



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

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**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

**TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL:** Next Saturday we welcome the relics of two of the Fatima visionaries, Ss Jacinta and Francisco together with the Centenary Pilgrim Statute of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to our parish. I hope you will be able to attend the day – you can find full details of the programme for the day below. This event has been widely advertised and we are expecting people from other parishes both within and without the diocese. If you are coming, please remember to bring a packed lunch – hot and cold drinks will be served in the St Christopher Centre.

With the General Election approaching, the Bishop has written a statement addressed to Catholics on matters of public policy to consider when voting. He refers to a statement made by Bishop Philip Egan which is recommended to be read also. Both statements are available on the parish website and some paper copies are also available at the back of the church.

Finally, I shall be making my annual retreat at St Beuno's in North Wales this week and will remember you all in my Masses and prayers there.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Sunday	<b>10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (Saturday)	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Eddie & Philip Palmer RIP People of the Parish The O'Reilly Family
Monday	Ferial <b>Requiem Mass</b>	9.30am <b>11.00am</b>	Paddy Flynn RIP Cecilia Theresa Lyne RIP
Tuesday	<b>St Barnabas, Ap, M</b>	7.30pm	Jack Dobson RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Madeleine Doohan RIP
Thursday	<b>St Anthony of Padua, P, D</b>	9.30am	Kathy Thiele
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS Moire Phelan RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	Maureen Sheridan RIP Mary G Ints.
Sunday	<b>11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Dorothy Grace Killeen RIP Vera Espley RIP

**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** George Collinge, Vincent Cook, Amy O'Donnell, Rosalyn Adegunle, Gertrude Cunningham, Bert Handel, Vincent Connolly, Joseph Moores, Dorothy Grace Killeen, Bernard Murray, Moire Phelan, Zbigniew Szpakowski.

**PARISH LIVE STREAM** Please go to [www.churchservices.tv/romiley](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday B: Genesis 3: 9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3: 20-35.

**Mass Preface:** Sundays 1, page 54; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

**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](http://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](mailto:vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) For more resources, see the National Office for Vocation at [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) and [www.ukpriest.org](http://www.ukpriest.org)

**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.

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

**EVERGREEN GROUP - Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm**

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

**LADIES' GUILD** Our next meeting is on Thursday June 13th at 7.30pm and will be a 'Race Night'. Come along ladies and enjoy the thrills of Ascot!

**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 £586.30; CAFOD £50.00; standing orders and faster payments for May £2,829.00; contactless card machine for May £589.96. Thank you for your great generosity.

**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](http://www.RadioMariaEngland.uk)

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or telephone 07730 526826. **Leaflets at back of church.**

**FOOD BANK** 4 green crates of groceries, 3 carrier bags - 2 of toilet rolls and 1 of Noodles tubs, plus cash donations amounting to £270 (£120, £50, £30, £30, £20, £10, £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 tinned fruit, toilet rolls, and toothpaste 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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)



**THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE** Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email [ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk)

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