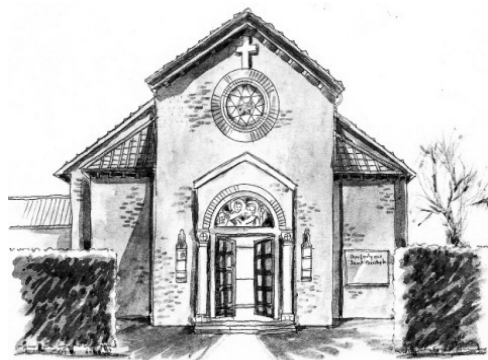


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SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2025 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL Today's Gospel reminds us to remain committed to seeking the things of God rather than material possessions. It's easy to become overly attached to what the world offers, losing sight of what truly matters in life. This pursuit can create a disconnect between what we believe and how we act - something the prophet Amos warns against in the first reading.

May we never forget that our love for God cannot be separated from how we treat others.

Young people who are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year should let me have their names and contact details as soon as possible. There are further details below.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 21st September 2025 – Sunday 28th September 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Peter Taylor RIP James Quinn RIP People of the Parish
Monday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Stephen Burke RIP
Tuesday	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) P Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Edith Barraclough Ints.
Wednesday	Our Lady of Walsingham Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Lloyd Hayes RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Ann Cunningham RIP
Friday	Ferial Requiem Mass	8.15am 10.15am	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS James Quinn RIP
Saturday	St Vincent DePaul, P Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Personal Intention Ints. of Kieran O'Brien & Maria O'Brien RIP
Sunday	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Anthony 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 Florence Davies, Paula Kirkland, M Power, Anita Costello, Jack Gregory, Immacolata Mezzullo, Louis Gaskell, Doreen Davidson, Christine Marsland, Nora Platt, Barry Riddiford, Clarence Hall, Harold Foden, Mary Evans.

RECENTLY DECEASED The Sisters off Evron request your prayers for the repose of the soul of Sister Anne Marie Crowley, who died on 12 September aged 96 years. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St Bernadette's Brinnington, on 8 October at 11.00am.

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 25th Sunday C: Amos 8:4-7; 1Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13. **Preface:** 5, page 67. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

FR HUMPHREY will celebrate both Sunday Masses today, as Fr Michael will be at St Winefride's in Lymm to celebrate Mass there.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT The annual count takes place over four Sundays beginning at the Masses this weekend. Counters are 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.

CONFIRMATION 2026 Young people in Years 9 & 10 who are eligible for Confirmation should let Fr Michael know of their interest as soon as possible. There will be a preparation programme in the St Chritopher Centre for all who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation – more details to follow. The date of the Confirmation Mass which will be celebrated by the Bishop is on 3rd March 2026.

ROTAS FOR SATURDAY 6.00PM MASS Would Readers and Ministers please collect your new rotas from the rack in the small Sacristy? Thank-you.

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

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'

ROSARY RETREAT AND JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE Bishop Mark Davies will lead this Jubilee Pilgrimage at the Eucharistic Shrine of **Saint Joseph's, Stockport on Saturday 25th October**. The Rosary Retreat will begin at 9.30 am with reflections and the praying of the Mysteries of the Rosary scriptural meditations. Holy Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop at 11.00 am who will renew the entrustment of the Diocese to Our Lady especially entrusting in this shrine dedicated to Eucharistic Adoration and intercession for the sanctification of priests and new and generous priestly vocations all vocations to the Priesthood. The day will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession and Solemn Benediction at 3.30 pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 10 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.

11.00 AM SUNDAY 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

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £728.95; CAFOD £60.00. 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 £270 (£120, £100, £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 savoury rice sachets, tinned rice pudding and tinned fruit would be welcomed.**

FAMILY AND GROUP STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups once again during October Half Term (Oct 27-31). A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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

THE MARPLE BAND REMEMBRANCE CONCERT Saturday 8th November from 2.00 – 4.00pm at Marple Social & Forces Club, 3 Lime Kiln Lane, Marple, SK6 6BX. Purchase tickets online via the QR code: £5 and children under 12 free. Tickets may also be purchased at the door,



AQUINAS COLLEGE OPEN EVENT 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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