

OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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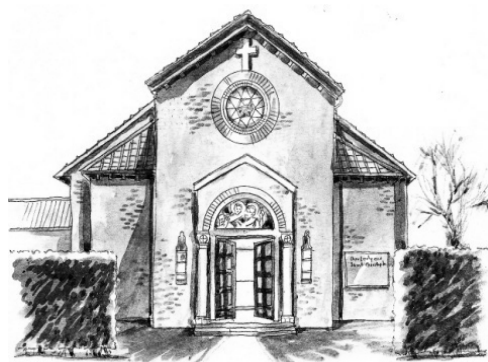
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SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2025 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EDUCATION

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Today we celebrate the solemn Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross which takes precedence over the normal Sunday Mass as it is a feast of the Lord. It reminds us of the depths of God's love that led Jesus his Son to give his life on the cross for our salvation.

Tomás Miller who is in formation for the priesthood for our diocese has now arrived in the parish on his extended pastoral placement until the end of January 2026. He will speak briefly at the Masses this weekend to introduce himself to parishioners.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 14th September 2025 – Sunday 21st September 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Tony Moody RIP Mary Kirkland RIP
Monday	Our Lady of Sorrows Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Eugene Logan RIP, Anniv.
Tuesday	Ss Cornelius, P, M & Cyprian, B, M Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Margaret & Terry Simms
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Mary Newbould RIP
Thursday	Ferial St Christopher's Primary School – Mass for New School Year	9.30am	Michael Wilson & Marilyn Walker RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Jacqui Whelan Ints.
Saturday	Ss Kim Taego'n, Paul Chông Ha sang & Companions, Mm Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Thomas Pooler RIP Peter Taylor RIP
Sunday	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	James Quinn 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 Derek Daniels, Mollie Hickey, Fr Michael Elcock, Edward Williams, Margaret Bilsborough, Denise Rock, Gertrude Southworth, Teresa Quinn, Bernard Kelly, Paul Hickey, Bonnie Fitzgerald.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Terrance McHugh who died recently. May he rest in peace. Please also pray for his family at this time.

DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE (CONTACTLESS) This is situated at the back of the church for parishioners who wish to use this method for their regular Offertory donations.

SUNDAY READINGS Exaltation of the Holy Cross, page 191: Number 24b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17. **Preface:** The Victory of the Glorious Cross, page 70; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT The annual count takes place over four Sundays beginning at the Masses next weekend. Counters area asked to note the numbers including children attending each Mass on the forms provided and return to the sacristy. Thank you. The annual Mass count is part of the statistical information the parish submits to the Diocese at the end of the year.

EVERGREEN GROUP – St Christopher Centre, Wednesdays from 1.30pm – 3.30pm

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'

THE LADIES' GUILD meeting is on Thursday 18th September at 7.30pm. There will be a Flower Arranging Demonstration given by our guest, David Mason. All welcome.

CARITAS CHILDREN'S/FAMILY BOXES ANNUAL COLLECTION, 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.

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION Can you please bring your Missio boxes into church to be emptied. They will be emptied and returned the following weekend. Also, don't forget to take your Missio magazine from the back of church.

NB. If you want your Missio box emptying at any time, bring it into church and leave it in the grey tray marked Missio in the small sacristy. it will be emptied and returned to the small sacristy the following weekend. Thank you. *John and Barbara Edwards.*

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR AUGUST Margaret Hughes, Pauline Wilson, Karin Moore, Sheila Hayes. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who support the monthly draw in support of Mary's Meals.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 11 weeks away. This year our fair takes place on Saturday 29th November in the St Christopher Centre. There will be a meeting to discuss plans for the fair on Saturday 27th September at 10.00am in the Centre. Everyone is welcome, especially any new faces. Please come along if you wish to help with the fair. If anyone is unable to make the meeting but would still like to help in any way, please contact Sarah Strickland (07447 014445) or Matthew Standing (07881811668).

PIETY STALL We now have 2026 diaries in stock priced at £3.50 and 2026 Church Art calendars priced at £1.

11.00AM SUNDY MASS – ENJOY SINGING? If anyone is interested in helping people to learn new music/hymns for the Mass please speak to Father Michael or Fr Humphrey. We're not forming a choir, or placing ourselves near the organ. After a few short practices we hope to encourage others sitting around us in the congregation.

DEMENTIA UK - can you help the research? A parishioner, Kevin Smith, is adding up 62 miles of walking during October in order to raise funds for this research. There are two ways to donate: 1. Online...the form on the table will tell you how to do this. 2. By putting cash into a brown envelope ... found on the table ... and Kevin will forward it to Dementia UK. Thank you for your help

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

Jubilee for Catechists with Bishop Mark Davies, the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis **on Saturday 15th November** at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton St, Stockport SK1 1EJ. Book a free place here: <https://bit.ly/Jubilee-for-Catechists>

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £634.36; CAFOD £20.00; Standing orders and direct payments for August £2,594.00; Contactless card donations for August £718.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

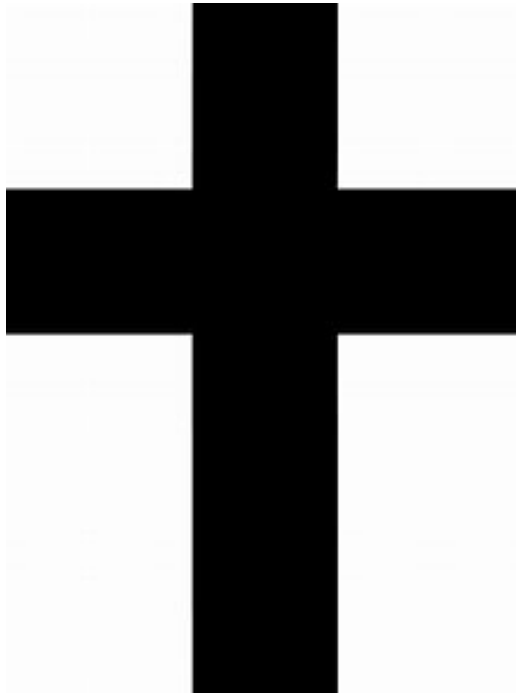
FOOD BANK DONATIONS Three trays and three carrier bags of donations were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £180 (£120, £30, £10, £10, £10). Your generosity is much appreciated. The church is open on Sunday and Monday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm for donations. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox.

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

AQUINAS COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS Saturday 20th September & Saturday 18th October, from 10.00am – 1.00pm. This is an opportunity to visit the departments and talk to subject teachers. See poster in porch.

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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