



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER 2025

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD MISSIONS

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Today, parishes throughout the world celebrate World Mission Sunday. This annual celebration reminds us that the Church is missionary by nature - her purpose is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. All the baptised share in this mission, and it is the responsibility of each of us to play our part through Christian witness, prayer, and material support.

Thank you for the very generous response to Fr Henry Somah's appeal at the Masses last Sunday on behalf of the Society of African Missions. This society, along with many others like it, dedicates itself to sharing the Good News so that others may come to know the love of God in their lives.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 19th October 2025 – Sunday 26th October 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Neville & Paul Schofield RIP People of the Parish Dexter Samuels RIP
Monday	St Peter of Alcantara Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Malcolm Berry RIP
Tuesday	Ferial - Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	James Quinn RIP
Wednesday	St John Paul II, Pp Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Mary & John William Birch RIP
Thursday	Ferial Funeral Service	9.30am 12.00pm	Carole Roe RIP Philip Anthony De Mouilped RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Raymond Swindells RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Private Intention People of the Parish
Sunday	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Frances Nicholls RIP John & Josie Brennan & Family

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, Mary Sainsbury, Rita Stevens, Margaret Maycock, Sr Margaret Mary Foley, James Smart, 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 Neville Jackson, Agnes Sweeney, Ellen Haddock, John Brennan, Mary Kearney, Mary Welsby, Dexter Samuels, Collette Almond, John McMurdo, veronica Markus, Katherine Pope, Ellen McLoughlin, Sadie Nawn, Peter McGrath, Canon Louis St John, Edith Taylor.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for the late Pauline King, Philip Anthony De Moulpied, and Daniel Cullernaine who died recently. May they rest in peace. Please also pray for their families at this sad 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 29th Sunday C: Exodus 17: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8. **Preface:** 8, page 68. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 24.

ENJOY SINGING? Our 'learning new music group' is starting on Wednesday October 22nd at 6:45pm in church. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Piety Stall We now have our Christmas stock in. Boxes of Christmas cards £4, packets of Christmas cards £2, diaries £3.50 and calendars £1. The piety stall will be open the weekends of 11th and 12th October, 25th and 26th October, 22nd and 23rd November and 6th and 7th December.

CARITAS CHILDREN'S BOXES Last call for any donations. Thanks, Christine.

MARY'S MEALS You may recall that during the summer there was a collection of foreign and obsolete UK currency to support the work of Mary's Meals. The coins & notes came from more than 40 different countries! The total value came to an incredible £586.40, which is enough to provide at least 30 children (the equivalent of a whole class here in UK) with a daily meal in school for a full year or at 10p per serving, that's enough to provide 5864 nutritious portions of Mary's Meals. Thank you for supporting the currency collection in church.

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 3rd March 2026.

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

22nd October	Return of Mark Llewellyn with 'You're having a laugh'
29th October	Quiz Afternoon
5th November	Board Games
12th November	Beetle or 'Bull' Drive
19th November	Film 'Passion for Churches - Gorton Monastery

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 6 weeks to go. This year our fair takes place on Saturday 29th November in the St Christopher Centre starting at 12.00 noon. The fair is a fantastic social occasion, and it has been lovely to see so many parishioners, families and the wider community attend over recent years. We have lots planned for children and families this year.

Our Grand Christmas raffle takes place at the end of the fair. We have already secured a number of prizes donated by local businesses. The 1st Prize is a Two Night Hotel Break for Two. Raffle tickets are now available from the back of church, priced at £3 per book. Please take some books and sell amongst family & friends and bring counterfoils and money back to church. A list of all raffle prizes confirmed so far will be provided next week.

We also require donations of items for the fair, specifically **bottles, chocolates and sweets**. If you are able to donate such items, please bring up to church and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

Finally, 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 Boxes are available and can be found on the table at the back of church together with leaflets with instructions on how to fill a box. Some hats, etc., balls and soft toy animals can be taken as well. The collection date will be on 25th & 26th October.

THE LMA PRO-LIFE GROUP is hosting Ira Winter, of [Fiat Fertility Care](#), for a talk on "God's Design For Fertility" to which all are welcome. Her talk will bring out the wonders of procreation in ways which are still too little known. She will also explain the potential of Natural Reproductive Medicine for couples struggling to conceive or wishing to space pregnancies. The talk will take place on Thursday, 30th October at 7pm at St Mary's Caritas Centre, Delamere Rd, Crewe CW1 2JX.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £836.20. SMA Mission Appeal £1,210.70. CAFOD £60.00. Standing orders & faster payments for September £2,577.00. Contactless card donations for September £497.00. Thank you for your great generosity.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, four filled green crates and three carrier bags were delivered to St Mark's, along with cash donations totalling £150 (£120 and £30). Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The church is open for donations on **Sunday and Monday from 2.00pm - 4.00pm**. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox.

We would especially welcome donations of **tinned peas, sweetcorn, and carrots**. **Thank you for your continued support.**

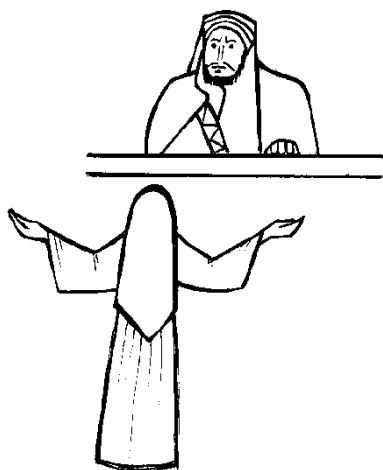
STAMPS FOR THE RNIB There is a box in the church porch for used stamps for the RNIB.

JOB VACANCIES A vacancy has arisen within the Diocese of Shrewsbury for the role of Clergy Welfare Support Worker. The role would be to support the Diocesan Welfare Nurse in her duties. **Hours:** 22.5 per week over 3 days, with a degree of flexibility. **Salary:** Competitive. For more details, please see the Diocesan Website

<https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CV's should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org **Closing date:** Friday 24 October 2025.

The Diocese of Wrexham is currently looking to appoint a Personal Assistant to the Right Rev Bishop Peter Brignall, the position will be based in Wrexham. For a job description please [click this link](#). For more information [click here](#). **Closing date: November 10th, 2025.** Interview dates: 18th and 19th November, 2025.

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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