

OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY 18th JANUARY 2026
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL Christmas has passed for another year, and we now return to Ordinary Time, marked by the liturgical colour green. Although it lacks the distinctiveness of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, special seasons in the Church's year, Ordinary Time is still a season of steady growth in faith.

The green banners displayed in the church sanctuary carry particular meaning. The letters *ICXC* form a four-letter abbreviation of the name of Jesus Christ in Greek, known as a Christogram. The banner depicting the loaves and fishes reminds us of the central place of the Eucharist in our lives.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 18th January 2026 – Sunday 25th January 2026

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish David Roche RIP Austin and Elizabeth Cartwright & Ruth Frost RIP
Monday	Ferial Adoration and Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Paula McKenna - ill
Tuesday	Ferial Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Pat Sellers RIP
Wednesday	St Agnes, V, M Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Sheila Hayes RIP
Thursday	St Vincent, Dc, M	9.30am	John McKenna - ill
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Sheila Jackson Ints.
Saturday	St Francis DE Sales, B, D Evening Mass of the following Sunday	9.30am 6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Kevin Slim RIP Catherine Bocking 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, Evelyn Richardson, Grace Watts, Beryl Edwards. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Robert Oxford House, Caroline Flood, Elizabeth Taylor, John Melling, Brenda Melling, Florence Bardsley, Olive Holland, Denis Mather, James Timblin, David Gregg, Alma Joy, Eileen Bradburn, Bernard Duffy, Maureen Escott, Fr Terry Hillhouse, Gerard Grady, Diana Aldrd, John Kearney, John McAuley, Dorothy Turner, John Welsby, Olivia Ruiz, Kathleen Monaghan, Agnes Tipping, Christina McCumaskey.

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 2nd Sunday A: Isaiah 49:3-5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34. **Preface:** 1 page 68: **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 25.

REQUIEM MASS FOR SHEILA HAYES This will take place on Friday 6th February at 11.30am. May she rest in peace. Please keep her family in your prayers.

LADIES GUILD meeting on Thursday, January 22nd at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

EVERGREEN GROUP – Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm

21st January	Sit down exercises
28th January	Board Games

FIRST SACRAMENTS 2026 Children in Year 3 who do not attend Catholic schools but are eligible to receive their First Sacraments later this year are invited to join the preparation meetings at the St Christopher Centre. The meetings will begin on Saturday 21st February from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Please let Fr Michael have the children's names as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

A MISSIONARY IN MONGOLIA Ever wondered what Mission looks like in Mongolia, home to the youngest Catholic community and church in the world? This is your chance to find out. **Missio**, the Pope's charity for world mission, invites you to an evening with His Eminence Cardinal Giorgio Marengo – a Consolata Missionary, the Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar and the second youngest member of the college of Cardinals.

When: 7pm-9pm on Wednesday, 4 February 2026

What: Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm, followed by a short talk at 7.45pm and refreshments

Where: St Peter's Catholic Church, Hazel Grove, Green Lane, Stockport SK7 4EA.

Transport: Parking is available in the Church car park accessed via Green Lane. St Peter's Church is 5 minutes' walk from Hazel Grove train station and 10 minutes by taxi from Stokport rail station.

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.

MEMORY TREE Thank you to everyone who supported the Memory Tree in remembrance of loved ones during the run-up to Christmas. Your generosity raised £177.00 for parish funds. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £719.90; CAFOD: £68.00; 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, six trays and four carrier bag of donations were delivered to St Mark's plus cash donations amounting to £270 (£120, £100, £30, £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 long-life fruit juice would be greatly appreciated. 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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