

OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Tomorrow (Monday) the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord 40 days after the birth of Jesus. It was celebrated from the earliest times in the Church in Jerusalem and from there the observance spread throughout the Christian world. The feast commemorates the moment Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. The feast is sometimes referred to as Candlemas because of the elderly Simeon who took the infant Jesus in his arms and declared him to be a light for the Gentiles. May Christ be the light that guides us on life's journey and as he was presented to the Father, may we too strive each day to carry out God's will in our lives.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 1st February 2026 – Sunday 8th February 2026

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Edyth Inman RIP People of the parish Jonathan Davison RIP
Monday	The Presentation of the Lord Adoration and Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Maria Kinsella RIP
Tuesday	St Werburgh, V Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Bridie Lynch RIP
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Desmond, Maureen & Laura Lambe RIP
Thursday	St Agatha, V, M	9.30am	Rev Terry Simms RIP
Friday	SS Paul Miki & Companions, Mm Requiem Mass	8.15am 11.30am	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Sheila Hayes RIP
Saturday	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Evening Mass of the following Sunday	9.30am 6.00pm	Eileen Smith B'Day Mass Shaun Dobson B'Day Mass
Sunday	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Jim, Teresa & Jimmy Quinn 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 Daniel McCluskey, John O'Brien, Albert Edwards, Margaret Spencer, Kathleen McSweeney, Florence Sherwood, Gertrude Pope, Doreen Moran, Ray Nelson, George Colley, Neil Elsworth, Veronica Rose, Anthony Monk, Bryan Pennington, Ellen Dugdale.

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 4th Sunday A: Zephaniah 2:3; 3: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5: 1-12a. **Preface:** 3 page 69. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bridie Lynch and Claire Murphy who died recently. May they rest in peace. Please also pray for their families at this time.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Nochtli Niamh Maya who was baptised recently.

THE LADIES' GUILD meeting is on Thursday February 5th at 7.30pm. The meeting will be a 'Tasting Evening' and all are welcome to join us.

EVERGREEN GROUP – St Christopher Centre, Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm

4th February:	1960's Revival - Quiz and birthday cake
11th February:	Film - Life on the Edge, history of Mellor, Ludworth and Marple Bridge
18th February:	Talk by Geoff Scargill - The People's Parks (creation of parks in industrial towns and National Parks)
25th February:	Round Britain Travel log - bring photo/souvenir and say a few words about your favourite place to visit
4th March:	Craft - Make daffodils with Anne Marie

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.

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION. Can you please bring your Missio boxes into church to be emptied this weekend 31st January and the weekend after -1st February. They will be emptied and returned the following weekend.

NB. If you want your Missio box to be emptied at any time, please bring it into church and leave it in the grey tray marked Missio in the small sacristy, it will be emptied and returned to the small sacristy the following weekend. Thank you. *John and Barbara Edwards.*

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES run by the Ladies' Guild will commence on Friday 20th February at 12:30 pm after midday Mass and the following five Fridays. Donations of cake are also required for the cake stall. All proceeds will go to Missio.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2026 This is always a very happy occasion for couples celebrating significant anniversaries and for their families. The Bishop will celebrate the Mass on Saturday 13th June at 12 noon at Saint Columba's, Chester, followed by a buffet lunch in the Parish Hall. Parishioners celebrating a significant anniversary this year should let Fr Michael have their names, contact details and the significant anniversary they are celebrating as soon as possible, so they can receive a personal invitation from the Bishop.

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.

For those who would like to know more about the pilgrimage, there will be a talk, 10—15 minutes long with slides at Our Lady's Social Club, Flint Street, SK3 8BD on 5th February following the 7.00pm Mass in church.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £786.60; CAFOD: £35.00. Thank you for your generosity and support.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, four trays and one carrier bag of food donations, along with a large supply of toilet rolls were delivered to St Mark's, plus cash donations amounting to £230 (£120, £30, £30, £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 Weetabix, tins of fruit and rice pudding would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.**

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

JOB VACANCIES

- Harrytown Catholic High School: Lay Chaplain. Details at www.harrytownschool.org
- Diocese of Shrewsbury: Sales Ledger Clerk (20hrs/week, term time, £14.60/hr).
- Pilgrimage Booking & Customer Service Coordinator (20hrs/week, term time, some remote work possible, £14.60/hr) recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: Friday 20 February 2026.

Further details can be found on the Diocesan website [Latest Vacancies - Diocese](#)

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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