

OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2025 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Today is World Day of Prayer for the Poor, established by the Church to encourage reflection on the plight of the poor and to inspire action to alleviate poverty. Pope Leo's message can be found by clicking on the link: **World Day of the Poor**

At 3.00pm today we have our annual parish Memorial Service to remember and pray for parishioners who have died during the past year and also for the deceased members of our families and friends. Please come if you can to the service which will also be livestreamed.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 16th November 2025 – Sunday 23rd November 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Kevin Bradley RIP People of the Parish Carole Hogan RIP
Monday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Recovery of Melanie Armes
Tuesday	Ferial Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	November Dead List
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Warren Walton RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Valerie Yates
Friday	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12.00pm	Mary & Malcolm Berry RIP
Saturday	St Cecilia, V, M Evening Mass of following solemnity (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Welfare of David Robison Eddie & Philip Palmer RIP
Sunday	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Jacqui Whelan B'day

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 Christopher Crump, Pat Pearson, Alice Lomas, Raymond Molesdale, William Bradburn, Irene Quinn, Sarah Hill, James Kilgallon, Edith Shaw, Cecilia Moores, Barbara Lawton, Paul Bruce.

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 33rd Sunday C: Malachi 4:1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Luke 21:5-19. **Preface:** 3, page 6. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 24.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Jacob David Ireland who was baptised recently.

PLEASE NOTE there is no 8.15am Mass at Harrytown Catholic High School on Friday.

MUSIC AT 11.00 am MASS We're going to learn some new music for Advent. Please try to arrive at Mass for 10:50 and join in.

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 22nd and 23rd November and 6th and 7th December.

THE MEMORY TREE is now at the back of the church We will fill this tree with messages for our loved ones gone but never forgotten. Please write the names of those you wish to be remembered on the memory hearts at the back of church – these will be placed on the tree which will be blessed on Christmas Eve. All donations go to the church. Thank you.

PARISH MEMORIAL SERVICE This takes place this afternoon at 3.00pm. The service is open to all parishioners, who are warmly encouraged to come, pray for their own deceased loved ones, and light a candle in their memory. We will be especially remembering those of our parish who died in the past year.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST You are invited to collect an envelope from the back of church and write the names of those you wish to be remembered during this month of the Holy Souls. Please place in the envelope and return to the church where they will be placed in a basket at the front of the altar. One Mass per week will be offered under November Dead List for all whose names are on the list. **Please do not put any money in the envelope.** Thank you.

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. The dates of the preparation meetings are: **14th, 21st, 28th January and 4th, 11th & 25th February. The meetings will take place in the St Christopher Centre between 4.00pm – 5.00pm.** The Confirmation Mass celebrated by the Bishop is on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7.00pm.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting will take place on Thursday 20 November 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.

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

19th November Film 'Passion for Churches - Gorton Monastery

CHRISTMAS FAIR - just 2 weeks to go Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching, taking place at the end of the month on Saturday 29th November in the St Christopher Centre, starting at 12.00 noon. We hope to see many parishioners and families at the fair, along with the wider community to make it a huge social and fundraising success.

We will have all our usual stalls at the fair including Cakes, Crafts and our Tombola. Hot food and refreshments will be available as well as Irish Coffees and Mulled Wine. For the children we have Christmas games, decorate your own Christmas crafts, a Chocolate Tombola and also the chance to meet Father Christmas.

Our Grand Christmas raffle takes place at the end of the fair and raffle tickets continue to be available from the back of church priced at £3 per book. Please return money & counterfoils back to church, A list of confirmed raffle prizes is below.

A huge thank you to all who have generously donated items for the fair. Further donations are still greatly appreciated, especially any **bottles, chocolates and sweets**. We also welcome donations of cakes for our cake stall. There are still a couple of weeks left to bring any suitable items up to church.

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, Amazon, The Joshua Bradley, The Midway, Dino Golf, The Snow Centre Manchester, Planet Ice Altrincham, Go Thai, The Samuel Oldknow, The Voltigeur, Dolce Vita Marple, Canon Chinese, The Barnhouse, Duke of York, Matts Plaice, No29 Coffee House, Qurashi, House of Colour, Let Loose, Taylors Fish & Chips, Regent Cinema Marple, Tittertons Butchers Woodley, Romiley Butchers, Hop Haus, Serenity bookshop and The Dice Box Stockport. There is also an Irish Hamper, a Persian Gift set, a 12-piece Dinner set, Crafting box, a Home-made Christmas cake, Two Ladies' watches, numerous bottle prizes and more to come!

CAFOD World Gifts Christmas Catalogues These are now available at the back of church for you to take home. Through CAFOD'S World Gifts, you can purchase a virtual charity gift that helps fund vital projects overseas - such as providing school books, supporting soup kitchens, helping pregnant mothers and newborn babies receive urgent medical treatment, or supplying clean water to families, etc. Each gift comes with a card to give to your friend or family member, describing the difference their gift will make in someone's life.

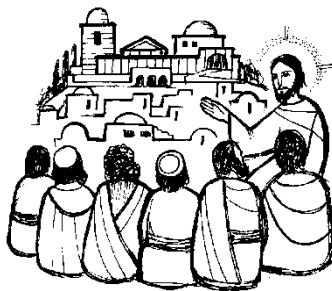
PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £763.95. CAFOD £30.00. Standing orders and faster payments for October £2,519.00. Contactless card donations for October £722.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, four very full crates and three carrier bags of donations were delivered to St Mark's, along with cash donations totalling £190 (£120, £30, £30, £10). Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The church is open for donations on **Sundays and Mondays from 2.00pm - 4.00pm**. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox.

We would especially welcome tins of tomatoes, potatoes 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.

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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