



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

Serving Romiley, Bredbury, and Woodley

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**SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER 2024
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
DAY OF PRAYER FOR WORLD MISSIONS**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

On World Mission Sunday we hold in prayer all missionaries around the world who are dedicating their lives to bringing God's light and love to all our sisters and brothers. Pope Francis' theme for this year is based on Matthew's Gospel, "Go and invite Everyone to the Banquet", reflecting the call to bring God's love to everyone. Today let us be united with Catholics throughout the world in prayers, solidarity and support for the Church's mission efforts.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 20th October 2024 – Sunday 27th October 2024

Sunday	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Neville Jackson RIP People of the Parish Dexter Samuels RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Jane Ruane RIP
Tuesday	St John Paul II, Pp	7.30pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Terry Wilde RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Colette Lunt RIP
Friday	Ferial Requiem Mass	8.15am 10.00am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS Christine Beswick RIP Marion Burns RIP
Saturday	Ss Chad & Cedd, B Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Personal Intention Frances Nicholls RIP
Sunday	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Marcele Riley 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, 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 Mary Kearney, Mary Welsby, Dexter Samuels, Colette Almond, John McMurdo, Veronica Markus, Katherine Pope, Ellen McLoughlin, Sadie Nawn, Peter McGrath, Canon Louis St John, Edith Taylor, Martin Loftus, Barry Swarbrick.

SUNDAY READINGS for the 29th Sunday B: Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45. **Mass Preface:** Sunday 2, page 54; **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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Martin Chadwick & Kathryn Connor who were married with Nuptial Mass at Our Lady & St Christopher's on Saturday. May God bless them with a long and happy life together.

LADIES' GUILD The next meeting is on Thursday October 24th at 7.30pm and is 'A fish and chip supper'. Please note there will also be a raffle on the night.

WELLSPRING SLEEPOUT Charlie Hughes completed the sponsored sleepout to raise funds for the Wellspring Centre in Stockport. So far over £700 has been donated by parishioners and there are still a few more sponsorship donations to come. If you sponsored Charlie, please place money in an envelope, post through the presbytery letterbox and place a tick beside your name on the list at the back of church. The total amount will be published next weekend.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT with Marple Band & Varifocals on Friday 6th December Would anyone be able to help set up in the afternoon, help during the concert and clear afterwards? Please contact Keith on 07811 470082 . Thank you.

PIETY STALL

We have our Christmas stock in. Packets of Christmas cards £2 each, Diaries £3.50 each, Calendars £1 each, Boxed Christmas cards £4 each.

The piety stall will be open the weekends of

19 and 20 October 2024

2 and 3 November 2024

16 and 17 November 2024

7 and 8 December 2024. **Please come and have a browse.**

EVERGREEN GROUP WEDNESDAYS 1.30PM – 3.30PM

23rd October Talk by Brenda from Hearing Dogs with 'in training' dog Cora

HIGHFIELD CEMETERY TASK DAY We're doing another task day at the cemetery and this time its bulb planting. It is taking place on Saturday the 2nd of November 2024 between 10 and 12. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated. Please see the poster in the porch. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - CHRISTMAS FAIR - just 6 weeks to go. This year our fair takes place on Saturday 30th November in the St Christopher Centre starting at 12.00 noon. The fair is a fantastic social occasion, and it has been lovely to see so many parishioners, families and the wider community attend over the past couple of years.

Our Grand Christmas raffle takes place at the end of the fair. A list of confirmed raffle prizes so far is below. We also now require donations of items for the fair, specifically bottles, chocolates and sweets. If you are able to donate such items, please bring up to church and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - raffle prizes

1st Prize - Two Night Hotel Break for Two

2nd Prize - Luxury Afternoon Tea for Two

Other confirmed prizes:

£30 gift card from The Joshua Bradley, £20 voucher for Matt's Plaice, Curry night at The Barnhouse, Sunday Lunch at the Barnhouse, £25 voucher for Stockport Eats, Signed Stockport County shirt, Voucher for Tittertons Butchers in Woodley, Almond Pubs Voucher, £30 drinks voucher at Platform One, Regent Cinema voucher, Opening Night Panto tickets at Stockport Plaza, £25 voucher for Chill Factor, VIP tickets at Altrincham Ice Rink, Vouchers for No.29 Coffee House, £40 voucher at NERF Action Experience at the Trafford Centre, Gullivers World tickets, Dino Golf voucher, Interactive Mini golf at Urban Playground, Homemade Christmas Cake, 2 x Irish Hampers, plus more to come!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD From 28th/29th 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/27th 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.

This is probably the last time it may be possible to organise this annual event unless a volunteer is able to take it on. If anyone is interested, please contact Karin Moore on 494 9104. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £624.94, CAFOD £55.00. Thank you for your generosity.

CARITAS CHILDREN'S BOXES The latest collection realised ££581.00 which has been sent to CARITAS. Thank you. The next collection will be in September 2025.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS 4 green crates of groceries and 1 carrier bag of wrapped chocolate biscuits were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £190 (£120, £30, £10, £10, £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. **Donations of tinned soup and packets of soup would be appreciated. Thank you.**

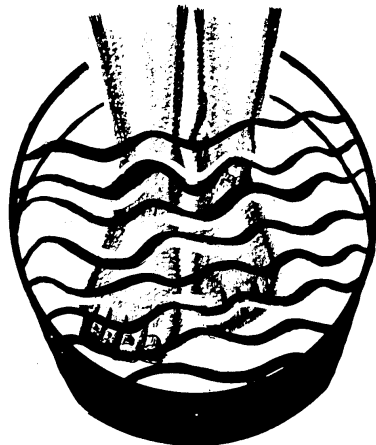
STAMPS FOR THE RNIB There is a box in the church porch for used stamps for the RNIB.

FOOTSTEPS EVENT ON THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER The next event in the programme of inspiring talks will be on **Thursday 7 November at 7.30pm** in the **parish centre of St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA** with **Mary Hardiman**. Always a captivating and thought-provoking speaker, Mary will be looking at what **forgiveness** means, what Jesus has to say and do about it and how we can apply His teaching in our lives. Challenging but necessary, she believes! Her counselling work currently involves dealing with trauma in two North West prisons, which she finds extremely fulfilling. This will bring another dimension to what she will talk about with us. We'd love to welcome you to join with other Christians in our informal, relaxed, café-style setting with drinks and nibbles all to help us on our faith journey.

LOST & FOUND Three black glasses cases, two containing glasses, have been left in church. They can be collected from the table at the back of church. Thank you.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME ends on Sunday 27th October. Clocks go back one hour at 2.00am.

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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