



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

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

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**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
World Day of Special Prayer for the Care of Creation**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** This week we welcome back the staff and pupils of St Christopher's RC Primary School and Harrytown Catholic High School as well as those pupils and staff who are starting at both schools for the first time. We hope and pray that it will be blessed year for all the staff and pupils. There is a voluntary Mass at Harrytown on Friday mornings at 8.15am which parishioners are welcome to attend. Just enter the main school gate, turn right and the chapel is directly in front of you. A special word of welcome to Mrs Clare Pickles who succeeds Mr Keith Turmeau as the new headteacher at Harrytown. Our thanks go to Mr Turmeau for his leadership of the school as well as our best wishes for the future.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Sunday	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (Saturday)	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Graham Seymour RIP Samuel Minnis RIP People of the Parish
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Jim Travis RIP
Tuesday	<b>St Gregory the Great, Pp, D</b>	7.30pm	Martin Leach RIP
Wednesday	<b>St Cuthbert</b>	9.30am	Joan Monks RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Mary Ann Molloy RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS Bernadette McCarthy RIP
Saturday	<b>Saturday Memorial Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	Tom Ward RIP People of the Parish
Sunday	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Rosemary Lennon RIP Annie Heywood RIP

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to [www.churchservices.tv/romiley](http://www.churchservices.tv/romiley)

**THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Christine Beswick, 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, Karl Wood, Kevin Bradley, Mary Sainsbury, Rita Stevens, Margaret Maycock, Sr Margaret Mary Foley, Carol Seymour, Peter Taylor, James Smart, Nathalie Whitehead, Florrie Robison, Margaret Wooliscroft, Joan Marshall, Glenis Keenan. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Samuel Minnis, Neville Schofield, Joseph Dawson, Carmel Timblin, Julia Worrall, Derrick Walburn, Martin Leach, Douglas Rollinson, Thomas Furness, James Murphy, Vincent Lee, Mary Scanlon, Alfred Birchenough, Patrick Kelly, Joan Mary Kendrick, Tracy Kirkland.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Lola Jae Maddock who was baptised recently.

**SUNDAY READINGS** for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday B: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. **Mass Preface:** Sunday 3, page 54; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 24.

**EVERGREEN GROUP WEDNESDAYS 1.30PM – 3.30PM**

4th September	Cake and Chat
11th September	NO MEETING
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Sitting Down Exercises
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Hyacinths for Christmas planting
2nd October	Board games/bowls
9th October	Ditloids/Fun Quiz

**200 CLUB WINNERS FOR AUGUST** Congratulations to Joanne Coll, Peter Nicholls, Andrew Griffith & Shaun Dobson. Please collect winnings from the tray in the small sacristy. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** This year this Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 30th November in the St Christopher Centre. There will be a meeting to discuss plans for the fair on Saturday 14th September at 10.00am in the Centre. Everyone is welcome, especially any new faces. Please attend if you wish to be a part of helping with the fair. If you are unable to attend but still wish to be involved, please contact Sarah Strickland (07447 014445) or Matthew Standing (07881811668).

**SUNDAY 9.00AM MASS READERS' ROTA** I'm about to prepare the readers' rota for the period October to March. Newcomers are always welcome and training is available, if required. Please let me know by 1<sup>st</sup> September if your contact details have changed, or if you wish to be removed or added to the list of readers, many thanks for all your support, Anne Granby 0161 494 2711.

**CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY** This is the agency that enables the Church fulfil its social mission across the Diocese. The 2023-2024 Impact Report is available at <https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/about/impact-reports/> The report showcases the various developments and initiatives undertaken over the past year, reflecting the positive impact of Caritas' work across our communities. Physical copies are also available from the back of church. Our parish supports the good work of Caritas through the annual Christmas Crib offerings and the Children's Boxes

**CARITAS CHILDREN'S BOXES ANNUAL COLLECTION** September will see the start of our annual collection. If you are able to bring your box/monies to church, there will be the usual box on the table at the back of church. Otherwise, your collector will contact you. **AND** there will be a spare labelled box for anyone who does not have a box but would like to make a contribution.....that would boost our contribution now that we are collecting only once per year. Many thanks. Christine.

**HOLD THE DATE** There will be a Macmillan Coffee and Cake event in the Parish Centre on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. More details to follow.

**THE WELLSRING SLEEPOUT, SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER** The Sleepout offers an opportunity for us to consider some small elements of how difficult it is to be homeless and sleep on the streets. Further details including registration (essential) at [www.thewellspring.co.uk](http://www.thewellspring.co.uk)

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection £671.90, CAFOD £30.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** Five green crates of groceries and toiletries were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £200 (£120, £30, £20, £10, £10, £10). Your generosity is much appreciated. The church is open on Sunday & Monday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm for donations. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **Donations of baked beans (tinned), packets of dried spaghetti & multipack chocolate wrapped biscuits would be welcomed.** Thank you.

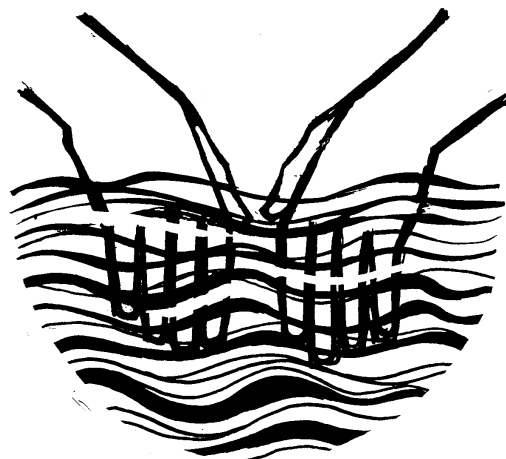
**PAUSE FOR HOPE** This is an ecumenical service for all those suffering from cancer, those caring for family or friends with cancer, and those affected in any way by cancer. This year the service takes place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm in Saint Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Plas Newton, Chester, CH2 1PL. It is an opportunity to come together to pray and to support one other.

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

**COME TO FOOTSTEPS ON 5 SEPTEMBER!** The next event in the popular programme of inspiring talks will be on **Thursday 5 September at 7.30pm in the parish centre at St Peter's, 16 Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA** when we'll have another new face - and voice at Footsteps. It will be such a pleasure to welcome **The Right Reverend Sam Corley, Bishop of Stockport.**

Bishop Sam, a very genial and enthusiastic person, has entitled his talk, "**Purple highlights**" and his subtitle is "**On the road with the Bishop of Stockport.**" This means we're in for a real treat, because he is going to be sharing insights into his life of ministry, particularly since his ordination as bishop in 2021. He will also be happy to respond to questions and comments from the audience. His relaxed, open style and humour are tailor-made for Footsteps audiences, so we hope to welcome you and your friends to this special evening. The kettle will be on, nibbles all ready for you and remember, the loop system, large free car park and good disabled access are also all included!

**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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