



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

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**SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2024
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY (JOY OF THE GOSPEL SUNDAY)**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL Today is Joy of the Gospel Sunday. It is named after Pope Francis' first Apostolic Exhortation on becoming Pope and is an opportunity for us to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Jesus Christ. All of us are called into a deep personal relationship with Jesus, to come to know and love him more and more. In an increasingly secular world, let us not be afraid to stand up for our faith and courageously witness to it in our lives. We have something very precious in our faith and joyfully witnessing to it can help to lead others to Christ and the joy of discovering his love for them.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 15th September 2024 – 22nd September 2024

Sunday	24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Angela Halpin RIP Deceased of Ryan & Burton Families People of the Parish
Monday	Ss Cornelius, P, M & Cyprian, B, M	9.30am	May Schofield RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	David Bomford RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Special Intention
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Tony & Adele McCluskey RIP
Friday	Ss Andrew Kim, P, Paul ChOng & Companions, Mm	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS Holy Souls
Saturday	St Matthew, Ap, Ev Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Michael Wilson & Marilyn Walker RIP Veronica & Keith Turner 55 th wedding anniversary
Sunday	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Deceased of Ryan & Burton Families 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, Carol Seymour, Peter Taylor, James Smart, Nathalie Whitehead, Florrie Robison, Margaret Wooliscroft, Joan Marshall, Glenis Keenan, Michael Walsh. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Fr Michael Elcock, Edward Williams, Margaret Bilsborough, Denise Rock, Getrude Southworth, Teresa Quinn, Bernard Kelly, Paul Hickey, Bonnie Fitzgerald, Florence Davies.

SUNDAY READINGS for the 24th Sunday B: Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35. **Mass Preface:** Sunday 5, page 55; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE (CONTACTLESS) This is situated at the back of the church for parishioners who wish to use this method for their regular Offertory donations.

SUNDAY 9 O'CLOCK MASS READERS' NEW ROTA (OCT 24-MAR 25) The rota is now available on the website and displayed on the notice boards by the sacristy & at the back of church. For those who provided email addresses you should have received a copy, if you have not, please let me know ASAP. Requested paper copies are now available for pickup in the sacristy. Please contact Anne Granby 0161 494 2711.

THE RELIC BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS will be visiting the St Anthony's, Wythenshawe, between 20 and 23 September 2024. This remarkable teenager was a gamer and computer programmer who loved football, with a gift for empathy, a great devotion to Our Lady and a deep love of the Holy Eucharist, which he described as his 'highway to heaven'. The visit to the Diocese is a very special opportunity to spend time in prayer venerating the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Confessions will be available, and Mass will be celebrated on each of the days. There will also be inspirational talks on Saturday and Sunday from Monsignor Anthony Figueirido, STD, who has followed the life of the soon to be Saint Carlo Acutis. **The full programme is on the parish website. Registration for veneration is now open and can be found at:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relic-of-blessed-carlo-acutis-tickets-1010291297467?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> or through this QR code:



Friday 20th September

14.00 – 18.45 Veneration of the Relic

Saturday 21st September

09:30 – 11:45 Veneration of the Relic

13:00 – 16:45 Veneration of the Relic

18:00 – 19:00 Veneration of Relic closing with Night Prayer

Sunday 22nd September

08:00 – 10:45 Veneration of the Relic

12:00 – 19:00 Veneration of the Relic

Monday 23rd September

08:00 – 09:30 Veneration of Relic

EVERGREEN GROUP WEDNESDAYS 1.30PM – 3.30PM

18th September Sitting Down Exercises

25th September Hyacinths for Christmas planting

2nd October Board games/bowls

9th October Ditloids/Fun Quiz

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting will take place on Thursday 19 September from 10am until 11.30am in the St Christopher Centre. The group is for anyone who has experienced a bereavement and is an opportunity to share your feelings, however if you don't want to chat you are welcome to come along just for the tea and coffee! This is not a counselling service but is a space to get support from others who have experienced bereavement. For more information please contact Susan Carr on 07543 408551.

THE WELLSRING SLEEPOUT One of our parishioners, Charlie Hughes, will be doing the Sleepout on 12th October. If anyone would like to sponsor Charlie, there is a sponsor sheet at the back of church for people to sign up to. Thank you.

MISSIO The Autumn edition of Mission Today is now available for collection by Red Box holders from the table at the back of church.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 11 weeks away. This year our fair takes place on Saturday 30th November in the St Christopher Centre. Please watch this space for further information over the coming weeks.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD The shoebox campaign will be starting shortly. At the moment, there is a need for cuddly toy animals, and we would be most grateful for any contributions. They can be placed in the wool box in the church porch or given to Karn Moore. Thank you.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY This is the agency that enables the Church fulfil its social mission across the Diocese. The 2023-2024 Impact Report is available at <https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/about/impact-reports/> The report showcases the various developments and initiatives undertaken over the past year, reflecting the positive impact of Caritas' work across our communities. Physical copies are also available from the back of church. Our parish supports the good work of Caritas through the annual Christmas Crib offerings and the Children's Boxes

CARITAS CHILDREN'S BOXES ANNUAL COLLECTION The collection has started. If you cannot bring your monies to church your collector will be in touch. Many thanks. Christine.

MACMILLAN COFFEE & CAKE EVENT in the St Christopher Centre on Friday 27th September from 12.30pm onwards. All donations received for the Macmillan Trust. Please come along and support this worthy event. Thank you. Christine.

THE WELLSRING SLEEPOUT, SATURDAY 12th 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. Further details including registration (essential) at www.thewellspring.co.uk

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £832.22, CAFOD £85.00. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS Four green crates and four carrier bags of general groceries were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £310 (£120, £100, £30, £20, £20, £10, £10). 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.

PAUSE FOR HOPE This is an ecumenical service for all those suffering from cancer, those caring for family or friends with cancer, and those affected in any way by cancer. This year the service takes place on Sunday 15th September at 3.00pm in Saint Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Plas Newton, Chester, CH2 1PL. It is an opportunity to come together to pray and to support one other.

STAMPS FOR THE RNIB There is a box in the church porch for used stamps for the RNIB.

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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