



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

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### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** Our two Catholic schools in the parish, St Christopher's Primary and Harrytown Catholic High have now closed for the summer holidays. We hope the staff and pupils enjoy the holidays and will return refreshed in September ready for the year ahead.

I attended the blessing of the latest Radio Maria England antenna at the Hyde Cricket & Squash Club last Saturday and joined with others in praying the Rosary. You can listen to Radio Maria on DAB+ Digital radio as well as on the Radio Maria Play app and at [www.radiomariaengland.uk](http://www.radiomariaengland.uk) The daily schedule includes Mass, Rosary, Bible refection, interviews discussion, religious music, English Catholic news, etc. Why not give it a try? More information on the leaflets at the back of church.

On this world day of prayer for grandparents and the elderly let us pray in thanksgiving to God for all that we receive from them and that they may also be shown the love and respect they deserve.

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Eileen & Sandy Powell RIP People of the Parish Moira & Wilf Duddy RIP
Monday	Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus	9.30am	Special Intention
Tuesday	Requiem Mass	10.45am 7.30pm	Anthony (Tony) McKenna RIP In Thanksgiving
Wednesday	St Ignatius of Loyola, P	9.30am	Paolo Casini RIP
Thursday	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori, B, D	9.30am	Thomas Tognarelli RIP
Friday	Ferial	12.00pm	Mary & James Keaney RIP
Saturday	St Oswald, K, M Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Maureen Sheridan RIP Matin Leach RIP
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Lloyd Samuels RIP

**PARISH LIVE STREAM** Please go to [www.churchservices.tv/romiley](http://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, Joan Marshall, Glenis Keenan. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Ann Cregan, Winifred Perry, Joseph Halliwell, Mary Bates, Catherine Taylorson, J Loughrey, Freda Masterson, Robert Kennerley, Florence Bushdyhan, Patricia Haymes, M McLoughlin, Bernard Lyons, Kathleen Ford, Catherine McGrath, Mary Bell, Mary Ghan.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday B: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35.  
**Mass Preface:** Sunday 8, page 56; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS** Today 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](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS** at Oscott College, Birmingham, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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** Please pray for the intentions of the pilgrimage below:

- 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).

**THE WELLSPRING SLEEPOUT, SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER** The Sleepout offers an opportunity for us to consider some small elements of how difficult it is to be homeless and sleep on the streets. We will be meeting at The Wellspring from 6.30pm on Saturday 12th October 2024. Please bring your own sleeping bags for the night. You can also bring your own, tents and basic equipment for the sleepout or you can choose to sleep directly outside if you so wish. Further details including registration (essential) at [www.thewellspring.co.uk](http://www.thewellspring.co.uk)

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection £652.00, CAFOD £35.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**FOOD BANK** Four green crates of general groceries, ten various crisp multipacks (totalling 130 single bags) plus cash donations amounting to £190 (£120, £30, £20, £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 biscuits and tinned vegetables (sweetcorn peas, carrots) 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](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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