

OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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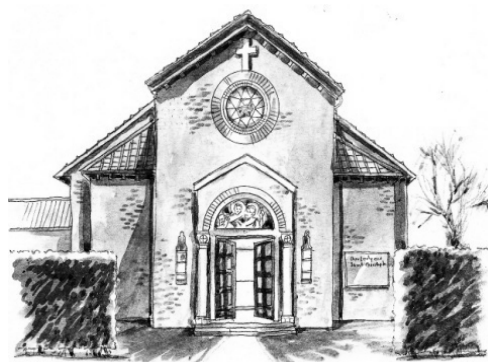
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SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2025 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

This Sunday marks the beginning of the holy season of Advent during which we look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ at Christmas as we await his coming again in glory at the end of time. Hence the call to watchfulness and preparedness in today's Gospel is very much at the heart of the Advent season. May this holy season be a blessed time filled with joyful hope and expectation as we prepare to welcome the coming of Christ.

The children from various year groups at St Christopher's Primary School will join us in church for Thursday Mass during the next two weeks of Advent. They will take part in the readings and bidding prayers, enriching our celebration with their presence. We look forward to welcoming them.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 30th November 2025 – Sunday 7th December 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Carlos Prevosti RIP People of the Parish Special Intention
Monday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Conor McAleavey
Tuesday	Ferial Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Tim Kirby RIP
Wednesday	St Francis Xavier, P, R Adoration & Morning Prayer	9.30am	Philip Revel RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Adele McCluskey RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Eileen Murphy RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Kidist Tesfay Sp. Int. People of the Parish
Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00am 11.00am	Eileen Murphy RIP Eileen Beck 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 Victor Nixon, Gerard Nicholson, W A Lumsden, Bertram Laidlaw, John Burns, Eileen McSweeney, Olive Marsland, Margaret O'Driscoll, Jeffrey Follows, Francis Rider, Leslie Wyatt, Penny Cunningham, Florence Monk, Adele McCluskey, Ethel Bouch, John Tebb, Denis Meynell, Frederick Walker, Peter Oates, Francis Snutch, Winifred Scanlon, Mary Loftus.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Rita Ralphs and Wayne Gregory who died recently. May they rest in peace. Please also pray for their families at this time.

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 1st Sunday of Advent A: Isaiah 2:1-5: Romans 13:11-14a: Matthew 24:37-44. **Preface:** Advent 1, page 65. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

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 weekend of 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.

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
3rd December Festive Songs and Music with Claire Sweeney
10th December Christmas Party

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: £683.20; CAFOD £65.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

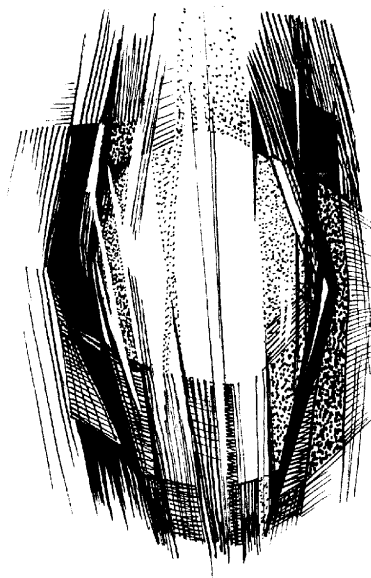
FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, five crates and five carrier bags of food were delivered to St Mark's, along with cash donations totalling £210 (£120, £30, £30, £20, £10). Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The church is open for donations on **Sundays and Mondays from 2.00pm - 4.00pm**. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox.

We would especially welcome donations of multi-pack crisps 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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