



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2025

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL VICTIMS OF WAR

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL Today we celebrate the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, one of four major basilicas in the city. It is actually the official cathedral of Rome which means it is the mother church of the Archdiocese of Rome and also the mother church of the whole world. First dedicated in 324 the Lateran Basilica was the first church in which Christians could freely and publicly perform their liturgies after centuries of persecution.

This is also Remembrance Sunday, a solemn occasion on which we pray for all victims of war. Details of the local parade and service, taking place today at 3.00pm, are listed below. We will also have our annual parish memorial service in church next Sunday 16th November at 3.00pm to which all are invited to attend.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 9th November 2025 – Sunday 16th November 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Terrance McHugh RIP Mary Kirkland RIP Ints. of the O'Reilly Family
Monday	St Leo the Great, P - Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Betty Baynes RIP
Tuesday	St Martin of Tours, B Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	David Denton RIP
Wednesday	St Josaphat, B, M Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Barry Taylorson RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Edith Dove RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Greg Yates
Saturday	St Albert the Great, B, D Evening Mass of following solemnity (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	November Dead List Kevin Bradley RIP
Sunday	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Carole Hogan 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 Kevin Faure, Julia Delaney, Brian Murphy, PTE Francis Farricker, PTE Michael Glynn, Mary Kiki, Ernest Garratt, William Ibison, Barry Taylorson, Bridget Loftus, John Fardy, Molly Duggan, Louise Higgins, Peter Toolin.

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 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica: Ezekial 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2;13-22. **Preface:** top of page 73. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

PLEASE NOTE there are no refreshments in the St Christopher Centre following the 11.00am Mass today, due to a Baptism celebration booking.

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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE & SERVICE The annual service takes place today at the War Memorial on George Lane. Assemble at Green Lane, adjacent to the Duke of York Pub at 2.30pm for prayers and the Parade to the War Memorial where there will be a service and the laying of wreaths including a wreath on behalf of Our Lady & St Christopher's Parish.

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.

THE LADIES' GUILD meeting is on Thursday November 27th at 7.30pm. Our guest speaker is Nicky Pisa from Missio. All are welcome to join us, especially holders of 'Red Boxes' or anyone interested in having a box.

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

12th November Beetle or 'Bull' Drive

19th November Film 'Passion for Churches - Gorton Monastery

CHRISTMAS FAIR - just 3 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**. 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 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 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: £767.05. CAFOD £39.00. 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.

THANK YOU "I would like to thank everyone from our wonderful parish that kindly donated towards my Walk 62 Miles for Dementia UK in October. I managed to walk over 220 miles and raised over £1,300. Your generosity was overwhelming. Thank you again." *Kevin Smith*

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, five crates of groceries and two carrier bags of tinned groceries were delivered to St Mark's, along with cash donations totalling £270 (£120, £100, £30, £10, £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 long-life milk and tinned potatoes. **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. 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



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