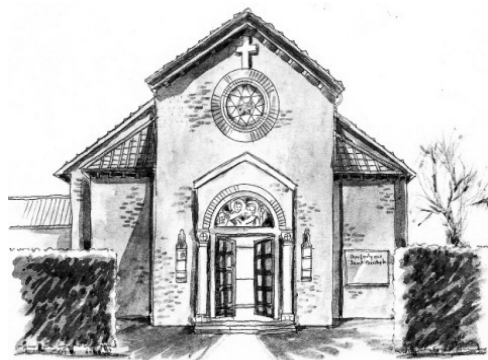


# OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

I leave for a holiday at home in Ireland following the Masses and a baptism later today, returning again on Friday 29th August. Fr Humphrey and Fr Adam will cover parish duties while I'm away and all Masses and devotions will continue as usual. I hope that all from the parish who are on holiday and those planning to go on holiday enjoy a relaxing time away and return refreshed.

On my return, I will celebrate my final Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Whaley Bridge, before a new priest arrives in September. We also anticipate welcoming a new student for the priesthood on placement with us next month. Let us pray for God's blessing on our parish including our sick and housebound members.

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) <b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Eileen & Bill Bradburn RIP People of the Parish Warren Walton RIP
Monday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Ints. of Maureen McEnroe
Tuesday	<b>St John Eudes, P</b> Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Welfare of the Higson Family
Wednesday	<b>St Bernard, Ab, D</b> Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Louise Hopkinson RIP
Thursday	<b>St Pius X, Pp</b>	9.30am	Mary Newbould RIP
Friday	<b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	12.00pm	Kevin Kay RIP
Saturday	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</b> Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Personal Intention People of the Parish
Sunday	<b>TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Brian Rogers RIP Hannah Teresa Bardsley RIP

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to [www.churchservices.tv/romiley](http://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** Joseph Donald, Enrico Andretta, Janusz Zylko, Catherine Goodwin, Joseph Martin, Ronald Swift, Peter Dyas, Agnes Lumsden, Paul Timblin, Monica Jackson, Edward Taylor.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Antoni Ludwik Irytowski, Sofia Camilleri & Leo Camilleri who were baptised recently.

**Sunday Readings** 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday C: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53. **Preface:** 7, 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](mailto:chaplaincy.spiritualcareteam@stockport.nhs.uk)

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

**UPDATE ON CHURCH REFURBISHMENT** I am pleased to say that the Diocesan Board of Finance and Administration has approved several key improvements to our church: the installation of a new lighting system, the painting and decoration of the interior, and the replacement of the grey carpet. I hope to meet with Diocesan officials in September to discuss the next steps. The work will be funded by legacies left to the parish in 2023 and 2024. *Fr Michael*

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** The next meeting will take place on Thursday 21 August 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. Please note that the meeting in September will take place a week earlier on Thursday 11 September.

**NEW DEFIBRILLATOR** A new defibrillator has been installed on the front-facing wall of the presbytery, near the side entrance to the church. A demonstration on how to operate it will be arranged in due course. Sincere thanks go to the Ladies' Guild for organising this worthwhile project, and to all who generously supported the fundraising events that made it possible. We are also grateful to the London Hearts Defibrillator Charity for their grant funding, which helped bring this life-saving device to our parish.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Reluctantly, due to the large amount of work involved, the decision has had to be made to no longer organise the annual collection of the boxes for Operation Christmas Child. A number of toys, soaps and knitted items like warm hats have already been Donated throughout this year. These will be passed to the OCC collection centre where the boxes will have a final contents check before being sent to needy children in Europe and Africa. I feel sad having to give this news, For any questions, please contact me on 0161 494 9104.  
Thank you. *Karin Moore*

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection: £750.43; 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 of groceries and three carrier bags, two of veg. tins & one of biscuits taken to St Mark's last Tuesday. The cash donations amounted to £200 (£120, £30, £30, £10, £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 individually wrapped biscuits, tins of carrots and small tins of meat. (ham, corned beef) would be welcomed. Thank you.**

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

**JOB VACANCY** A vacancy has arisen for the role of Cook within St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Stockport. This is a permanent appointment requiring 9 hours per week; 3 hours each day on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Rate of Pay – £12.60 per hour. Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch: [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date Friday September. Further details are available on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

**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)

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