



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

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SUNDAY 14th JULY 2024
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL: This Sunday is Sea Sunday and a reminder of the vital role that seafarers and fishers play in all our lives. They often work in difficult and hazardous conditions, so let us pray today for all who live and work at sea. Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is the maritime agency of the Catholic Church. Its teams of chaplains provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. I shall send a cheque from the parish later in the week to support their important work.

I'll be celebrating the Masses at Sacred Heart & St Teresa's, Wilmslow, this weekend following the death of their parish priest, Fr Anthony Cogliolo last Monday. Fr Anthony also served in this parish as parish priest from 1986-1994. May he rest in peace.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 14th July – Sunday 21st July 2024

Sunday	15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Geoffrey Hooley RIP Jean Grieves RIP People of the Parish
Monday	St Bonaventure, B, D Funeral service	9.30am 11.00am	Margaret Gahan RIP Annie Heywood RIP
Tuesday	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	7.30pm	Gerard Ramsden RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Pat Stewart RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Nikki Warburton RIP
Friday	St John Plessington, P, M	12.00pm	Mary Teresa Gibbs RIP
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	The Holy Souls Anthony (Tony) McKenna RIP
Sunday	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Fr Anthony Cogliolo RIP People of the Parish

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

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 William Smethurst, William Connolly, William Nelson, John Norman, WJ Lumsden, John Holden, ML Alberti, Kathleen Longden, Gertrude Skeer, Bridie Dixon, Catherine Williams, Kathleen Bowers, Raymond Oldham, Julia Maughan, Moira Duddy, Maria Andretta, James Mannion, Tony McCluskey, Alan Ford, Margaret Robinson.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Anthony Cogliolo who died recently. May he rest in peace. Fr Anthony was parish priest of Our Lady & St Christopher's between 1986 -1994.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Frankie James Lamont, and Arthur David Edwards who were 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 15th Sunday B: Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13.. **Mass Preface:** Sunday 6, page 55; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

200 CLUB winners for June: Linda Samuels, P Bonorino, M Arthur, M Howarth. Please collect envelopes from the small sacristy. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who support the monthly draw.

RADIO MARIA ENGLAND a 24-hour Catholic radio station, will be visiting Our Lady and St. Christopher's this weekend. Join Radio Maria on **Saturday 20th July at 2pm** to pray the Rosary and witness Fr. Sean bless the new DAB radio antenna. The prayers will be at the Hyde Cricket & Squash Club, Werneth Low Road, Hyde, SK14 3AA. We recommend arriving early to ensure you have time to park and walk to the antenna site. For more details, visit www.radiomariaengland.uk

ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS at Oscott College, Birmingham, Saturday 14th September 2024. Please see further details about this on the parish website and the poster at the back of church. Travel will be by coach with the pickup point in Wythenshawe. If you wish to travel, please contact: Natalie.Orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

OUR LADY & ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE Following the recent gifting to the parish of two generous legacies, I have decided to reinstate a parish finance committee. This will serve as an advisory body to assist me in financial decisions to benefit the parish, the church buildings, and the grounds. I also wish to promote financial transparency in the administration of these gifts and our parish income.

The committee has recently held an informal inaugural meeting. Its members are John O'Sullivan, Colette Lennon, Breda O'Riordan and myself. We propose to meet twice a year, and our structure and Constitution will follow Diocesan guidelines.

As you are aware, the debt to the Diocese has been paid, and the monies remaining are for the parish. As soon as possible, with the committee's support, I wish to initiate certain projects which I consider a priority within the church building itself: replacing the lighting for a more economical and efficient system, painting and decorating, and replacing the carpet at the sides and rear of the church. *Fr Michael*

FATIMA PILGRIM STATUE Following the successful visit of the Fatima Pilgrim Statue to our parish, the World Apostolate of Fatima has kindly left our parish with the home statue for parishioners to pray with during the First Five Saturdays devotion and their regular prayer, especially the Rosary, for reparation and for world peace. Initially, 12 people (disciples?) are needed annually, to each take the statue for a month. Please see the statue custodian Maura Coyle or phone (0161) 406 7725 if interested. There is also a sign-up at the back of the church for those who wish to take the statue.

MISSIO A most sincere THANK YOU to the Red Box holders who contributed at the Masses last Saturday and Sunday with an amount of £767.01p. Contributions by Box holders previously collected by me from church between January and June were £1212.33p making a total of £1979.34p sent to Missio for this half year. My grateful thanks to Christine and to Anne Granby for help in making the change and counting. *Kathleen Walker*

EVERGREEN GROUP - Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm

17th July Party

SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024 'Go tell the priests to come [here] in procession' is the theme of this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26 July to 1 August (depending on travel). We are expecting more pilgrims to journey with us this year, and it will be our largest pilgrimage since the pandemic. There are still some places available if you would like to join us this year. For more information, please see the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or phone the Pilgrimage Office on 07970943940.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £633.40, CAFOD £40.00, standing orders and faster payments for June £2,559, digital collection plate (contactless) for June £488.63. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK Four green crates of various groceries and three weighty carrier bags of tinned groceries plus cash donations amounting to £230 (£120, £60, £30, £10, £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 packets of crisps and tinned sweetcorn 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.

THE CHESTER ACROSS GROUP are going to Lourdes by Jumbulance from Thursday 15th to Saturday 24th August. We travel overland in an adapted coach, which has seven beds on board. Therefore, we can take some sick or disabled pilgrims and so far we have a Doctor and two nurses and several helpers. However, we need two more helpers and there is a place for someone who is sick or disabled. The cost is £1,095 but help with costs is available. Current Passport required. Travel Insurance is available for just £65.

Search our website for an example of our care:

<http://www.across.org.uk/?s=AJ>.

For more information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or email tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk.

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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