



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2024 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL I encourage you to read the newsletter insert this weekend about opposing the assisted Dying Bill which has its second reading on 29th November. There are details on how to contact the local MP and also petition sheets at the back of church which you can sign. My own letter to Lisa Smart MP opposing this Bill will be published on the parish website on Tuesday. A significant number of Members of Parliament remain undecided on this vote, let's do all we can to raise awareness of the implications of the Bill before the crucial parliamentary vote scheduled for Friday 29th November. I would also encourage you to participate if you can in the Holy Hour of Prayer for Life on Wednesday in church from 10.00am – 11.00am.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 10th November 2024 – Sunday 17th November 2024

Sunday	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday) DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL VICTIMS OF WAR	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Eddie & Philip Palmer RIP Christine Beswick RIP People of the Parish
Monday	St Martin of Tours, B	9.30am	Ellen Williams RIP
Tuesday	St Josaphat, B, M	7.30pm	Bernard Kelly RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Kathleen Burton (Snr) & Sheila Rawson RIP
	Holy Hour	10am-11am	
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	November Dead List
Friday	St Albert the Great, B, D	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS The Holy Souls
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Personal Intention Catherine Potterton RIP
Sunday	33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Valerie Maguire RIP

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to 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 Julia Delaney, Brian Murphy, PTE Francis Farricker, PTE Michael Glynn DCM, Mary Kiki, Ernest Garratt, William Ibison, Barry Taylorson, Bridget Loftus, John Fardy, Molly Duggin, Louisa Higgins, Peter Toolin, Christopher Crump, Pat Pearson, Alice Lomas.

SUNDAY READINGS for the 32nd Sunday B: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44. **Mass Preface:** Sunday 5, 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.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST You are invited to pick up an envelope from the back of church and write the names of those you wish to be remembered during this month of the Holy Souls. Please place in the envelope and return to the church where they will be placed in a basket at the front of the altar. One Mass per week will be offered for all whose names are on the list. Please **do not** put any money in the envelope. Thank you.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – SUNDAY 10th 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 17th 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.

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
23 and 24 November 2024

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

A PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS featuring Marple Band & the VariVocals Choir at Our Lady & St Christopher's Church on Friday 6th December at 6.45pm for 7.00pm. Tickets priced at £10.00 available after Mass. Includes mince pies and wine. Please see poster in porch.

EVERGREEN GROUP, WEDNESDAYS 1.30PM – 3.30PM

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

20th November Film 'Fantasia'

THE MEMORY TREE will be out very soon, the memory hearts are now at the back of church. We fill this tree with messages for our loved ones gone but never forgotten and the tree will be Blessed on Christmas Eve. All donations will go to church.

MISSIO The Mission Today Calendar 2025, is now on the table at the back of church for collection by Red Box Holders. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - just 3 weeks away! Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching, taking place at the end of the month on Saturday 30th November in the St Christopher Centre, starting at 12.00 noon. We hope to see many parishioners and families there, along with the wider community to make it a huge social and fundraising success.

We will have all our usual stalls in place at the fair including Cakes, Crafts and our Tombola. Hot food and refreshments will be available as well as Irish Coffees and Mulled Wine. For the children we have a Sweet stall, Christmas games, a Chocolate Tombola and also the chance to meet Father Christmas.

Our Grand Christmas raffle takes place at the end of the fair and raffle tickets continue to be 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 still require donations of items for the fair, specifically **bottles, chocolates and sweets**. Thank you to those who have generously donated items so far. There are still a few weeks left to bring any suitable items up to church.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - raffle prizes

1st Prize - Two Night Hotel Break for Two

2nd Prize - Luxury Afternoon Tea for Two

Other confirmed prizes:

3-course meal for Two at Hare and Hounds, Werneth Low, £40 voucher from NERF Action Experience at the Trafford Centre, Signed Shirt from Stockport County, £30 Gift Card from The Joshua Bradley, Gee Cross, £30 drinks voucher from Paltpform One, Romiley, 2 x Tickets for Gullivers World, 2 x Tickets for Dino Golf at the Trafford Centre, £25 Voucher from Chill Factor, Opening Night Panto Tickets from Stockport Plaza, 2 x VIP Vouchers from Planet Ice, Altrincham, £25 voucher from Stockport Eats, 2 x £25 Voucher for The Samuel Oldknow, Marple, 25% off a meal at Bukharaa, Romiley, Voucher for Interactive Mini Golf, Urban Playground Manchester, Curry Night Voucher from The Barnhouse, Bredbury, Sunday Lunch voucher from The Barnhouse, Bredbury, £20 Voucher for Matt's Plaice, Bredbury, £20 Voucher from Almond Pubs, Chocolate Hamper from Morrisons, Bredbury, Winnie the Pooh hooded blanket from Tesco Stockport, Make a Messenger Bag from Tesco Stockport, Voucher from Regent Cinema, Marple, 2 x £10 Voucher for No.29 Coffee House, Romiley, 2 x Irish Hamper, Home-made Christmas Cake, Voucher from The Italian, Romiley, Voucher from Qurashi, Romiley, 2 x Voucher from Go Thai, Bredbury, Voucher from Tittertons Butchers, Woodley, Voucher from Taylors Fish & Chips, Woodley, Fire Engine toy from Tesco Stockport, Voucher from Life Leisure, Flowers from Romlily Flowers, Romiley, Voucher from The Stock Dove, Romiley, Voucher from Serenity Bookshop, Romiley, Bottle prizes, plus more.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £787.22; CAFOD £30.00; Wellspring sleepover additional £170.00; Faster payments and Standing orders for October £2,544.00; Contactless payments for October £617.50.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS 5 green crates of various groceries, 4 carrier bags of multipack crisps & 1 carrier bag of biscuits were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £160 (£120, £30, £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 small tins of meat and tins of peas would be welcomed. Thank you.**

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

THE CAFOD WORLD GIFTS catalogue is available to collect at the back of church and by the side door. A good way to support the work of CAFOD in the developing world.

JOB VACANCY Recruitment process for the Diocesan Director of Schools role is now underway, further details of which can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2130729> .If you would like further information or candidate pack and application form please contact Liam Dowds, Emmaus Advising Consultant, on 01737 652 043 or email at ldowds@emmausleadership.me

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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