

OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2025 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Today, the solemn feast of All Saints, we celebrate all the holy men and women who live in the light and glory of heaven. The feast doesn't just celebrate the officially canonised saints of the Church but also the countless ordinary people who sought to live holy lives in this world – they are an example and encouragement to us on our earthly journey.

All Souls Day follows on Monday, when we commemorate and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Special envelopes are available at the back and side of the church for you to write the names of loved ones you wish to be remembered at Mass throughout November. More details below.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 2nd November 2025 – Sunday 9th November 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Barry Marnane RIP People of the Parish James Espley RIP
Monday	All Souls Day - Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am 7.00pm	The Holy Souls Special Intention
Tuesday	St Winefride, V - Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Louise Hopkinson & Maureen Sheridan RIP
Wednesday	Ferial - Adoration & Morning Prayer Funeral service	8.30am 9.30am 12.45pm	Tom Higson RIP Daniel Cullenaine RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	November Dead List
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Mary & Malcolm Berry RIP
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary - Saturday Memorial Evening Mass of following solemnity (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Intentions of the Ward Family Terrance McHugh RIP
Sunday	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	9.00am 11.00am	Mary Kirkland RIP Intentions of the O'Reilly 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, Beryl Edwards. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Eileen Power, Marie Lowe, Thomas Phelan, Janet Broadbent, Cecilia Moores, Agnes Moors, Marie Leivens, George Riley, Karl Norman, Thomas Gilleney, James Williams, Frances Owen, Gerard Jones, Michael McNulty, Robert McLoughlin, Kevin Lynch, William Cody, Mary Williams, Mary Oakley, Caroline Ingoldsby.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernard Murray – brother of the late Fr Michael Murray who was an assistant priest at Our Lady & St Christopher's from 1986 – 1989. Bernard received the Last Sacraments from Fr Michael who visited him shortly before his death at Timperley Care Home last weekend. May he rest in peace.

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 All Saints: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a.
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ALL SOULS DAY is tomorrow (Monday) a day when we remember and pray for our departed loved ones. There are two Masses on Monday: at 9.30am & 7.00pm. It is not a Holyday of Obligation. There are envelopes at the back and side of the church for you to take away and write the names of deceased family members and friends you wish to be remembered at Mass during November. Please return your envelope which will be placed in the basket at the front of the altar. One Mass will be offered for the Holy Souls each week during November. Please do not put any money in the envelope. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE there are no refreshments in the St Christopher Centre following the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 9th November, due to a Baptism celebration booking.

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.

PARISH MEMORIAL SERVICE As November is the month of the Holy Souls, a special service will take place on **Sunday 16th November at 3.00pm**. We have written to the families of those who have died since last November, inviting them to attend.

The service is also open to all parishioners, who are warmly encouraged to come, pray for their own deceased loved ones, and light a candle in their memory.

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. 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

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

CHRISTMAS FAIR - just 4 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 in place 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 sell amongst family and friends and return money & counterfoils back to church, A list of confirmed raffle prizes so far is below.

We still require donations of items for the fair, specifically **bottles, chocolates and sweets**. Thank you to those who have generously donated items so far. There are still a few 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, 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!

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: £731.26; CAFOD £25.00. Thank you for your generosity.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, six crates of groceries were delivered to St Mark's, along with cash donations totalling £235 (£140 £30, £25, £10, £10, £10, £10). Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the young people from ARC (Agriculture and Rural Centre) in Romiley, who recently brought three large carrier bags filled with tinned and packaged food to the church for the Foodbank. These items were also delivered to St Mark's. 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 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. 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

Rejoice and be glad.

THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk

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