

OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST 2025 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL Fr Adam and I have now returned to the parish following a very successful diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. My sincere thanks to Fr Humphrey for looking after the parish in our absence. Approximately 430 pilgrims from across the Diocese travelled to Lourdes by air and overland by coach - the largest number since the pilgrimage resumed after the Covid pandemic. We remembered our parishioners in prayer throughout our time in Lourdes. I placed the petitions entrusted to me at the Grotto and lit a candle on behalf of the parish. May the prayers of Our Lady of Lourdes continue to guide us all in the footsteps of her Son.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 3rd August 2025 – Sunday 10th August 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Mary Teresa Gibbs RIP People of the Parish Moira & Wilf Duddy RIP
Monday	St John Vianney, P Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Mary & James Keaney
Tuesday	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Lloyd Hayes RIP
Wednesday	The Transfiguration of the Lord Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Ints. of the McNeill Family
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Neville & AnnMarie Jackson RIP
Friday	St Dominic, P	12.00pm	Arthur Lancane RIP
Saturday	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, V Patron of Europe Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Lavinia (Tilly) Parish RIP Eileen & Sandy Powell RIP
Sunday	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Tony McKenna RIP People of the Parish

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 Bell, Mary Ghan, Mary Foster, Catherine Brennan, Marie Rochford, Denis Butler, Stanislaus Hearne, Edward Dalton, Chales Powell, Edward Pope, Margaret Regan, Gladys Spencer, Kenneth McMurdo, John O'Driscoll, Harold Hill.

Sunday Readings 18th Sunday C: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21. **Preface:** 5, page 67; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 24.

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.

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!

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

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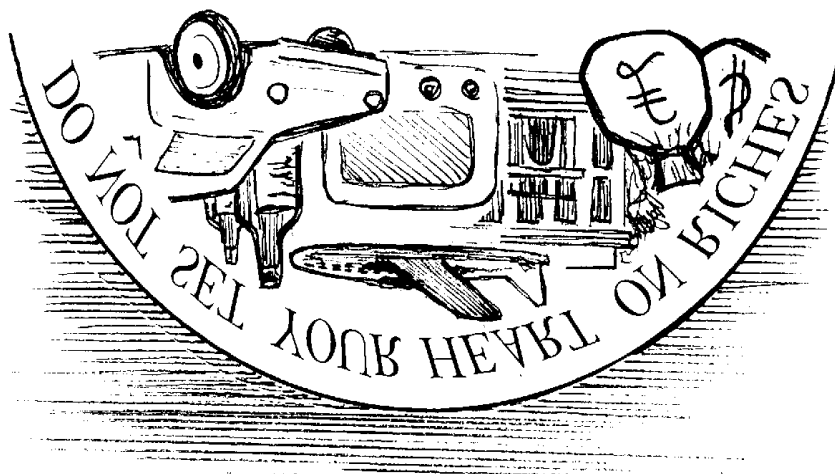
PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £718.40; CAFOD: £40.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS There were four green crates and three carrier bags of groceries taken to St Mark's last Tuesday. Your generosity is much appreciated. The cash donations will be included in next week's newsletter. 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 carrots, sweetcorn and rice pudding 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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