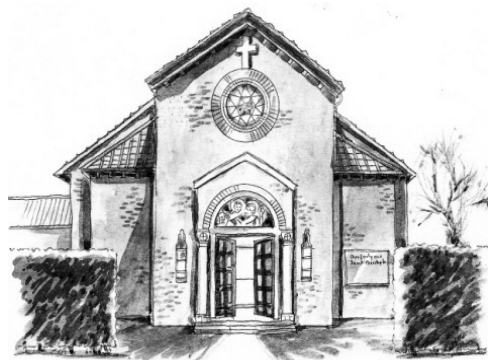


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SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2025 **SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

This is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year and is marked by the solemn feast of Christ the King. The feast was introduced by Pope Pius XI in 1925 at a time of conflict and the growing threats of atheism and secularism. Pope Pius saw that keeping Christ and his holy law out of public life would only lead to further conflict and discord in the world. Today's feast is an invitation to renew our loyalty to Christ and serve in him in our daily lives.

Next Saturday we have our annual parish Christmas Fair. This is always well supported with many parishioners turning out for what is an enjoyable occasion and I'm sure this year will be no exception.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 23rd November 2025 – Sunday 30th November 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) Solemnity of Christ the King	6.00pm	Peter Taylor RIP Anniv. Eddie & Philip Palmer RIP
		9.00am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Jacqui Whelan RIP B'day rem.
Monday	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, P & Companions, Mm Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	November Dead List
Tuesday	Ferial Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Annie Smith RIP
Wednesday	Ferial No Adoration or Morning Prayer today	9.30am	Cath & Barry Taylorson RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Eileen Clynch RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Ernest Kilgallon RIP
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary – Saturday Memorial Evening Mass of following solemnity (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Carlos Prevosti RIP
Sunday	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Special Intention

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 Mary Anderson, Archibald Burns, Thomas Furneaux, Alfred White, Sheelah Smith, Josie Brennan, Hannah Boyle, Agnes Bell, Arhtur Crompton, Jeffrey Taylor, P Neville, Mary Cook, Liam Walsh, Vincent Kearney, Jacqui Andrews, Barbara Marshall, Lillian McDonald, John Duggan, James Quinn.

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 Solemnity of Christ the King C: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43.
Preface: Christ, King of the Universe, page 68. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Jude Alexander McGovern who was baptised recently.

THE LADIES' GUILD meeting is on Thursday November 27th at 7.30pm. There will be a demonstration on chutney and jam making. All are welcome.

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.

MISSIO BOX HOLDERS please collect you 2026 MISSIO calendar from the back of church. Thank you.

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.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR PATIENTS IN STEPPING HILL HOSPITAL If you know of someone in hospital who might like to receive Holy Communion, or simply a visit from a chaplain, please contact the hospital chaplaincy on 0161 419 5889. Several people from our parish take Holy Communion regularly to patients.

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

26th November Christmas Craft

3rd December Festive Songs and Music with Claire Sweeney

10th December Christmas Party

CHRISTMAS FAIR - NEXT SATURDAY

This time next week it will all be over! Our Christmas Fair takes place next Saturday from 12.00-3.00 in the St Christopher Centre.

Donations of items, particularly bottle prizes, chocolates and cakes would still be appreciated.

We will have all the usual stalls including Cakes, Crafts and our Tombola stall. Lunches & Refreshments including Mulled Wine and Irish Coffees will be available.

For our younger visitors there will be a children's area with Christmas themed games, children's crafts and a children's tombola. There will also be a very special appearance from Father Christmas.

Don't forget to bring your raffle tickets (or purchase some more) for our Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at the fair. We have over 50 prizes on offer. If you have any unsold books, please bring them too so they can be sold on the day.

We hope to see many parishioners and families there, along with the wider community to make it a huge social and fundraising success.

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 a food hamper, an Irish Hamper, a Persian Gift set, a 12-piece Dinner set, Crafting box, a Home-made Christmas cake, Two Ladies watches, chocolates, biscuits, numerous bottle prizes and more!

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: £640.10. CAFOD £35.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, seven full crates and three carrier bags of food were delivered to St Mark's, along with cash donations totalling £160 (£120, £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.

JOB VACANCY A vacancy has arisen for the role of Cook within St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Stockport. This is a permanent appointment requiring 9 hours per week; days to be negotiated. Rate of Pay – £12.60 per hour. Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Further details are available on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

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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