

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



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**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** We are currently experiencing problems with the parish IT system which means the internet, phone line, contactless payments and livestream service aren't working. My apologies if you have tried to contact the parish over the last few days and not received a response. We hope to get the problem sorted out as soon as possible.

Our Confirmation candidates continue to have their weekly preparation sessions in the St Christopher Centre as we look forward to the Bishop's visit for the Confirmation Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please do keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this important stage in their faith journey.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Shaun Dobson B'Day Mass People of the Parish Jim, Teresa & Jimmy Quinn RIP
Monday	Ferial Adoration and Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Mabel Smith RIP
Tuesday	<b>St Scholastica, V</b> Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Margaret Rogers RIP
Wednesday	Our Lady of Lourdes Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Ints. of Tony & Judith O'Neill
Thursday	Ferial <b>Funeral Service</b>	9.30am 11.45am	Janina Sterna RIP Clare Murphy RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Sheila Hayes RIP
Saturday	<b>Ss Cyril, Mk &amp; Methodius, B</b> Evening Mass of the following Sunday	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	Maureen Sheridan RIP Concetta La Bella RIP
Sunday	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish Bernadette McCarthy 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, Evleyn Richardson, Grace Watts, Beryl Edwards. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Alfred Davies, Ronald Swainbank, Sarah Boylr, Stephen Pope, Donald Loftus, Mary Bottomley, Margaret Gavan, Vincent Flood, Thomas Brady, Mary Tebb, Frank Dunford, Fred Sutton, Stephen Jackson, Kathleen Osbaldeston, Geoff Lomax, Winifred Hudson, John McGrath, June Farrell, Ingrid Kucak, Caroline Shaw, Alexes Cawley.

**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** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday A: Isaiah 58:6-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16. **Preface:** 4, page 69. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Isabelle Clair Grundy who was baptised recently.

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

- 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

**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** Meeting in the St Chrisotpher 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.

**LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES** 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.

**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](http://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.

**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.

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection: £793.88; CAFOD: £35.00. Thank you for your generosity and support.

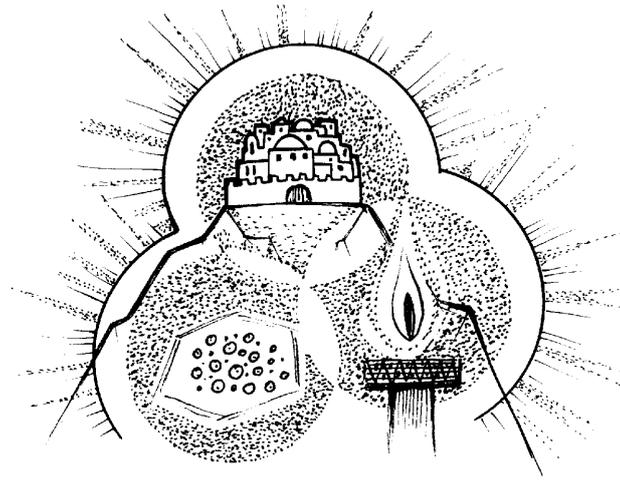
**FOODBANK DONATIONS** Last week, three trays of food donations were delivered to St Mark's, plus cash donations amounting to £240 (£120, £30, £20, £20, £20, £10, £10, £10). Thank you for your generosity. The church is open for donations on **Sundays and Mondays from 2.00pm - 4.00pm**. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **Donations of Weetabix, tins of fruit and bars of soap 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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