



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that Jesus was born into a human family which knew its share of joys and sorrows. As we pray for the families of our parish and for all families today, may the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth be a model for them in Christian living.

I was very pleased with the numbers who attended the Christmas Masses this year to celebrate the solemn feast of the Lord's Nativity. I would like to thank all those who cleaned and decorated the church so beautifully for our Christmas celebrations. As we look to the New Year, I hope it will be a blessed one for our parish as we seek to spread the love of Christ to all we meet.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: Sunday 29th December 2024 – Sunday 5th January 2025

Sunday	THE HOLY FAMILY (Saturday)	6.00pm	Deceased of the Powell & Bradburn Families
		9.00am	Liberato Raccio RIP
		11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday	Sixth Day of the Christmas Octave	10.00am	Kathleen Cassin
Tuesday	Seventh Day of the Christmas Octave	10.00am	Ruth Frost RIP
Wednesday	Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day	10.00am	Deceased of the Nicholls Family
Thursday	St Basil the Great & St Gregory	10.00am	Conor McAlavey
Friday	of the Christmas Season	10.00am	Sheila Hayes Ints.
Saturday	of the Christmas Season	10.00am	Sheila Keeley RIP
		6.00pm	Brian Herod RIP
Sunday	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.00am	Birthday Intentions
		11.00am	People of the Parish

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, James Smart, Nathalie Whitehead, Florrie Robison, Margaret Wooliscroft, Joan Marshall, Glenis Keenan, Michael Walsh, Carole Roe, Kath Holland. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Bridget Bouch, Peter Tracey, Bridget McCann, Thomas O'Reilly, Sheila Keeley, Julie Wallace, Fr Joseph Glendinning, Edward Grieves, Elizabeth Cartwright, Mary Morris, Gertrude Elliott, Mary Leigh, David Smith, Ursula Kaiser, Clare Mitten, Alan Cleaver, Thomas Waddington, Mary O'Riordan, Sr Gertrude Davies, MMM, Ann Cody, Kathleen McDowell, Ann Kelly, Florence Turner, Margaret Spencer, Evelyn Harney, Patrick Gahan, Eileen Catlow.

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.

SUNDAY READINGS for the Feast of the Holy Family C: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52. **Mass Preface:** 1 of the Nativity of the Lord, page 66; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS Please note that the Crib offerings this Christmas are to support the work of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury with children, families and refugees. Thank you.

DIOCESAN YEARBOOK Copies of the 2025 yearbook are available at the back of church priced at £7.00 each. Contains various articles, parish and diocesan information, clergy obituaries, etc. Please put money in the newspaper wall box or use the Dona contactless card machine. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £610.00; CAFOD £30.00. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS 5 green crates of groceries and 2 full carrier bags of mainly tins were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £340 (£120, £40, £30, £30, £20, £20, £20, £20, £20, £10, £10). 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.

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

**FR MICHAEL, FR HUMPHREY & DEACON ADAM
WISH PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO THE PARISH A HAPPY
NEW YEAR FILLED WITH MANY BLESSINGS**

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