



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 2nd JUNE 2024 THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL: This Sunday is the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ, traditionally known as Corpus Christi. It invites us to reflect on the great gift of Jesus to us in the holy Eucharist in which he gives us himself to strengthen our communion with him and to enable us witness to his love in the world. It is also the pledge of the heavenly banquet to come. Let us be thankful for such a wonderful gift as we strive to grow ever closer to the Lord in the holy Eucharist.

On Thursday we welcome the Year 3 children from our primary school who made their First Holy Communion a few weeks' ago to their Going Forth Mass. This is a reminder to us to continue to pray for the children and also for their families that they will encourage and support the children in their faith by ensuring they bring them to Sunday Mass regularly.

May God bless all in our parish family in the week ahead.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 2nd June – Sunday 9th June 2024

Sunday	THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Michael/Noreen Philpott RIP People of the Parish Natalie Whitehead RIP
Monday	St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Mm	9.30am	Birthday Anniversary
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Desmond O Connor & Family
Wednesday	St Boniface, B, M Requiem Mass	10.45am	Sylvia Donovan RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	David Roche RIP
Friday	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS Trevor Baldwin RIP
Saturday	The Immaculate Heart of Mary Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Private Int. Eddie & Philip Palmer RIP
Sunday	TENTH SUNDAY IN RDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish The O'Reilly Family

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, Pat Stewart, 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, Glenys Keenan. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Michael Storan, Mary Gault, Charles McKeown, Margaret Mitchell, Patricia Jones, Sheila Greener, Anthony Castle, Charles Fitzpatrick, Shelagh Hadfield, Joseph McCluskey, Elizabeth Crompton, Miguel Montes Pavon, Brian Hart, James Cannon, William Dugdale, Barbara Law.

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

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 Body & Blood of Christ : Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26. **Mass Preface:** The Most Holy Eucharist, page 53; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 24.

MISSIO Our current parish secretary for Missio, wishes to step down and so there is an opportunity for someone new to organise collections from Red Boxes and distribution of magazines, probably in a new way. Missio is a wonderful charity to be part of, so please consider becoming secretary in our parish and contact Fr. Michael or Kathleen Walker on 317 7785 for information on what is involved.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Parishioners who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year and would like to attend the annual Marriage Mass on Saturday June 8th at Saint Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1SA at 12 noon, should let Fr Michael have their names and contact details as soon as possible so they can receive a personal invitation to attend from the Bishop. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' rotas for the 11 am Mass are now available to collect. Please collect the latest rota from the paper rack in the small sacristy. Thank you.

CALLING ALL FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN Would you like to assist at Mass as an altar server? It is a very special role. You will be given training on how to serve. Don't be shy! Parents do please encourage your child to get involved in this way. If interested, please speak to one of the priests or ask for Martin Coyle.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR MAY Peter Nicholls, Eva McLoughlin, Kathy Burton, Roger Puce. Please collect winnings from the tray in the small sacristy.

EVERGREEN GROUP - Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm

5th June	Sally/Brian's Quiz
12th June	Sit down exercises
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

VISIT OF FATIMA RELICS On Saturday 15th June, from 10.00am-4pm, the World Apostolate of Fatima will visit our parish with the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco and the Centenary Pilgrim Statute of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The statue was blessed at the Chapel of the Apparitions in Fatima. Pope St John Paul II invited us to receive the light of Fatima. The Fatima message of reparation, repentance and peace is still relevant to us today. **Please see poster in porch.**

10.00am Welcome in church

10.15-10.30 Procession

10. 30-11.30 Mass with crowning of statue and veneration of relics

11.30-12 Rosary for world peace

12.10-1pm Fatima film in hall

1-2 pm Packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided in hall.

2- 2.30 pm Fatima talk in hall.

2.40-2.55pm Investiture of Brown Scapular in church for those who wish to receive it.

3- 3.50pm Divine Mercy chaplet, Exposition, confessions

3.50-4pm Benediction and close.

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.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £602.40, CAFOD £55.00. Thank you for your generosity.

INTERNATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' FAITH CAFÉ via Zoom Reflections, prayer, etc. Come and nourish and share your faith – to help pass it on. Meetings on 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please see: www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org Poster in porch.

RADIO MARIA is a Catholic voice by your side. With opportunities to pray with others on-air, to learn about Catholic events in the country, and to hear from speakers who will enrich your faith, listen on DAB Stockport and Greater Manchester, download the FREE mobile app, "Radio Maria Play," or visit www.RadioMariaEngland.uk

EMERGENCY APPEAL FROM LIFE CHARITY

The cost-of-living crisis has made life much tougher for everyone, especially women facing unexpected pregnancy - a survey in March 2024, found 40% of mothers in Scotland who had an abortion said it was due to the rising cost of child-care. Life, as a charity which supports pregnant women and their children under 5 by providing a range of pregnancy-related services from counselling to housing, training in parenting skills to free pregnancy tests, baby equipment to emotional support, is needed more than ever. Last year, Life supported over 1,000 women to have their children when they felt this was not an option for them; counselled 5,733 people who needed someone to listen and housed 171 women (and their children) who were homeless or unsupported. Life is appealing to all those who believe in this work to help them raise £300,000, money which is needed for them to continue answering every call for help. Give online at www.lifecharity.org.uk/emergency-appeal or call 01926 312272. Contact Judith O'Neill (0161 464 1368) if you have any questions.

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.

FOOD BANK 3 green crates of groceries, plus cash donations amounting to £40 (£30, £10) were delivered to St Mark's last Tuesday. 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 toilet rolls, dried noodles and packets of biscuits would be welcomed.** Thank you.

FOOTSTEPS – new shoes! The next event in the Footsteps programme of inspiring talks will be on **Thursday 13 June at 7.30pm in the parish centre of St Peter's, 16 Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA** when we'll welcome a new face. **Archie Cameron** is coming from Southport to give us, he says, an evening to help us to enjoy the wonderful gift of life! His talk is titled "**Living in joyful hope**" and it will be an opportunity to be open to believe the things that Jesus believed about God, about Himself and about each other. We offer an informal café-style setting with a large, free car park, a loop system, good disabled access and a warm 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



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

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