



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

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### SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST

#### MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

On this day of prayer for the fruits of the harvest we give thanks to God for the food we enjoy and all who work to produce it. We also pray that in our world of plenty, the hungry may be fed and the world's resources more generously shared.

I look forward to seeing parishioners at the Macmillan Coffee & Cake event in the St Christopher Centre on Friday from 12.30pm onwards. I'm told that some parishioners from Whaley Bridge will also be joining us.

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm	Veronica & Keith Turner 55 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
		9.00am	Deceased of Ryan & Burton Families
		11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	9.30am	Annie Heywood RIP
Tuesday	Our Lady of Walsingham Requiem Mass	11.15am 7.30pm	Siobhán Louise Moore RIP Rita Taylor RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Michael Kivell RIP
Thursday	Ss Cosmos & Damian, Mm	9.30am	Sue Connell RIP
Friday	St Vincent De Paul, P	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS Julie & Les
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	SSCF Fr Colin Wright RIP
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Robert Parker 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, 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** Paula Kirkland, M Power, Anita Costello, Jack Gregory, Immaculata Mezzullo, Louis Gaskell, Doreen Davidson, Christine Marsland, Nora Platt, Barry Riddiford, Clarence Hall, Harold Foden, Mary Evans, Amelia Riley, Michelle O'Brien.

**SUNDAY READINGS** for the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday B: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37.

**Mass Preface:** Sunday 6, page 55; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 24.

**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.

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT** Would collectors please note that the first count should be taken at this weekend's Masses? Please note the numbers including children attending each Mass on the forms provided and return to the sacristy. Thank you. The annual Mass count (over 4 weekends) is part of the statistical information the parish submits to the Diocese at the end of the year.

**READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** The Rota for the Saturday 6.00pm Mass is available in the rack in the small sacristy.

**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.

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

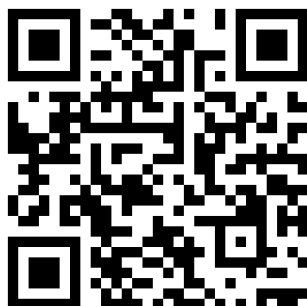
**KEVIN HOGAN** Please remember in prayer Kevin who is studying for the priesthood as he prepares for the Rite of Admission to Candidacy at St Mary's College, Oscott, on Tuesday. In this ceremony, Kevin will express publicly his intention to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders as a deacon and later as a priest. Free copies of "The Oscotian", the official annual publication of the College are available at the back of church.

**THE NEXT LADIES' GUILD** meeting is on Thursday September 26th at 7.30pm. Once again we welcome back Mark Bradburn, a talented artisan bread baker. Mark first came to our meetings during Covid when we met on Zoom. We look forward to an interesting demonstration and some useful tips from him on the night.

**DISABILITY INCLUSION MASS** at St Peter's Church, (Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA) on Sunday October 6th, at 2.30 PM. Celebrant Fr Pat Munroe. This will be a shorter, more relaxed service, Makaton supported, with sensory activities and low-level music to support anyone with sensory needs and those who just enjoy the atmosphere. All welcome. For more information email: [inclusionstpeters@gmail.com](mailto:inclusionstpeters@gmail.com)

**THE RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS** is currently St Anthony's, Wythenshawe. 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.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relic-of-blessed-carlo-acutis-tickets-1010291297467?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> or through this QR code:



**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

08:00 – 10:45 Veneration of the Relic

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**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

08:00 – 09:30 Veneration of Relic

**EVERGREEN GROUP WEDNESDAYS 1.30PM – 3.30PM**

25<sup>th</sup> September Hyacinths for Christmas planting

2nd October Board games/bowls

9th October Ditloids/Fun Quiz

**THE WELLSRING SLEEPOUT** One of our parishioners, Charlie Hughes, will be doing the Sleepout on 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR - 10 weeks away.** This year our fair takes place on Saturday 30th November in the St Christopher Centre. If anyone wants to be a part of helping with the fair in any capacity, please contact Sarah Strickland (07447 014445) or Matthew Standing (07881811668). Please watch this space for further information in the next couple of weeks.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** From 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> September you can collect an empty box, leaflets and a hat from the back of church. The boxes with your gifts should be returned to the church for the weekend of 26th/27<sup>th</sup> October. If you cannot collect a box from the church, please contact Karin Moore on 494 9104 if you would like to have a box delivered to you and collected afterwards. Thank you.

**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.

**THE WELLSRING 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. Further details including registration (essential) at [www.thewellspring.co.uk](http://www.thewellspring.co.uk)

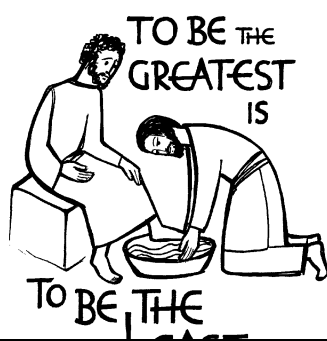
**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection £655.92, CAFOD £30.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** Five green crates of general groceries and 2 X 6 L milk packs were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £210 (£120, £30, £30, £20, £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. **Tins of sweetcorn, tins of soup, and Cuppa soup packets would be welcomed.**

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

**XAVERIAN COLLEGE OPEN DAYS** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am-2.00pm & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am-2.00pm. Please see leaflets at the back of church. For further details please email: [admissions@xaverian.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@xaverian.ac.uk) or phone (0161) 249 2145.

**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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