



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER 2024

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, has affirmed Pope Francis' and the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem's call for a day of prayer for peace to be held on Monday, 7 October, in response to an escalation of the conflict in the Holy Land. Pope Francis has also suggested that Monday be a day of fasting. Monday is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and following the Mass on Monday morning the Rosary will be prayed for peace in the world. Parishioners may also like to come a little earlier to the Monday morning Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer of the Church at 8.30am.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 6th October 2024 – Sunday 13th October 2024

Sunday	27 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm	Marek Darul RIP
		9.00am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Deceased parents of John & Josie Brennan
Monday	Our Lady of the Rosary	9.30am	Fr Colin Wright RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Norah Royle RIP
Wednesday	St John Henry Newman, P	9.30am	Grace Bell RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.00am	Dilys Healy RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am	In Harrytown Catholic HS
		12.00pm	May Schofield RIP
Saturday	St Wilfrid, B	9.30am	SSCF
	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm	Neville & Paul Schofield RIP
Sunday	28 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	Patrick Gannon RIP
		11.00am	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 William Pearson, Beatrice Goddard, Peter Corbishley, Benedict McGrath, Mary Corbishley, Wentworth Southworth, Charles Pollard, Michael Douglas Smith, Margaret Dawson, Anthony Gannon, John William Birch, Arnold Joseph Kay.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Christine Beswick, Norah Royle and Joan Fleming who died recently. May they rest in peace. Please also pray for their families at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS for the 27th Sunday B: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16. **Mass Preface:** Sunday 8 page 56; **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 Mass on Thursday is at 9.00am as both Fr Michael & Fr Humphrey will be attending a mandatory diocesan safeguarding training day on the Wirral that day.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY RETIRING COLLECTION after the Masses this weekend.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT Would collectors please note that the third 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.

THE LADIES' GUILD meeting is on Thursday October 10th at 7.30pm. All are welcome for a chat and a game of Bingo.

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.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER Margaret & Dave McPherson, Sheila Hayes, Breda & Bill O'Riordan, Eva McLoughlin. Please collect envelopes from the small sacristy.

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 poster in porch. Thank you.

EVERGREEN GROUP WEDNESDAYS 1.30PM – 3.30PM

9th October Ditloids/Fun Quiz

MACMILLAN COFFEE & CAKE EVENT A tremendous thank you to all involved including parishioners from Whaley Bridge who attended. The sum of £1,500 was the total raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL – Harvest (Friday 4 October) Daniel, a young man in the Democratic Republic of Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools,

equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.



THE WELLSPRING 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. Sponsor money may be placed in an envelope marked "Wellspring Sleepout" and posted through the presbytery letterbox. Please put tick beside name on sheet to indicate payment. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 8 weeks to go. This year our fair takes place on Saturday 30th November in the St Christopher Centre. 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. As well as our usual stalls, our Grand Christmas raffle takes place at the end of the fair. Around 25 prizes have already been confirmed with the top prize being a Two Night Hotel Break for Two. Raffle tickets will be available in a couple of weeks' time. Donations of items for the fair are now required specifically **bottles, chocolates and sweets**. Finally, 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).

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.

HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL are currently recruiting Exam Invigilators. Please visit the school website for more information – www.harrytownschool.org

THE WELLSPRING 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 £656.55; CAFOD £40.00; standing orders and faster payments for September £2,522.00; Contactless card machine for September £921.50. Thank you for your great generosity.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS 6 green crates of groceries and 5 carrier bags of groceries were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £205 (£120, £25, £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 fruit and tins of soup would be much appreciated this week. Thank you.**

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

JOB VACANCY The governors of St James' Catholic High School wish to appoint an inspirational, dynamic and highly motivated Teacher of Religious Education to begin in January 2025 or sooner. For more information please visit: <https://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/jobs>

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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