

OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY 11th JANUARY 2026 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which draws the Christmas season to a close. The Baptism of Jesus marked the beginning of His public life and ministry and also affirmed the relationship between the Son and the Father: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). Jesus was always deeply conscious of His identity as the Son of the Father, and this underpinned every aspect of His ministry.

We too are the children of God and like Jesus we too are empowered through the Holy Spirit to witness to His love and goodness in the world. Let us give thanks that we have been chosen to become members of God's family and pray for the grace to live up to our baptismal calling.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 11th January 2026 – Sunday 18th January 2026

Sunday	Evening Mass of following feast (Saturday) THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (The Christmas season ends today)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Eileen Murphy RIP Valerie Maguire RIP
Monday	Ferial Adoration and Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Eileen McNeill RIP
Tuesday	Ferial Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Ignatius Niland RIP
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Margaret Rogers RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Pat Sellers RIP
Friday	Ferial	12.00pm	Sheila Hayes RIP
Saturday	St Anthony, Ab Evening Mass of the following Sunday	9.30am 6.00pm	Personal Intention People of the Parish
Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	David Roche RIP Austin & Elizabeth Cartwright & Ruth Frost

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, Evelyn Richardson, Grace Watts, Beryl Edwards. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Richard Taylor, Henry Jackson, Katharine Rose, Hugh Thompson, Christina Young, Fred Ardern, Mary Dalton, Mary Kendrick, Winifred Ball, Annie Murphy, May Quinn, Raymond Cornelly, Vera Drummond, James McCumaskey, Eric Baigent, Kenneth Shaw, Paul Scanlon, Peter Gilleney, John Mullinder, Provost Henry Hazelhurst, Maura Nelson.

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 Baptism of the Lord A: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17. **Preface:** Baptism of the Lord, page 68; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

PLEASE NOTE there is no 8.15am Mass at Harrytown Catholic High School on Friday.

REQUIEM MASS FOR SHEILA HAYES This will take place on Friday 6th February at 11.30am. May she rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS Please note that the Crib offerings this Christmas will be to support the work of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury with children, families and refugees. We are blessed to have our own Diocesan welfare agency working in different parts of the Diocese and it is worthy of our support. Thank you.

EVERGREEN GROUP – Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm

14th January	Flower arranging with David
21st January	Sit down exercises
28th January	Board Games

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR DECEMBER Kathlen Walker, Joanne Coll, Maureen Christian, Mark Cannon. Please collect winnings from the small sacristy. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who support the monthly draw in aid of Mary's Meals.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting will take place on Thursday 15 January from 10:00am until 11.30am in the St Christopher Centre. The group is for anyone who has experienced a bereavement and is an opportunity to share your feelings, however if you don't want to chat you are welcome to come along just for the tea and coffee! This is not a counselling service but is a space to get support from others who have experienced bereavement. For more information, please contact Susan Carr on 07543 408551.

PARISH LIVE STREAM SERVICE 2025 IN NUMBERS We had 39,907 viewers of our Live Stream service during the year (an increase of 720 compared to 2024) watching a total of over 21,300 hours. Easter & Christmas were viewed widely, with a total of 1151 viewers across the Easter Triduum, and 839 across Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

We had viewers from 61 countries over the course of the year including Slovakia, Indonesia, The Philippines, Egypt, Martinique, Tanzania and Qatar, Malaysia, Gibraltar, Malawi, China and Sri Lanka.

CONFIRMATION 2026 Meeting in the St Christopher Centre on Wednesday from 4.00pm-5.000pm for those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when the Bishops visits the parish to celebrate the Confirmation Mass on Tuesday 3rd March at 7.00pm.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, MONTE CASSINO & POMPEII Join us on a profound Pilgrimage of Catholic faith to the heart of the Catholic Church in Italy. We will travel to Rome, Monte Cassino and Pompeii absorbing our Catholic history, 14th - 21st September 2026 from Manchester. Cost £1845 single room. £1550 per person for two sharing. Extra cost Rome Tax approx. £6 per day payable to hotel on arrival. For more information about the trip or to book, please email unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com Poster with more details is on the parish website. Fr Martin Onuoha (Our Lady's, Stockport) is the Spiritual Director.

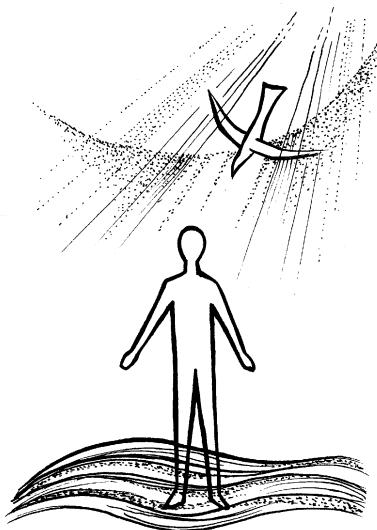
PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £691.50; CAFOD: £40.00; standing orders and faster payments for December: £2,507.00; contactless card donations for December £833.00. Thank you for your generosity and support.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, three trays and one carrier bag of donations were delivered to St Mark's plus cash donations amounting to £290 £120, £100, £30, £20, £10, £10). Thank you for your generosity. 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 peas, carrots, sweetcorn and toilet rolls would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS, Please collect any remaining cards from the table at the back of the church...otherwise they will go to the card makers. Thank you.

STAMPS FOR THE RNIB There is a box in the church porch for used stamps for the RNIB.

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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