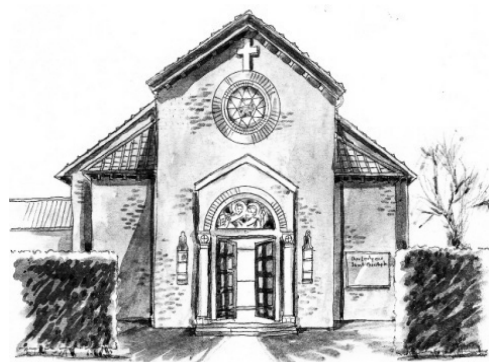




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SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER 2025 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL The two schools in our parish -St Christopher's RC Primary and Harrytown Catholic High - are now on their half-term break. We wish all pupils and staff a restful and enjoyable time, and look forward to welcoming them back refreshed next week.

Please note that there will be no Friday morning Mass at Harrytown this week. The Friday Mass will resume on Friday 7th November at 8.15am. Parishioners are most welcome to attend.

A reminder that British Summer Time ends on Sunday 26th October. Clocks go back one hour at 2.00am. May God bless all in our parish family in the week ahead.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 26th October 2025 – Sunday 2nd November 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Frances Nicholls RIP John & Josie Brennan & Family
Monday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Elizabeth Farrell RIP
Tuesday	Ss Simon & Jude, Ap Funeral service Adoration	12.15pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Pauline King RIP Thomas Murphy
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Kidist Tesfay Sp. Int.
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Brian Welsby RIP
Friday	Ferial	12.00pm	In Thanksgiving
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary - Saturday Memorial Evening Mass of following solemnity (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	SSCF Barry Marnane RIP
Sunday	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish James Espley 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, 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, Beryl Edwards. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Martin Loftus, Barry Swarbrick, James Lyons, Fr Anthony Mai-Lac Thien, Margaret Duffy, Owen Nolan, Liam Walsh, Joan Fraser, John Swift, John Bocking, Dan Lyne, Helen Singleton, Eileen Pennington, Eileen Barlow, Baby Phelan, Jean Brennan, Eliza Hopwood, Joseph Jones, Kelly Conner, Patricia Lamon, Graham Walker, Sr Hilda Gaskell, Francis Lyne.

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 30th Sunday C: Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b; 2 Timothy 2:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.
Preface: 8, page 68; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

ENJOY SINGING? Our 'learning new music group' continues on Wednesday October 29th at 6:45pm in church. Anyone is welcome to join us.

THE LADIES' GUILD meeting is on Thursday October 30th at 7.30pm. The evening will have an 'Italian' theme with food and music provided.

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 25th and 26th October, 22nd and 23rd November and 6th and 7th December.

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

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

29th October	Quiz Afternoon
5th November	Board Games
12th November	Beetle or 'Bull' Drive
19th November	Film 'Passion for Churches - Gorton Monastery

CHRISTMAS FAIR - just 5 weeks to go This year our fair takes place on Saturday 30th 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.

Our Grand Christmas raffle takes place at the end of the fair and raffle tickets are available from the back of church priced at £3 per book. Please sell amongst family and friends and return money & counterfoils back to church. A list of confirmed raffle prizes so far is below.

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, there is a meeting for all helpers and those who want to help taking place next Saturday (1st Nov) at 10.00 in the meeting room in the St Christopher Centre. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - raffle prizes

1st Prize - Two Night Hotel Break for Two

2nd Prize - Luxury Afternoon Tea for Two

Other confirmed prizes:

5 x vouchers from Stockport Eats, vouchers from Experience Days, The Midway, The Joshua Bradley, Altrincham Ice Rink, The Samuel Oldknow, Voltigeur, The Duke of York, Matts Plaice, No.29 Coffee House, Qurashi, Dolce Vita Marple, Dino Golf, Regent Cinema Marple, Canton chinese, House of Colour, Hop Haus, Tittertons Butchers, Romiley butchers, The Dice Box, Irish Hampers, a home-made Christmas cake, gift sets from Tesco, plus more to come!

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 is 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: £766.00, CAFOD £45.00. Thank you for your generosity.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, 3.5 crates of groceries were delivered to St Mark's, along with cash donations totalling £250 (£120, £80, £30, £20). 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 donated cartons of long-life juice and tins of rice pudding. **Thank you for your continued support.**

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

FOOTSTEPS THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER AT 7.30pm Our last event in the 2025 programme of inspiring talks in the **parish centre of St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA** will be with **Sister Alicia Perez** who will be taking us on a pilgrimage - the famous Camino de Santiago. She is involved in the Camino Companions, which is a project of the Sisters Faithful Companions of Jesus in Santiago de Compostela to serve English-speaking pilgrims who arrive in Santiago after their long Camino journey. This group of Sisters and other volunteers welcome, listen to and accompany pilgrims as they share their unique stories and reflect on their experiences of the Camino. Sr Alicia has spent several summers in this ministry and will be speaking about the pilgrimage, its history, the enormous growth in recent decades and share the motivations and experiences of pilgrims today. You don't have to bring your hiking boots or rucksack – just yourself (and maybe a friend) to hear her talk about "**Being a pilgrim**". Footsteps provides an informal, café-style forum where we can listen to and reflect on various topics as we journey in our Christian faith. We hope to see you there.

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



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