

OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY 31st AUGUST 2025 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL It's good to be back in the parish again following a summer holiday at home in Ireland with my family. I would like to thank Fr Humphrey and Fr Adam for looking after the parish so generously during my absence.

Today, I will celebrate my final Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Whaley Bridge, before a new priest assumes responsibility for the pastoral care of the parish from next weekend.

This is also Fr Adam's final weekend here in Romiley, as he prepares to take up his new appointment as Assistant Priest at Shrewsbury Cathedral. I wish to thank Fr Adam for the great help and support he has given me and Fr Humphrey since his arrival as a deacon last December, and especially since his ordination to the priesthood last July. The gratitude and prayers of us all go with him as he takes up his first appointment in our diocese.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 31st August 2025 – Sunday 7th September 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Eddie & Philip Palmer RIP Arthur Lancake RIP Ruth O'Reilly RIP
Monday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Mary Newbould RIP
Tuesday	Ferial - Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Stephen Burke RIP
Wednesday	St Gregory the Great, Pp, D Requiem Mass	11.00am	Mary Kirkland RIP
Thursday	St Cuthbert, B	9.30am	Yvonne McKenna Shanahan
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Martin Leach RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Bernadette McCarthy RIP Elizabeth Evans
Sunday	TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Pat Owen 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 Carmel Timblin, Cecilia Stafford, James Byrom, James Mitchell, Samuel Minnis, Siobhan Moore, Neville Schofield, Joseh Dawson, Julia Worrall, Derrick Walburn, Matin Leach, Douglas Rollinson, Thomas Furness, James Murphy, Vincent Lee, Mary Scanlon, Alfred Birchenough.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Lydia Elouise Elson and Willow Emma Gleason who were baptised recently.

Sunday Readings 22nd Sunday C: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 18:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14.
Preface: 2, page 66; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 1, page 18.

THE REQUIEM MASS for Margery Mount who died recently will be celebrated at St Mary's RC Church, Marple Bridge, by Fr Michael on Friday 12th September at 12 noon. May she rest in peace.

CHURCH CLEANING As there is no Mass on Wednesday at 9.30am due to a Requiem Mass at 11.00am, the cleaners are asked to come and clean the church at 9.30am. Any extra helpers would be very welcome. Thank you.

THE LADIES' GUILD meetings restart after the summer break on Thursday September 4th at 7.30p.m. The evening is 'A shared table.' New members are always welcome.

EVERGREEN GROUP – Wednesdays from 1.30pm – 3.30pm

3rd September	Welcome back!
10th September	Board Games
17th September	NO MEETING
24th September	New event - an afternoon of music with Paul and friends 'Sounds Familiar'
1st October	Craft with Anne Marie
8th October	Quiz Afternoon
15th October	Sit down Exercises
22nd October	Return of Mark Llewellyn with 'You're having a laugh'

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS On Sunday 7th September St Anthony's Church, Portway, Wythenshawe, M22 0WR will be open from 10am - 3pm (Mass at 11am) for veneration of our first - class relic to coincide with the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis in Rome. All are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

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

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

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*

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*

CARITAS CHILDREN'S/FAMILY BOXES The annual collection starts this week. If possible, please bring your box to church and place in the large box on the table at the back of church. The collectors will pick them up. Otherwise, your collector will contact you. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £716.49, CAFOD: £30.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS There were three green crates of groceries delivered to St Mark's last week Cash donations for the last two weeks amounted to £480.00 (£120, £120, £100, £30, £30, £30, £20, £10, £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 tinned peas, hotdogs, sweetcorn, and individually wrapped chocolate biscuits would be welcomed.** Thank you.

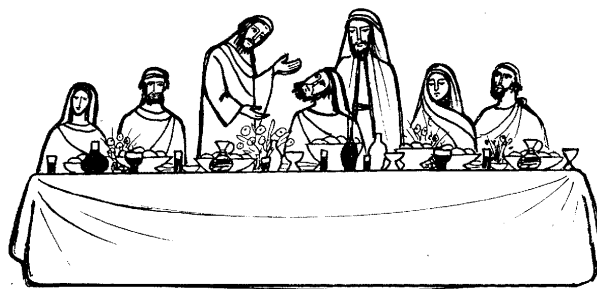
STAMPS FOR THE RNIB There is a box in the church porch for used stamps for the RNIB.

JOB 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 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 +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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