



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

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**SUNDAY 21st JULY 2024
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Later this week the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes sets off by air from Liverpool and also by coach. The pilgrimage intentions are listed below. We can join with the pilgrims in Lourdes by praying for these intentions and it is possible also to join in the celebrations there especially Mass at the Grotto on Monday 29th July via Lourdes TV. There are more details about this below including the online link.

Please also note the information about the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress at St Mary's College, Oscott, on Saturday 14th September. St Mary's is where students for the priesthood for our diocese are trained including our own Kevin Hogan. I understand that from September there will be ten students in training at the college for our diocese. Let us keep them in our prayers.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 21st July – Sunday 28th July 2024

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| Sunday | 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday) | 6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am | Anthony (Tony) McKenna RIP Fr Anthony Cogliolo RIP People of the Parish |
| Monday | St Mary Magdalene | 9.30am 11.00am | Ints. of Susan Hadfield |
| Tuesday | St Bridget, R Day of Special Praeyr for Europe | 7.30pm | David Marsland RIP |
| Wednesday | Ferial Mass in St Christopher's Primary School today | 9.15am | Tony McCluskey RIP & Maria Andretta RIP |
| Thursday | St James, Ap | 9.30am | Patrick O'Neill RIP |
| Friday | Ss Joachim & Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 12.00pm | Mary & James Keaney RIP |
| Saturday | Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) | 9.30am 6.00pm | Patrick Gannon RIP Eileen & Sandy Powell RIP |
| Sunday | 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.00am 11.00am | People of the Parish Moira & Wilf Duddy RIP |

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 Alan Ford, Margaret Robinson, Josie Burke, Margaret Harrison, Margaret Taylor, Irene White, George Barratt, David Marsland, Cara Latham, Mary Sutton, Margaret Lynch, Patrick O'Neill, Frances Trought, Lorraine Mycock, Frances Tarmey, Thomas Luckman, Christina McAteer.

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. There will be a Vigil Mass and reception of the body at Sacred Heart & St Teresa's Church, Wilmslow, on Monday 22nd July at 7.00pm and following Requiem Mass at 12.00pm on Tuesday he will be laid to rest in his parents' grave at Frankby Cemetery on the Wirral.

THE REQUIEM MASS FOR TONY MCKENNA who died recently will take place on Tuesday 30th July at 10.45am. May he rest in peace.

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 16th Sunday B: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34. **Mass Preface:** Sunday 7, page 55; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

PLEASE NOTE that Mass on Wednesday is in St Christopher's Primary School at 9.15am. This is the Leavers' Mass which parishioners are welcome to attend.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS On Sunday 28th July we celebrate the Fourth World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. Copies of Pope Francis' message to all grandparents and the elderly members of our parishes are available at the back of church as well as a prayer card. Pope Francis' message is well worth a read! You can also find these resources on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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

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 Saturday's 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.

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE arrives in Lourdes on Friday 26 July and Bishop Mark has asked us to pray for the following intentions:

- For the renewal of Eucharistic faith and love in all our parishes and families.
- For the peace of the world amid threats of war and terror: may all peoples walk together in peace.
- For the unity of the Church and of our Shrewsbury Diocese that we may always walk together in faithfulness.
- For the upholding of the sanctity of every human life especially of the unborn, the sick and the aged.
- For new and generous vocations to Marriage, to the Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life of women and of men.

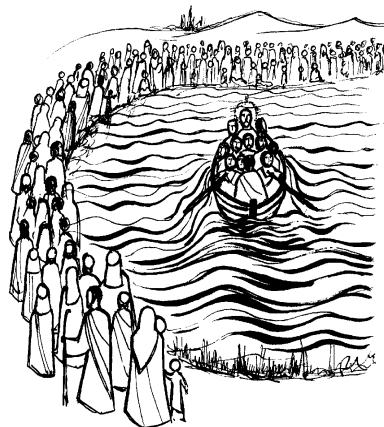
On Monday 29 July at 10am (9am UK time) Mass will be celebrated at the Grotto with other English Dioceses present in Lourdes. Parishioners will be able to join in this via Lourdes TV <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/> Some other Masses and liturgies may be on Lourdes TV too, including the International Mass on Sunday 28 July at 9.30am (8.30am UK time).

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £701.30, CAFOD £55.00. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK Three crates of general groceries, three carrier bags of large crisp packs and one bag of tinned sweetcorn plus cash donations amounting to £290 (£120, £60, £50, £30, £10, £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 tinned sweetcorn, tinned peas and biscuits 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.

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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