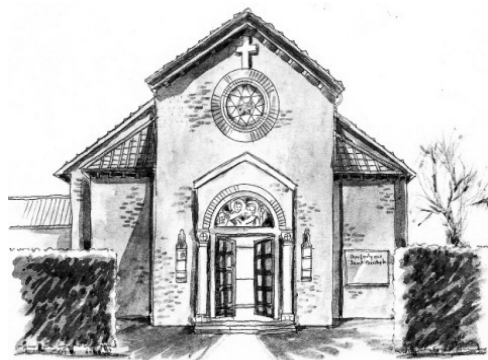


# OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** This Friday is a day of special prayer for the needy and hungry of the world, and also marks Family Fast Day. We welcome Kathryn Keenan, CAFOD's community participation coordinator for Shrewsbury Diocese, who will speak at the Masses this weekend and encourage support for Family Fast Day. Fasting on Friday is a way of showing solidarity with those around the world for whom hunger is a daily reality. It is important not only to give financially, but also to fast from food on that day as an act of compassion and unity. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope from the back of church and return it with your offering at the Masses next weekend.

## **MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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| Sunday    | Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)<br><b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> | <b>6.00pm</b><br><b>9.00am</b><br><b>11.00am</b> | Ints. of Kieran O'Brien & Maria O'Brien RIP<br>Anthony (Tony) McKenna RIP<br>People of the Parish |
| Monday    | <b>Ss Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael, Archangels</b><br>Adoration & Morning Prayer         | 8.30am<br>9.30am                                 | Greg Lomax Ints.  |
| Tuesday   | <b>St Jerome, P, D</b><br>Adoration  | 6.30pm<br>7.30pm                                 | Welfare of Amy Clarke (ill)   |
| Wednesday | <b>St Theresa of the Child Jesus, V, R</b><br>Adoration & Morning Prayer                   | 8.30am<br>9.30am                                 | Joseph Miller (ill)   |
| Thursday  | <b>The Guardian Angels</b>   | 9.30am   | The Wearden Family Ints.  |
| Friday    | Ferial - <b>Family Fast Day</b><br><b>Requiem Mass</b>                                     | 8.15am<br>12.00pm                                | Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS<br>Carole Roe RIP   |
| Saturday  | <b>St Francis of Assisi, R</b><br>Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)              | 9.30am<br><b>6.00pm</b>                          | Personal Intention<br>Jackie & Tom Higgins Golden Wedding Anniversary                             |
| Sunday    | <b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  | <b>9.00am</b><br><b>11.00am</b>                  | Tommony Family Ints.<br>People of the Parish  |

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, Mary Sainsbury, Rita Stevens, Margaret Maycock, Sr Margaret Mary Foley, James Smart, Nathalie Whitehead, Margaret Wooliscroft, Joan Marshall, Glenis Keenan, Michael Walsh, Kathleen Holland, Kath Bradley, Evleyn Richardson, Grace Watts. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Amelia Riley, Michelle O'Brien, William Pearson, Beatrice Goddard, Peter Corbishley, Mary Corbishley, Benedict McGrath, Wentworth Southworth, Charles Pollard, Michael Smith, Margaret Dawson, Anthony Gannon, John W. Birch, Christine Beswick, Dominic Gahan.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carole Roe who died recently. May she rest in peace. Please also pray for her 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** 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday C: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31. **Preface:** 6, page 67. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 24.

**THE LADIES 'GUILD** meeting is on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7.30pm. Our guest Janet will demonstrate 'Hand massage through prayer meditation.' All welcome

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT** The second count takes place at all 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 Christopher 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**SUNDAY 9 'O' CLOCK MASS READERS - NEW ROTA (OCT 25-MAR 26)** The rota is now available on the website and displayed on the notice boards by the sacristy & at the back of church. For those who provided email addresses you should have received a copy, if you have not, please let me know ASAP. Requested paper copies are now available for pickup in the sacristy. Please contact Anne Granby 0161 494 2711.

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

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| 1st October  | Craft with Anne Marie                                 |
| 8th October  | <u>Cancelled due to funeral reception</u>             |
| 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR - 9 weeks to go.** This year our fair takes place on Saturday 29th November in the St Christopher Centre. The fair is a fantastic social occasion, and it has been lovely to see so many parishioners, families and the wider community attend over the past couple of years.

More details will be announced next week.

If anyone wants to be a part of helping with the fair in any capacity, please contact Sarah Strickland (07447 014445) or Matthew Standing (07881811668.)

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** The situation has changed and shortly boxes will be available again to be filled with treasures for poor children in deprived areas in Eastern Europe and Africa.

Some help will be welcome! Anybody who would like to help with the construction of these flatpack boxes should contact Karin Moore on (0161) 494 9104. Thank you.

**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.

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection: £672.32; CAFOD: £30.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** Two trays and three carrier bags of food and toiletries were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £200 (£120, £30, £20, £20, £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 pot noodles, tins of peas and sweetcorn, Weetabix and cup-a-soup would be welcomed. Thank you.**

**ST JOSEPH'S WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** will be for 4 nights from 4 May 2026 to 8 May 2026

Please email Shelagh Humphries: [shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com](mailto:shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com) or telephone 07853176698 for more details

The approximate cost £530 Ensuite room / £450 Standard for half board and includes coach travel.

A £100 per person non-refundable deposit is required by the 25 October 2025.

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

**AQUINAS COLLEGE OPEN EVENT** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](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)



**THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE** Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email [ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk)

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