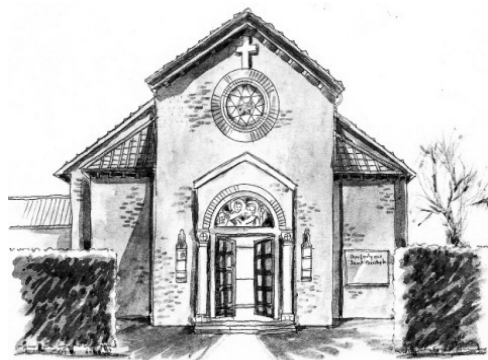


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SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL A "full" newsletter this week is a sign that we are fully back to normal after the summer holidays. My thanks to parishioners for all you do to support the life of the parish - principally through your faithful attendance at Sunday Mass, and also to those who serve in particular ministries or assist in any way.

On Wednesday, we welcome a new student for the priesthood on placement in the parish: Tomás Miller joins us from St Mary's College, Oscott, for an extended parish placement at the start of his fourth year of formation. As with all previous students, I am sure you will give him a warm welcome and help him settle in among us.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 7th September 2025 – Sunday 14th September 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Elizabeth Evans People of the Parish Pat Owen RIP
Monday	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday	Ferial - Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Jack Dobson RIP
Wednesday	St Ambrose Barlow, P, M Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Deceased Members of the Ryan & Burton Families
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Despina Stavurinou
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Fr Adam Bamber Ints.
Saturday	St John Chrysostom, B, D Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Margaret Boswell RIP People of the Parish
Sunday	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	9.00am 11.00am	Tony Moody RIP Mary Kirkland 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 Patrick Kelly, Joan Kendrick, Tracy Kirkland, Gerard Phelan, Joseph Haddock, Peter Corbishley, Jack Dobson, Joan Wheeller, Dorothy Nicholson, Kathleen Holden, Esther Luckman, Daniel Carroll, Joseph Dean, Albert Evans, Margaret Carty, Angela Chappelow, Dr Alun Davies, Harry Marsden, Josephine Nagle, Pat O'Byrne.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of James (Jim) Quinn who died recently. May he rest in peace. Please also pray for his family at this time.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Beylin Agnes Bijo who was baptised recently.

SUNDAY READINGS 23rd Sunday C: Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9b-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33 **Preface:** 3, page 66; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 24.

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.

THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS, "God's influencer," will take place in Rome today. In just a few hours, Pope Leo XIV will declare London-born Carlo Acutis the Catholic Church's first Millennial saint. Carlo, a computer prodigy who died in 2006 at the age of 15, is truly a saint for our times. His commitment to the fundamental truths of Catholicism - particularly his deep devotion to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist - is an inspiration to this and future generations of young people. St Carlo Acutis, pray for us.

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

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'

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting will take place on Thursday 11 September from 10:00am until 11.30am in the St Christopher Centre. The group is for anyone who has experienced a bereavement and is an opportunity to share your feelings, however if you don't want to chat you are welcome to come along just for the tea and coffee! This is not a counselling service but is a space to get support from others who have experienced bereavement. For more information, please contact Susan Carr on 07543 408551.

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION Can you please bring your Missio boxes into church to be emptied next weekend 13th/14th September. 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 - 12 weeks away Watch this space and the parish website over the coming weeks for further details about this year's Christmas Fair.

PIETY STALL We now have 2026 diaries in stock priced at £3.50 and 2026 Church Art calendars priced at £1. The piety stall will be open after all masses this weekend.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY RETREAT DAY Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a Retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways that help is needed. There will also be presentations from representatives of some of the apostolates already working in the diocese in support of marriage and family.

When: 11th October 2025 9.30am-4.00pm

Where: Parish Room Shrewsbury Cathedral - Entrance Address: Town Walls Shrewsbury SY1 1UE (Above the Cafe). Parking is limited but public car parks are available nearby

To Register and for More Information please contact:

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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 EVANGELIZATION EVENTS 'Sharing Hope with a Broken World' with guest speaker Mark Saunders on Saturday 13th September 10.30am-2.15pm at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton St, Stockport SK1 1EJ. To book email: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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>

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: £655.00; CAFOD £40.00; 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 There were three trays of donations were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £160.00 (£120, £30, £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 tomatoes, sweetcorn, and bottles of shower gel 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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