



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 10th AUGUST 2025 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL As you know, 2025 is a Holy Year with the theme "*Pilgrims of Hope.*" It marks the 2025th anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, who is the reason for our hope. This year, then, is an invitation to us to renew that hope as individuals and a community of faith.

On Friday we celebrate a great feast of hope: the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady into Heaven. Our Catholic faith teaches that when her earthly life was over, Mary was taken up body and soul into Heaven. Where she now is, we hope one day to follow. Please try and come to Mass on Friday and pray for growth in the virtue of hope which is so much needed today. Please see Mass times below.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 10th August 2025 – Sunday 17th August 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Eileen & Sandy Powell RIP Tony McKenna RIP People of the Parish
Monday	St Clare, V Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Ints. of Kidist Tesfay
Tuesday	Ferial Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Margery Mount RIP
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Ints. of Walker Family
Thursday	St Maximilian Kolbe, P, M	9.30am	Greg Lomax Ints.
Friday	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holyday of Obligation	12.00pm 7.00pm	Lloyd Hayes RIP People of the Parish
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday Patron of Europe Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	SSCF Eileen & Bill Bradburn RIP
Sunday	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Warren Walton 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 Mary Ardern, Marie McConville, Phyllis Topper, Norman Walker, Francis Lyons, Elizabeth Maher, Connie Murphy, Ann Murphy, Bridget Murphy, Annie Lyons, Josephine Ashford, Alice Mullen, Barbara Miller, Eileen Ryder, Neil O'Donnell, Catherine Watson, Keith Souter.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Margery Mount and Mary Kirkland who died recently. May they rest in peace. Please also pray for their families at this time.

Sunday Readings 19th Sunday C: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Matthew 24:42a-44. **Preface:** 6, page 67; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEER? From 11th Sept 2025 the Chaplaincy Team at Stepping Hill hospital is offering a 6-week course (one afternoon per week) which will introduce people to the principles and practices of hospital chaplaincy for volunteers. If you are interested or would like more information, contact the Chaplaincy on 0161 419 5889, or email: chaplaincy.spiritualcareteam@stockport.nhs.uk

CHARITY PAYMENTS Following my 70th birthday celebrations in June, a total of £2,360.00 was raised in support of Mary's Meals and the Wellspring Centre, Stockport.

Cheques have now been sent to both charities: £1,312.50 to Mary's Meals and £1,047.50 to the Wellspring Centre. The variation in amounts reflects the wishes of some donors who specified which charity they wished to support.

Once again, I wish to thank parishioners for showing such great generosity, which will aid the vital work of these two worthwhile charities, one local, the other abroad. *Fr Michael*

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR JULY Linda Samuels, Mark Cannon, Rosalind Hale, Anne Breheny. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who support the monthly draw for the benefit of Mary's Meals. Winners are asked to collect their envelopes from the small sacristy. Thank you.

BENEDICTION IN HONOUR OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX at the Carmelite Monastery, 12 Grosvenor Place, Birkenhead, CH 43 1UA, on Sunday 28th September 2025 at 3,00pm followed by veneration of a First Class Relic and the blessing of the Roses. www.carmelitesbirkenhead.org.uk

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £742.01; CAFOD: £40.00; Standing orders and faster payments for July: £2,644.00; Contactless card donations for July: £556.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS There were five green crates and three carrier bags of groceries taken to St Mark's last Tuesday. The cash donations for 2 weeks amounted to £475 (£120, £120, £100, £30, £30, £25, £20, £20, £10). 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 biscuits and tinned carrots, peas & fruit 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



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