

OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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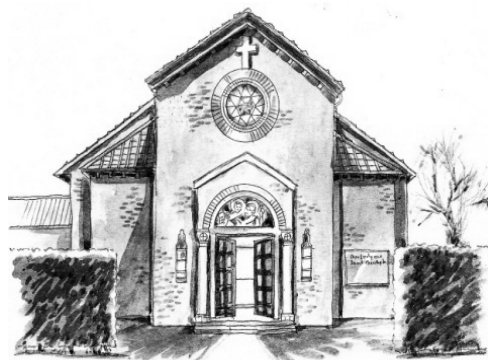
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SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

This Second Sunday of Advent is Bible Sunday, and priests are asked to bring to their people's attention the importance of Sacred Scripture in Christian living. When the Scriptures are read in church, God himself speaks to his people and it is Christ, present in his word, who proclaims the Gospel. During this season of Advent let us pray for a greater openness to God's word and a greater willingness to put it into practise in our lives.

We welcome the children from St Christopher's Primary School to their Advent Mass on Thursday: the children will be involved in introducing the Mass as well as the readings and the prayers of intercession.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 7th December 2025 – Sunday 14th December 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Eileen Murphy RIP Eileen Beck RIP
Monday	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Edith Dove RIP
Tuesday	Ferial Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Barry Taylorson RIP
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	9.30am	Pearl Parkinson
Thursday	Ferial Requiem Mass	9.30am 12.45pm	The Holy Souls Wayne Gregory RIP
Friday	Our Lady of Guadalupe Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS David Denton RIP
Saturday	St Lucy, V, M Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Banikos Yiatrou RIP
Sunday	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00am 11.00am	Liberato Raccio RIP People of the Parish

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 Debbie Sainsbury, John McMurdo, Mary Furness, Frank Hughes, Margaret O'Brien, Theresa Kane, Elsie Doherty, Felicia McDonnell, Clare Boyle, Ann Canning, Kathleen Holland, Bridget Cunningham, Patricia Frayne, Sheila Davies, Mary Brace, Michael Hearne, Rosemary Wood.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for John Cunningham who died recently. May he rest in peace. Please also pray for his family 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.

PLEASE NOTE there are no refreshments being served after the Sunday morning Masses today as the centre has been booked for a Baptism party.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT There will be the opportunity to celebrate this wonderful sacrament as part of the spiritual preparation for Christmas during Adoration on Tuesday 16th December from 6.30pm – 7.15pm. The usual 7.30pm Mass will then follow.

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.

THE LADIES' GUILD Christmas Party is on Thursday December 11th at 7.30pm.

DONATION TO PARISH I would like to acknowledge a donation of £600 to the parish received from the family of the late Flo Robison who died in May this year. May she rest in peace.

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 this weekend.

DIACONAL ORDINATION OF KEVIN HOGAN Kevin's ordination as deacon will take place in the chapel at St Mary's College, Oscott, on Saturday 20th December at 11.00am. Fr Michael will be attending this joyous occasion and is happy to say that Kevin will exercise his new ministry at the Christmas Masses in our parish this year. Let us keep him in our prayers as he now prepares for this next step on the journey towards priestly ordination in the summer of next year.

The Ordination Mass will be livestreamed – please go to:

<https://camstreamer.com/redirect/xaAPSOMEPHCdKrc8dbxenPatJUfi7eLWNGvZFk5d>

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Thank you Our biggest Parish event, the Christmas Fair took place last weekend and it was a fantastic social and fundraising occasion. It was extremely pleasing to see so many parishioners, families and the wider community attending, with all our stalls popular.

A number of thank-you's to pass on ... To everyone who donated items and purchased/sold raffle tickets ... to those who helped in the planning and running of the fair, including all stall holders ... to those who gave up their time to help set up the centre beforehand and to clear up afterwards ... to all the local businesses that donated prizes towards the raffle, and finally to each and every person that attended. A great time was had by all.

The final amount of money raised on the day was a fantastic £5,064.87.

VARIVOCALS CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING Tuesday 16 December at 10.45am in the St Christopher Centre. Join us for a coffee (or tea) and mince pies and listen as VariVocals sing a selection of Christmas favourites. There will also be a raffle, and admission is by donation. 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
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.

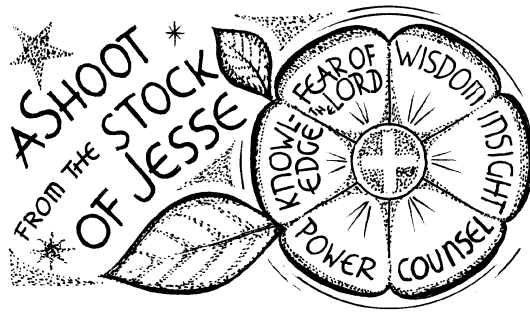
PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £1,092.15; CAFOD £55.00; standing orders and faster payments for November £2,499.00; contactless card donations for November £906.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, four trays and three carrier bags of donations were delivered to St Mark's. The figure for the cash donations will appear in next week's newsletter. 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. **Donations of tinned sweetcorn, carrots and peas would be welcomed. Thank you.**

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



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