



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

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**SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** We are now into a new year following the celebration of the Lord's Nativity at Christmas. Today's feast of the Epiphany of the Lord points to His revelation to the world, represented by the visit of the Magi who travelled from afar to worship Him and bring Him their gifts. I pray that our faith may be renewed and strengthened by this annual celebration of the Lord's birth and that we may strive to make Him known and loved through the witness of our lives.

Every time we come to Mass, we encounter the Lord in His word, which is a guide for our steps. In receiving Him in the Eucharist, we are strengthened in our Christian witness. We can then, in the spirit of today's feast, make Him known in our families, places of work and recreation, and to all whom we meet in the various situations of life. May God bless all in our parish in the year ahead.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Sunday	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> (Saturday)	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Brian Herod RIP Birthday Ints. People of the Parish
Monday	Monday after Epiphany	9.30am	Elizabeth Cartwright RIP
Tuesday	Tuesday after Epiphany	7.30pm	Lucy & Richard Saunders Ints.
Wednesday	Wednesday after Epiphany	9.30am	Charles Olatunde Lawson & Oluyomi Lawson RIP
Thursday	Thursday after Epiphany	9.30am	Patrick, Ciara & Aiveen Chamberlain RIP
Friday	Friday after Epiphany	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Sheila Jackson Ints.
Saturday	Saturday after Epiphany Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	Pat & Mary O'Byrne RIP Michael & Jim Hayes RIP
Sunday	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish Tom & Ruth O'Reilly RIP

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**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. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Marjorie Simms, Dr Garth (Bill) Owen, Alice Duggan, Dinah Holland, Wilfrid Duggin, Francis Glendinning, Marie O'Brien, Tony O'Riordan, Joseph Mangan, Joyce Barlow, Dennis Hawley, Bernard Kendrick, Elizabeth McDowell, Robert Barlow, Marie Walton, Rochard Taylor, Henry Jackson, Katherine Rose.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please pray for David Waterworth and Teresa Kane who died recently. May they rest in peace. Please also pray for their families at this time.

**SUNDAY READINGS** for Feast of the Epiphany C: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12. **Mass Preface:** Epiphany of the Lord, page 67; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

**FR MICHAEL, FR HUMPHREY & DEACON ADAM** would like to thank parishioners for all the lovely cards and gifts they received over Christmas.

**THE LADIES' GUILD** meeting is on Thursday January 9th at 7.30pm. We have a guest speaker from Greater Manchester Police who will be giving an awareness talk on scams, how to recognise them and what action to take. All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS** Please note that the Crib offerings this Christmas will be to support the work of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury with children, families and refugees. We are blessed to have our own Diocesan welfare agency working in different parts of the Diocese and it is worthy of our support. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS MEMORY TREE** Thanks to all who supported the Memory Tree through their donations in memory of loved ones who have died. The sum of £114.00 was received.

**200 CLUB WINNERS** Congratulations to the December winners of the 200 Club draw: Christine Fox, Christine Redfern, Sarah Smith, Joanne Coll. Please collect your envelopes from the small sacristy.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** There are still many awaiting collection from the table at the back of the church. Please have a look – they will have to move soon. Thank you.

**EVERGREEN GROUP - Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm**

8th January                      Welcome back chat

15th January                     Sit down

**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 LIVE STREAM – 2024 in numbers**

There were 39,187 viewers of our Live Stream service during the year watching a total of just over 22,000 hours. We had viewers from 64 countries over the course of the year including Spain, Slovakia, Malaysia, Gibraltar, Malawi, China and Sri Lanka. My thanks to Matthew Standing for providing these figures and also for managing the service throughout the course of the year.

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection £776.93; Christmas collection £2,284.16; CAFOD £60.00, Memory Tree, £114.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** Two green crates of groceries were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £180.00 (£120, £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. Thank you.

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

**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)



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