loran RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	David Rocher RIP
Thursday	St Alban, M	9.30am	Mary Birch RIP
Friday	St Aloysius Gonzaga, R	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS McGrath Family
Saturday	Ss John Fisher, B, & Thomas More, Mm Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30pm 6.00pm	Louise Hopkinson RIP Fr Michael Murray RIP
Sunday	12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Pat Stewart RIP People of the Parish

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Christine Beswick, Kieran O'Brien, Lionel & Jenny Rawlings, Jaar Jones, Michael Christie, Mandy Keane, Joyce Osbourne, Michael O'Sullivan, Katelyn Reilly, Amy Harris, Elizabeth Brown, Bridget Robertson, Valerie, Gahan, Marina Hernandez, Eamon Curran, Howard Moore,, Sheila Murphy, Michael Sainsbury, Moira McNeill, John Bardsley, Isaac Saed Iqbal, Simon Wright, Margaret Colicroot, Rory Ireland, Helen Bridge, Patricia Godfrey, Karl Wood, Kevin Bradley, Mary Sainsbury, Rita Stevens, Margaret Maycock, Sr Margaret Mary Foley, Graham Seymour, Carol Seymour, Peter Taylor, James Smart, Nathalie Whitehead, Florrie Robison, Margaret Wooliscroft, Tony McKenna, Joan Marshall, Glenis Keenan. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Graeme Souter, Trevor Hewett, Joan Cunningham, Matin Loftus, Sr Mary Frances, Sheila Carroll, Mary Birch, Garry Loebell, Jayne Bruce, Patrick Nawn, Mary McFarlane, Anthony Wardle, Patrick Lyons, Michael Martin, Mildred Lumsden, Angela Bradwell, Matthew Norman.

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

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Amelia Sophia Henry who was baptised recently.

CONTACTLESS TERMINAL The terminal at the back of church can be used for credit and debit card donations to the parish. Thank you.

SUNDAY READINGS for the 11th Sunday B: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34.

Mass Preface: Sundays 2, page 54; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 24.

CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD – Have you considered a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? For more information see our website at shrewsburyvocations.org If you would like to explore God's call for your life and learn about other opportunities for discernment, please email the diocesan vocations director at vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org For more resources, see the National Office for Vocation at www.ukvocation.org and www.ukpriest.org

TO ALL MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS The Summer Impact Report is at the back of church for you to collect. Would you please bring your Red Box to church with name on it for counting at any Mass over the weekend 29/30th June if possible, or give online at www.missio.org.uk/redbox Other ways to donate are at the back of the magazine.

EVERGREEN GROUP - Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm

19th June	The Blue Plaques Tour of Stockport
26th June	Anne Marie with Flower Fairies
3rd July	Bring your favourite poem/readings/limericks
10th July	Cabaret with Pat
17th July	Party

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION AND VENERATION OF FIRST CLASS RELIC OF ST FAUSTINA

led by Fr Peter Prusakiewicz from Poland, who travels the world proclaiming and explaining the Divine Mercy devotion and talking about his experience of St Michael the Archangel and Holy Angels. Please join us at St Anne's Rock Ferry from 12 noon to 2.30pm on Wednesday 19th June for Holy Mass and a talk, followed by a Eucharistic healing service with veneration of a 1st class relic of St Faustino. There will also be an opportunity to purchase rosaries and the Angels magazine.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £634.81, CAFOD 335.00, standing orders and faster payments for May £2,829.00; contactless card machine for May £589.96. Thank you for your great generosity.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting will be in the St Christopher Centre on Thursday 20 June 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 bereavement. For more information, please contact Susan Carr on 07543 408551.

A LIVELY MUSICAL EVENING to support SVP Youth Work, with The Mercy Brothers On Friday 21 June you are invited to an evening with The Mercy Brothers, a clergy-based band from the Salford and Shrewsbury Diocese. Funds raised will go to support for SVP Youth Work in the Shrewsbury and Salford Dioceses. Venue: Our Lady's Social Club, Flint St, Stockport, SK3 8GE. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets at £15 are available from <https://giving.give-star.com/event/saint-vincent-de-paul-society-england-and-wales/a-lively-musical-evening-with-the-mercy-brothers> or on the door.

AN EVENING WITH DR BILL KEIMIG on Monday 24th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Ln, Hale Barns, Altrincham WA15 0HG. Dr Bill Keimig, from the Franciscan University of Steubenville in the USA, will lead an evening filled with laughter, inspiration and wisdom as he shares his insights and experiences of parish renewal and leading RCIA. This is open to all and especially to volunteers, catechists and those who are curious! This promises to be a fantastic evening, so please sign up early via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-with-dr-bill-keimig-tickets-902343853757>. For any further details please contact Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Mission Catechist natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or telephone 07730 526826. **Leaflets at back of church.**

FOOD BANK 3 fully packed green crates, 5 various sizes packs toilet rolls plus cash donations amounting to £300 (£120, £100, £30, £20, £20, £10) were delivered to St Mark's last week. Your generosity is much appreciated. The church is open on Sunday & Monday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm for donations. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **Donations of hand soap, toothpaste and tinned fruit would be welcomed. Thank you.**

STAMPS FOR THE RNIB There is a box in the church porch for used stamps for the RNIB. Any used stamps you can donate to support the work of the RNIB (Royal National Institute of the Blind) will be gratefully received and appreciated. Thank you.

JOB Vacancy The Governors of St James' wish to appoint an inspirational, dynamic and highly motivated teacher of Religious Education. For more information visit: <https://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/jobs/> The closing date is Monday 24th June 2024, 12 noon.

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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