



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 27th JULY 2025 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL By the time you read this, I will be in Lourdes on the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage. You can join some of the Masses by following the link to Lourdes TV below. In this Jubilee Year, the theme of the pilgrimage is *"With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope."* A meaningful way to unite yourself spiritually with the pilgrims is to pray for the pilgrimage intentions listed in the newsletter. Thank you to those who gave me petitions to place at the Grotto in Lourdes.

The two Catholic schools in our parish - Harrytown Catholic High and St Christopher's Primary - have now closed for the summer holidays. We wish all pupils and staff the very best and hope they enjoy a relaxing break, whether travelling abroad or staying at home.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 27th July 2025 – Sunday 3rd August 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Mary Maryati RIP Lloyd Samuels RIP
Monday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	In Thanksgiving for Blessings received
Tuesday	St Mary, Martha & Lazarus Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Helen Ibbotson RIP
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Lloyd Hayes RIP
Thursday	St Ignatius of Loyola, P	9.30am	Noreen Lochtie RIP
Friday	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori, B, D	12.00pm	Mary & John William Birch RIP
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Personal Intention Mary Teresa Gibbs RIP
Sunday	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Moira & Wilf Duddy 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, 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 Francis Tarmey, Thomas Luckman, Christina McAteer, Ann Cregan, Winifred Perry, Joseph Halliwell, Mary Bates, Catherine Taylorson, J Loughrey, Freda Masterson, Robert Kennerley, Florence Bushdyhan, Pat Haymes, M McLoughlin, Bernard Lyns, Kathleen Ford, Catherine McGrath.

Sunday Readings 17th Sunday C: Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14;-28; Luke 11:1-13. **Preface:** 4, page 67; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

CHURCH ORGAN UPDATE I am pleased to say that an organ has been purchased to replace the previous instrument, which served our parish faithfully for 35 years. Due to failing intermittently and the increasing difficulty in sourcing replacement parts, it was no longer viable to maintain.

Following approval from the Diocesan Finance Office and the parish finance committee, a **Makin Thirlmere 2-30 Tabstop Organ** has been acquired at a cost of £17,500. This high-quality ex-demo model includes additional speakers to enhance sound throughout the church, and comes with a 10-year guarantee. I am sure it will help to enhance the music and singing in church.....here's to the next 35 years!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES The pilgrimage is currently underway. The International Mass is today, Sunday, at 9.30am (8.30am UK time) and on Monday 28 July we join 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

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.

SACRED HEART PARISH WHALEY BRIDGE Fr Michael has had responsibility for the pastoral care of Sacred Heart Parish since September 2023. This will now come to an end with the appointment of a new priest, who will be entrusted with the care of both Sacred Heart and St Paul's, Poynton, from September.

Fr Michael is grateful for the support he has received from the parishioners of Our Lady & St Christopher's, which has enabled him also to care for the Sacred Heart parish. Special thanks to those parishioners who kindly volunteered to take Fr Humphrey to and from Whaley Bridge on alternate Sundays for Mass - their generosity and commitment are deeply appreciated.

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 or email: 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.

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:
<http://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.

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

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £822.40; CAFOD: £45.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS There were three green crates and four bags of groceries plus cash donations totalling £250 (£120, £60, £30, £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 Weetabix, Cup-a- Soup and tins of peas or sweetcorn 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 +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



THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk

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