

# OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



***Serving Romiley, Bredbury, and Woodley***

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**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## **MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL**

Today is Bible Sunday, known in the Catholic Church as the Sunday of the Word of God. It is a day of special prayer for openness to the Word of God. Established by Pope Francis in 2019, this celebration highlights the importance of Sacred Scripture in the life of every Christian. We believe that when the Scriptures are proclaimed in church, God himself speaks to his people.

Let us pray that our hearts and minds may be open to hearing what the Lord is saying to us, and ask for the grace that we may respond faithfully and generously.

## **MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Kevin Slim RIP Catherine Bocking RIP
Monday	Ss Timothy & Titus, B Adoration and Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Una Dolan RIP
Tuesday	St Angela Merici, V Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	David Roche RIP
Wednesday	<b>St Thomas Aquinas, P, D</b> Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Sr Louise Frey SHCJ RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	John McKenna -III
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Michael Wilson RIP
Saturday	<b>St John Bosco, P</b> Evening Mass of the following Sunday	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	SSCF Edyth Inman RIP
Sunday	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Jonathan Davison RIP

**PARISH LIVE STREAM** Please go to [www.churchservices.tv/romiley](http://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** Rita Lyons, Kevin Slim, William Skeer, Joan Loftus, Dominic Jennison, Douglas Herod, Dorothy Lyons, Winifred Connolly, Gordon Holt, Norah O'Neill, Irene Quirk, David Roche, Derek Saxelby, Teresa Oldham, Wilfrid Duddy, David Latham, Maureen Bettoni, Bernard Shallow, Eileen Jordan, Edward Russell, Michael Wilson, Jeanette Taylorson, Frances Molesdale, Wendy Cullenaine, Colette Lunt.

**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.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Kamsiyonna Michael Emelike, who was recently baptised. The service was conducted by Rev Kevin Hogan, his first baptism as a deacon.

**SUNDAY READINGS** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday A: Isaiah 9:1b-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17; Matthew 4:12-23. **Preface:** 2 page 68: **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 25.

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

## **EVERGREEN GROUP – Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm**

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.00pm.

**PARISH FOODBANK DONATIONS FOR 2025** I am happy to acknowledge the great generosity shown by parishioners in their contributions to the local Foodbank last year:

- Cash donations: £11,595
- Crates of food and household goods: 190
- Shopping bags of food and household goods: 115

As the cost of living continues to affect many families, this shows our commitment as a parish to standing alongside those who are struggling by providing practical support. In his first encyclical *Deus Caritas Est* (*God is Love*) Pope Benedict XVI said that charity expressed as “loving personal concern” is an essential feature of human life and can never be replaced by the state or by justice alone. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and please continue to support the Foodbank in 2026.

Fr Michael

**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](mailto:unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com) Poster with more details is on the parish website. Fr Martin Onuoha (Our Lady's, Stockport) is the Spiritual Director.

**LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2026** The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Management Committee invites you to drop in to our roadshows on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at the Saint Christopher Centre, SK6 3BA, 10.30am - 12 Noon** to learn more about joining our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2026, as we celebrate our 75th annual pilgrimage.

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection: £586.05; CAFOD: £45.00. Thank you for your generosity and support.

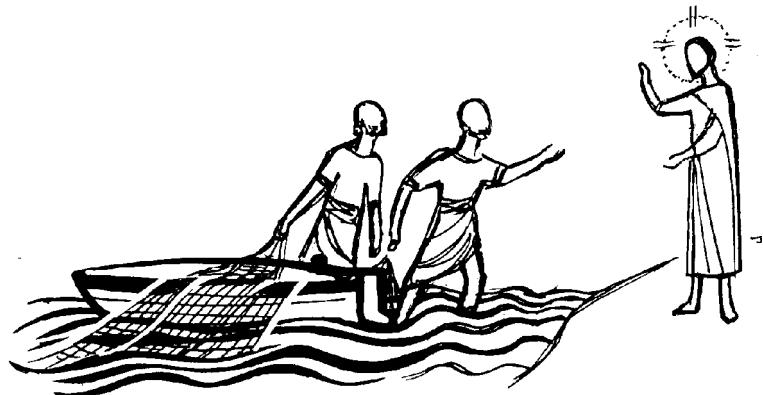
**FOODBANK DONATIONS** Last week, four trays and two heavy carrier bags of food donations, along with a large supply of toilet rolls were delivered to St Mark's, plus cash donations amounting to £270 (£120, £100, £30, £10, £10). Thank you for your generosity. The church is open for donations on **Sundays and Mondays from 2.00pm - 4.00pm**. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **Donations of cup-a-soup and noodles 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)



**THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE** Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email [ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk)

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