



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

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### SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** Friday is the feast of All Saints when we celebrate all the holy men and women who live in the light and glory of heaven. The feast doesn't just celebrate the officially canonised saints of the Church but the countless ordinary people who sought to live holy lives in this world – they are an example to us as well as an encouragement on our earthly journey. And just as they pray for us from heaven, so we are called to pray for the souls in purgatory – All Souls day follows the feast of All Saints. Details of the Masses can be found below. Special envelopes for you to write the names loved ones you wish to be remembered at Mass during November will be available next weekend.

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Frances Nicholls RIP Marcele Riley RIP People of the Parish
Monday	Ss Simon & Jude, Ap	9.30am	Julia Duxon
Tuesday	The Douai Martyrs	7.30pm	Declan Dowdall RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Intentions of Emma Reece Macauley
Thursday	Ferial Vigil Mass for All Saints	9.30am 7.00pm	William 'Bill' Yates RIP Brian Welsby RIP
Friday	All Saints Holyday of Obligation	8.15am 9.30am	In Harrytown Catholic HS People of the Parish
Saturday	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	The Holy Souls Bernadette Shanahan RIP
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish James Espley RIP

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to [www.churchservices.tv/romiley](http://www.churchservices.tv/romiley)

**THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** 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** James Lyons, Fr Anthony Mai-Lac Thien, Margaret Duffy, Liam Walsh, Joan Fraser, Owen Nolan, John Swift, John Bocking, Dan Lyne, Helen Singleton, Eileen Pennington, Eileen Barlow, Baby Phelan, Jean Brennan, Eliza Hopwood, Joseph Jones, Karl Norman, Kelly Conner, Patricia Lamon, Graham Walker, Sr Hilda Gaskell, Francis Lyne, Eileen Power, Marie Lowe, Thomas Phelan, Janet Broadbent, Cecilia Moores, Agnes Moores, Marie Leivens, George Riley.

**SUNDAY READINGS** for the 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday B: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52. **Mass Preface:** Sunday 3, page 54; **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.

**PLEASE NOTE** that Friday is the feast of All Saints and a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are at 7.00pm on Thursday (Vigil Mass) and 9.30am on Friday.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rita Waehneltdt who was received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Mass last Tuesday. During the Mass, Rita made the profession of faith, was conferred with the Sacrament of Confirmation and received Holy Communion for the first time. We welcome Rita into our parish family at Our Lady & St Christopher's.

**WELLSPRING SLEEPOUT** Well done to Charlie Hughes who participated in the recent Sleepout. A total of £900 was raised - £530 by parishioners and £370 in other donations that Charlie received. Thanks to all who sponsored Charlie in this worthwhile effort to support the homeless in Stockport.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE** The newly established committee has met twice to discuss parish finances following recent legacies received by the parish. The Diocesan property department is arranging to carry out a survey of the church to prioritise work that needs doing including a new lighting system, painting and decorating and the laying of new carpet at the back and sides of the church. The committee's constitution has been put on the parish website.

#### **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

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**

30th October Sit down exercises

6th November Board Games

13th November Anne Marie with craft and the theme 'Thinking Christmas'

20th November Film 'Fantasia'

**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.

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** Assemble at Green Lane adjacent to the Duke of York Hotel for the parade to the War Memorial on George Lane where a short service will take place. A wreath will be laid on behalf of Our Lady & St Christopher's Parish.

**PARISH MEMORIAL SERVICE** As November is the month of the Holy Souls, the service will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm. We have written to the families of those who have died since last November inviting them to come to the service. The service is also open to all parishioners who are welcome to come and pray for their own deceased loved ones and light a candle in their memory.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR - just 5 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 and raffle tickets are now available from the back of church priced at £3 per book. Please sell amongst family and friends and return money & counterfoils back to church, A list of confirmed raffle prizes so far is below.

We also 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. Finally, there is a meeting for all helpers and those who want to help taking place next Saturday (2nd Nov) at 10.00 in the meeting room in the St Christopher Centre. All are welcome

#### **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, Home-made Christmas Cake, 2 x Irish Hampers, plus more to come!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** The boxes with your gifts should be returned to the church for this weekend. They will be blessed at the 11 o'clock Mass before being sent abroad to bring joy to the children in need who will receive them.

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection £759.36, CAFOD £45.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** 3 green crates of groceries and 4 full carrier bags of groceries were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £270 (£120, £60, £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. **Donations of multipack bags of crisps & shower gel shampoo would be welcomed. 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. 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](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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