



# OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

I shall be going on the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Friday and will remember parishioners in prayer at this renowned shrine of Our Lady in France. Further information about the pilgrimage, including the prayer intentions, can be found below.

There are many beautiful photos from Fr Adam's recent Ordination and First Mass now available on the parish website. Please see the details below for how to view these, along with links to watch the videos of both Masses.

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 20th July 2025 – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) <b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Kathleen & Ben McGrath RIP Anthony McKenna RIP People of the Parish
Monday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Patrick Chamberlain RIP
Tuesday	<b>St Mary Magdalene</b> Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	John Philpott RIP
Wednesday	<b>St Bridget, R</b> Adoration & Morning Prayer <b>St Christopher's School Leavers' Mass</b>	8.30am 9.30am	David Marsland RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Jeanette Baxter RIP
Friday	<b>St James, Ap</b>	12.00pm	Ron Evans RIP
Saturday	<b>Ss Joachim &amp; Ann, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	Personal Intention People of the Parish
Sunday	<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Mary Maryati RIP Lloyd Samuels 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, Kevin Bradley, Mary Sainsbury, Rita Stevens, Margaret Maycock, Sr Margaret Mary Foley, James Smart, Nathalie Whitehead, Margaret Wooliscroft, Joan Marshall, Glenis Keenan, Michael Walsh, Kathleen Holland, Carole Roe, Kath Bradley, Evleyn Richardson, Grace Watts. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Moira Duddy, Maria Andretta, James Mannion, Tony McCluskey, Alan Ford, Margaret Robinson, Josie Burke, Margaret Harrison, Margart Taylor, Irene White, George Barratt, David Marsland, Cara Latham, Mary Sutton, Margaret Lynch, Patrick O'Neill, Frances Trought, Lorraine Mycock.

**Sunday Readings** 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday C: Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42. **Preface:** 3, page 66; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 24.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** James Thelwell & Martha Hale who were married at Our Lady & St Chrisotpher's last Friday. May God bless them with a long and happy life together.

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVERS' MASS** will be celebrated in church on Wednesday at 9.30am. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** would like to say a big thank you to the many parishioners who contributed to our Experience Days, led by Mary Hostler. We recently had a very successful Diocesan Inspection, and the inspectors were very impressed at how closely school and parish work together, seeing it as a very unique relationship. "The committed and passionate senior leadership team, governors, and **the parish team**, ensure that the school's motto to 'Carry Christ to all' is evident throughout this Catholic community."

**FR MICHAEL** will travel to Lourdes on the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage this Friday. If anyone has any petitions, they would like to be placed at the Grotto in Lourdes, please write them out, enclose in an envelope and post through the presbytery letterbox by Wednesday at the latest. **Please do not enclose any money in the envelope.** Fr Michael will light a parish candle and remember the intentions of parishioners in prayer and at the Masses he celebrates in Lourdes.

On Sunday 27 July the Diocese will be joining the International Mass at 9.30am (8.30am UK time) and on Monday 28 July joining with Hexham & Newcastle Diocese at the Grotto for Mass at 10am (9am UK time). Both Masses and other liturgies will be available to watch on Lourdes TV which can be accessed via [www.lourdes-france.com](http://www.lourdes-france.com)

**The theme of this year's pilgrimage is "*With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope.*" You are invited to join in praying for the following intentions:**

- For peace in the world
- For every human life to be held sacred
- For the new evangelisation of our country and for the increasing number of young adults seeking faith and Baptism
- For our new Holy Father, Pope Leo, in his supreme apostolic ministry
- For the renewal of our local church by new and generous vocations especially to Marriage as the foundation of the family; to the Priesthood, the vocation on which all other vocations depend; to the Permanent Diaconate in its generous service; to the Consecrated Life of women and men in its radiant witness; and for the apostolic life and apostolate in the midst of the world.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped with the celebrations last Sunday following Fr Adam's First Mass in the parish. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

**200 CLUB WINNERS** Congratulations to the June winners: Sheila Jackson, Christine Fox, Margaret Howarth, Joanne Coll. Please collect your winnings from the small sacristy. Thank you.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR STEPPING HOSPITAL** A number of Eucharistic Ministers from our parish and others, work as a team to take regularly Holy Communion to patients at Stepping Hill hospital. However, there is a need for additional Ministers to help. The work would involve visiting a number of patients who have requested Holy Communion, probably one morning or afternoon every two or three weeks. If you could help, please contact Fr Michael.

**TRAIN AND VOLUNTEER AS A RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR WITH MARRIAGE CARE** Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support. We are looking for people who would like to train and volunteer as Relationship Counsellors to join us in our mission to provide accessible, professional support to those in need. For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

Marriage Care provides low-cost marriage preparation services and relationship counselling services. To find out more please visit our website above or email: [appointments@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:appointments@marriagecare.org.uk).

**FR ADAM'S ORDINATION & FIRST MASS** To view photos of the First Mass, please go to: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/olscromiley/albums/72177720327572318/>

The link to view the First Mass at can be found at:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/romiley/archive/recordings/FYJGReVi93HljTW>

The link to the Ordination Mass has also been uploaded onto the parish website. Both videos can be downloaded by parishioners. When you click the link to the recording there is an option to 'Download Video'. This will allow you to save the recording to your own files. Thank you.

**MESSAGE FROM THE LADIES' GUILD** We have now received the Defibrillator which is a great achievement in such a short time, and we thank the parishioners who have contributed as well as the London Heart Foundation who have given us £700 towards this project.

We still need to continue to raise money for the casing and installation so will be continuing fund raising events in the coming months.

**POLITE REQUEST** Please do not add any more books to the bookcase at the back of church or leave boxes of books on the floor. Thank you.

**LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE** Chester Across Group are going to Lourdes on 14th to 23rd August. There are vacancies for sick and disabled pilgrims and for nurses and helpers. For more information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or [tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk)

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection: £827.99; CAFOD: £40.00; Standing orders and faster payments for June: £2,642.00; Contactless donations for June: £743.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** There were two fully packed green crates, plus cash donations totalling £360 (£140, £100, £30, £30, £20, £20, £10, £10) taken to St Mark's last Tuesday. Your generosity is much appreciated. The church is open on Sunday and Monday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm for donations. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **Donations of crisps multipacks and bottles of cordial/small tins of children's drinks would be welcomed. Thank you.**

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

**RETRouvaille MARRIAGE MINISTRY** Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443 Retrouvaille is a marriage ministry, run by Catholics, to support marriages in trouble.

**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)



**THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE** Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email [ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk)

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