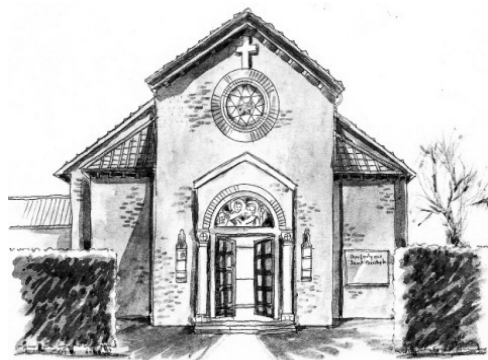


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SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER 2025 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL On Thursday, we celebrate the feast of St John Henry Newman, an English convert clergyman to the Catholic faith who was canonised by Pope Francis in 2019. On 1st November, he will be formally declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIV. Doctors of the Church are recognised as men and women of deep holiness and learning, whose teaching and wisdom continue to illuminate, instruct, and inspire us today. He is remembered for one of his best-known quotes, *"To grow is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."*

Through the prayerful intercession of St John Henry Newman, may we remain open to the workings of God's grace within us - so that we may grow in faith and become the people we are called to be.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 5th October 2025 – Sunday 12th October 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Jackie & Tom Higgins Golden Wedding Anniversary
		9.00am	Tommonny Family Ints.
		11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am	
		9.30am	Mary Murphy RIP
Tuesday	Our Lady of the Rosary Adoration	6.30pm	
		7.30pm	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am	
		9.30am	Tony Delaney RIP
Thursday	St John Henry Newman, P	9.30am	James Quinn RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS
		12.00pm	Carole Roe RIP
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am	Bernadette Shanahan RIP
		6.00pm	Neville & Paul Schofield RIP
Sunday	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Nathalie Whitehead 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, 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 Michael Smith, Margaret Dawson, Anthony Gannon, John W Birch, Christine Beswick, Dominic Gahan, Arnold Kay, John Kendrick, Francis O'Malley, Mary Holt, Kenneth Faure, Neville Bowker, Eileen Powell, Margaret Nelson, Lisa Bunter, Kevin Faure, Richard Bach, John McCormack, James Dixon, Paul Schofield, Peter Murray, Greta Dawson.

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 27th Sunday C: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10. **Preface:** 7, page 67. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

FRIDAY FAMILY FAST DAY RETIRING COLLECTION The collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend. Parishioners may also donate via the dedicated category on the contactless card machine. Thank you for your continued generosity.

MISSION APPEAL There will be an appeal on behalf of the Society of African Missions at the Masses next weekend. The appeal will be made by Fr Henry Somah SMA. There will be a retiring collection at all the Masses and donations may also be made using the contactless card machine. Please see the posters at the back and side door of the church.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT The third 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.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE The committee met recently and, in addition to the proposed works to the lighting, painting and decorating, and the laying of new carpet in the church, we also discussed the following:

- The installation of CCTV at the rear of the Church and Presbytery
- The installation of a doorbell camera at the Presbytery front door
- The updating and repair of the outdoor church noticeboard
- The updating of the parish website
- The appointment of a regular cleaning company for the interior of the 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.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER Mark Cannon, Joanne Coll, Fr Michael. Please collect your winnings from the small sacristy. Thank you.

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

8th October Cancelled due to funeral reception
15th October Sit down Exercises
22nd October Return of Mark Llewellyn with 'You're having a laugh'

Radio Maria invites you to our **Mariathon, 15th–17th October**, as we “Turn Up the Volume” on the Quiet Revival in our nation. Hear inspiring guest speakers share stories of faith, growth, and renewal. Tune in via DAB+, the Radio Maria app, online at www.radiomariaengland.uk, or smart speaker.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 8 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.

As well as our usual stalls, our Grand Christmas raffle takes place at the end of the fair. Raffle tickets will be available at the end of October, and the top prize this year is a Two Night Hotel Break for Two.

We will be requesting specific donations towards the fair in the next couple of weeks too, so please keep an eye on the newsletter.

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 will be 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 announced to take place at the end of October. Karin Moore(0161) 494 9104. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £625.80; CAFOD: £55.00. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS Four green crates of groceries five well-filled carrier bags of groceries were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £170 (£120, £30, £20.) 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 carrots, Penguin/Kit-Kat biscuits and individual sachets of pasta would be welcomed. Thank you.**

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

FOOTSTEPS on THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER at 7.30pm We are so delighted to welcome back **Sr Helen Costigane** to Footsteps in the **parish centre of St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA**. She is an engaging and captivating speaker and this time she's going to help us in "**Rediscovering Mary**". Sr Helen says: Linking Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the idea of 'girl power' might seem like bordering on the absurd. We all have different ideas and images of Mary in our mind and in our prayer life.

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.

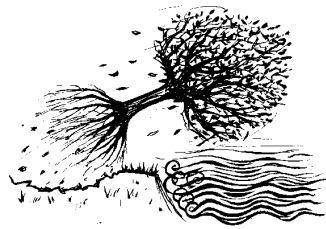
The Diocese of Wrexham is currently looking to appoint a Personal Assistant to the Right Rev Bishop Peter Brignall, the position will be based in Wrexham. For a job description please [click this link](#). For more information [click here](#). **Closing date: November 10th, 2025.** Interview dates: 18th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

HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL is currently recruiting for various roles, including teaching, technicians and Learning Mentors. Please visit the school website for more information - www.harrytownschool.org

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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