



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

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**SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2025
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL Today is Racial Justice Sunday – a day in England and Wales to reflect on Racial Justice, pray for it and consider how we can ensure all God's people are treated equally and with respect. It is an ideal time to think more deeply about racial justice in our schools, in our parishes and in our community, our society. Let us reflect on how welcoming we are especially to newcomers who have joined us from other countries and do all we can to make them feel part of our parish community. May we never forget that we are all made in the image and likeness of God and are loved equally by him.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 16th February 2025 - Sunday 23rd February 2025

Sunday	6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Eddie & Philip Palmer RIP People of the Parish Sylvia Donovan RIP
Monday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Marie O'Brien RIP
Tuesday	Ferial Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Mary Kiki RIP
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	The welfare/healing of KM
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Neville & AnnMarie Jackson RIP
Friday	St Peter Damian, B, D	12.00pm	Eileen & John Kelly RIP
Saturday	Chair of St Peter, Ap Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Pat & Evelyn Ward RIP Pat Isaacs RIP
Sunday	7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Mary & John Wiliam Birch 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, 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, Kathleen Holland, Carole Roe, Helen Ibbotson. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Thomas Lynch, James Bilsborough, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Olive McAuley, Marie O'Brien, Eileen Kelly, William Roe, Lilian Worth, Vinnie Farrell, Little Joe Trought.

Sunday Readings for the sixth Sunday C: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26.
Mass Preface: Sunday 3, page 9; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

FIRST SACRAMENTS 2025 PARENTS' MEETING in the St Christopher Centre on Wednesday 26th February from 7.00pm 8.15pm. The parents of the children at St Christopher's Catholic Primary School and at other schools are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting. The second meeting for parents will be on Wednesday 12th March.

THE LADIES' GUILD meeting is on Thursday February 20th at 7.30pm. There will be a guest speaker from 'Hearing Products International' attending. Anyone with hearing difficulties is welcome to join us.

EVERGREEN GROUP – WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm - 3.30pm

19th February Sit down exercises

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting will take place on Thursday 20 February from 10:00am until 11.30am in the St Christopher Centre. The group is for anyone who has experienced a bereavement and is an opportunity to share your feelings, however if you don't want to chat you are welcome to come along just for the tea and coffee! This is not a counselling service but is a space to get support from others who have experienced bereavement. For more information, please contact Susan Carr on 07543 408551.

ATTENTION ALL GIFT AID DONORS The tax year 2024/25 will be coming to an end on 5th April and the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please let Father Michael know or contact Dominic Berry (07768 527735) by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year.

FOODBANK DONATIONS FOR 2024 I am pleased to say that last year, parishioners donated the tremendous sum of £11,015, plus 210 large green crates and 112 shopping bags of groceries and other items to the local food bank that operates out of St. Mark's C/E Church in Bredbury. Such wonderful generosity has helped to feed many people in need in our local community, regardless of race, creed, or colour, and further demonstrates the importance of putting faith into action. Thanks again for such a generous response, and thanks also to those who devote their time and energy to transporting the donations to St. Mark's each week. *Fr Michael*

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at Romiley Methodist Church, Stockport Road, on Friday 7th March at 2.00pm. All welcome. Please see poster in the porch.

THE ANIMALS ARE COMING! A brief sale of beautifully carved wooden animals will take place very soon in aid of St Ann's Hospice, with cakes also on sale. Watch this space.

THANK YOU to those who put used stamps in the box in the church porch for the RNIB. Three large envelopes full of stamps were sent off to the RNIB recently.

CHURCH CLEANING The upcoming cleaning dates are as follows: 12th March, and 16th April. A small, dedicated team of cleaners does a great job; however, additional assistance is always appreciated. Please consider joining the team. And it's only once a month!

MARRIAGE CARE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS Are you looking for some rewarding voluntary work? Marriage Care, a national charity, assists parishes to prepare couples for marriage. We are looking for help in presenting our one-day marriage preparation courses and/ or providing marriage preparation online. We aim to provide the best possible opportunity for couples to prepare for a lifelong, loving marriage. We focus on topics such as: exploring expectations; communication; conflict management; sacrament of marriage, vows and promises; nurturing the relationship. Would you be able to help? We are looking for both male and female volunteers. We provide training and ongoing support to equip you to work as part of a team. For further information, go to <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/get-involved/> or contact John Worth, Centre co-ordinator, Stockport Marriage Care, on 0161 494 6428.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £703.81, CAFOD £40.00, Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS Four green crates of groceries and two 6-packs of milk were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £180 (£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. **The Foodbank has enough crisps at the moment but individually wrapped chocolate biscuits would be welcomed. Thank you.**

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

JOB VACANCIES

1. A recruitment process for the Deputy Director of Schools is now underway, further details of which can be found via the link below:

[Deputy Director of Schools Advert](#)

If you would like further information or candidate pack and application form please contact Liam Dowds, our Emmaus Advising Consultant, on 01737 652 043 or email him at ldowds@emmausleadership.me

2. An exciting opportunity has arisen within the Diocese with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team. Further details can be found on the Diocesan website [Latest Vacancies - Diocese](#) Completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch at recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date 21 February 2025.

3. The governors of St James' catholic High School, Cheadle Hulme, wish to appoint an outstanding, dynamic and highly motivated Lay Chaplain to begin in April 2025 or sooner. For more information please visit: <https://www.stjamescheadle.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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