

**OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Serving Romiley, Bredbury, and Woodley*

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**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL**

Ash Wednesday this week marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent as we look forward to celebrating the central mysteries of our faith during Holy Week and Easter. Ashes will be blessed and imposed at both Masses on Ash Wednesday. There will also be the Stations of the Cross in church on Sundays at 3.00pm and on Fridays at 7.00pm. May this Lenten season be a time of renewal and growth in the spiritual life for us as we journey together as a faith community towards Easter.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) <b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Concetta La Bella RIP People of the Parish Bernadette McCarthy RIP
Monday	Ferial Adoration and Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Sheila Hayes RIP
Tuesday	Ferial - Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Marie O'Brien RIP
Wednesday	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Day of fasting and abstinence Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am 7.00pm	People of the Parish Baby Bennett
Thursday	after Ash Wednesday	9.30am	Eileen & John Kelly RIP
Friday	after Ash Wednesday  Stations of the Cross	8.15am 12.00pm 7.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Kathleen Sparks RIP
Saturday	after Ash Wednesday Evening Mass of the following Sunday	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	Pat & Mary O'Byrne RIP Michelle O'Brien RIP
Sunday	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  Stations of the Cross	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>3.00pm</b>	Gladys & Alfred Murphy RIP People of the Parish

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

**ANNIVERSARIES** Eileen Dunford, Joseph McGrath, Mary Nelson, Thomas Lynch, James Bilsborough, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Olive McAuley, Marie O'Brien, Eileen Kelly, William Roe, Lillian Worth, Vinnie Farrell, Little Joe Trought.

**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** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday A: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthw 5:17-37. **Preface:** 5, page 69. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 25.

**PARISH IT SYSTEM UPDATE** The internet, phone line, contactless payments and livestream service will be fully operational again from 26<sup>th</sup> February. The parish landline telephone number, however, will not be restored until a month or so after this date and in the meantime, we will be given a random number which will be advised in due course. Once again, I apologise for this interruption to the service which occurred during a Broadband upgrade at the St Christopher Centre. *Fr Michael*

**LADIES' GUILD** meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. There will be a 'Beetle Drive. All are welcome.

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

- 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

**ATTENTION ALL GIFT AID DONORS** The tax year 2025/26 will be coming to an end on 5th April and the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please let Father Michael know or contact Dominic Berry (07768 527735) by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year.

**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** .There will be a practice for the Confirmation Mass on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February in church at 7.00pm. Candidates and their sponsors should make sure to attend the practice. The Confirmation Mass is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.00pm.

**LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESS** 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.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February** This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbor. By fasting and giving what you save to, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Please collect a CAFOD envelope from the church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030 or text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

You can also use this QR code to go straight to CAFOD'S virtual envelope where you can make your donation.



**SAFEGUARDING UPDATE** The Diocese has requested that further measures should be implemented within our parishes in order to ensure adequate safeguarding measures are in place to support our parishioners. Those parishioners whose voluntary role requires them to have a DBS certificate are now also required to complete an on-line training course every three years. This course can be accessed via: [www.safeguarding@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:www.safeguarding@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

All other volunteers within the parish are now required to complete a volunteer registration form with a leaflet attached for reference. Once completed this form should be returned to Fr Michael at the presbytery. Those volunteers include: church-cleaners, flower arrangers, gardeners, tea and coffee servers, welcomers, piety stall helpers, organists, collectors, Eucharistic ministers, readers.

The forms will be available to collect at the end of Masses on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February, Our parish safeguarding representative, Stella Hulley, will be available if anyone has any queries.

**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.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** The next meeting will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 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.

**VOLUNTEER AS A SCOUT GROUP TRUSTEE** Our local Scout Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Romiley) is looking for volunteers to join the Trustee Board. No Scouting experience needed – just enthusiasm and a desire to support young people in our Bredbury, Woodley and Romiley community. We are looking to appoint a chairperson, treasurer and trustees and the commitment is just a handful of meetings a year. If you would be interested in hearing more about the roles (or volunteering as a leaser with the scouts themselves) please contact Sarah – [sarah.burns@stockportscouts.org.uk](mailto:sarah.burns@stockportscouts.org.uk) 07740 336303.

**FOOTSTEPS AT ST PETER'S, HAZEL GROVE** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. Fr Eamonn Mulcahy will speak on "Getting the best out of Lent." Light refreshments will be served. St Peter's Parish Centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA.

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection: £785.52; CAFOD: £25.00. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**FOODBANK DONATIONS** Last week, four trays and four grocery bags of food donations were delivered to St Mark's, plus cash donations amounting to £190 (£120, £30, £30, £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 tomatoes, tinned peas and tinned tuna or other fish 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 have a vacancy for an Office Administrator (part-time). Please visit the school website for more information: [www.harrytownschool.org](http://www.harrytownschool.org)

**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)

<p><b>THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE</b> Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email <a href="mailto:ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk">ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk</a></p>
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