



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

This Friday is CAFOD Family Fast Day and a day of special prayer for the needy and hungry of the world. Please remember to take an envelope from the church after Mass today and return with your offering at next Sunday's Masses. I am pleased to welcome to the parish this weekend two CAFOD representatives, Alison Sharrock & Fran Grubert, who will speak at the Masses to thank parishioners for their generous support and also to tell us something about CAFOD'S work among the poor and needy of the world. Please note there is no second or retiring collection after the Masses.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 29th September 2024 – 6th October 2024

Sunday	26 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Fr Colin Wright RIP People of the Parish Robert Parker RIP
Monday	St Jerome, P, D	9.30am	Sick Person
Tuesday	St Theresa of the Child Jesus, V, R	7.30pm	David Bomford RIP
Wednesday	Guardian Angels	9.30am	Sylvia Donovan RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Jack Kennedy RIP
Friday	St Francis of Assisi, R Family Fast Day	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS John William Birch RIP
Saturday	St Maria Faustine, V Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	SSCF Marek Darul RIP
Sunday	27 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish John & Josie Brennan

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to 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, Michael Walsh. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES William Pearson, Beatrice Goddard, Peter Corbishley, Benedict McGrath, Mary Corbishley, Wentworth Southworth, Charles Pollard, Michael Douglas Smith, Margaret Dawson, Anthony Gannon, John William Birch, Arnold Joseph Kay.

SUNDAY READINGS for the 26th Sunday B: Numbers 11: 25-29; James 5: 1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.
Mass Preface: Sunday 7 page 55; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

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.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT Would collectors please note that the second count should be taken at this weekend's Masses? Please note the numbers including children attending each Mass on the forms provided and return to the sacristy. Thank you. The annual Mass count (over 4 weekends) is part of the statistical information the parish submits to the Diocese at the end of the year.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Lily Rose Kiernan who was baptised recently.

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION The Rota for the Saturday 6.00pm Mass is available in the rack in the small sacristy.

HIGHFIELD CEMETERY TASK DAY Were doing another task day at the cemetery and this time its bulb planting. It is taking place on Saturday the 2nd of November 2024 between 10 and 12. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated. Please see poster in porch. Thank you.

MACMILLAN COFFEE & CAKE EVENT Many thanks to all who helped or contributed in any way to this event. The total amount raised will be published in next week's newsletter.

DISABILITY INCLUSION MASS at St Peter's Church, (Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA) on Sunday October 6th, at 2.30 PM. Celebrant Fr Pat Munroe. This will be a shorter, more relaxed service, Makaton supported, with sensory activities and low-level music to support anyone with sensory needs and those who just enjoy the atmosphere. All welcome. For more information email: inclusionstpeters@gmail.com

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL – Harvest (Friday 4 October) Daniel, a young man in the Democratic Republic of Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.



THE WELLSPRING SLEEPOUT One of our parishioners, Charlie Hughes, will be doing the Sleepout on 12th October. If anyone would like to sponsor Charlie, there is a sponsor sheet at the back of church for people to sign up to. Sponsor money may be placed in an envelope marked "Wellspring Sleepout" and posted through the presbytery letterbox. Please put tick beside name on sheet to indicate payment. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 9 weeks to go. This year our fair takes place on Saturday 30th November in the St Christopher Centre. The fair is a fantastic social occasion and it has been lovely to see so many parishioners, families and the wider community attend over the past couple of years. As well as our usual stalls, we have a couple of new things planned for this year. Our Grand Christmas raffle takes place at the end of the fair. Around 25 prizes have already been confirmed with the top prize being a Two Night Hotel Break for Two. Raffle tickets will be available in a few weeks' time. Donations of specific items for the fair will be required over the coming weeks and more details will be announced next week.

Finally, if anyone wants to be a part of helping with the fair in any capacity, please contact Sarah Strickland (07447 014445) or Matthew Standing (07881811668).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD From 28th/29th September you can collect an empty box, leaflets and a hat from the back of church. The boxes with your gifts should be returned to the church for the weekend of 26th/27th October. If you cannot collect a box from the church, please contact Karin Moore on 494 9104 if you would like to have a box delivered to you and collected afterwards.

This is probably the last time it may be possible to organise this annual event unless a volunteer is able to take it on. If anyone is interested, please contact Karin Moore on 494 9104. Thank you.

HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL are holding their Annual Open Evening on Thursday 03 October from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. We would particularly be pleased to welcome Year 5 & 6 pupils. There will be Headteacher talks at 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

EXAM INVIGILATORS: Harrytown Catholic High School are currently recruiting Exam Invigilators. Please visit the school website for more information – www.harrytownschool.org

CARITAS CHILDREN'S BOXES ANNUAL COLLECTION The collection has started. If you cannot bring your monies to church your collector will be in touch. Many thanks. Christine.

THE WELLSPRING SLEEPOUT, SATURDAY 12th 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

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £655.92, CAFOD £30.00. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS 4 green crates of groceries and 2 carrier bags of groceries were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £170 (£120, £30, £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. **Cereals (no Weetabix), fruit juice, biscuits & soups would be welcomed. Thank you.**

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

XAVERIAN COLLEGE OPEN DAYS Saturday 5th October, 10.30am-2.00pm & Sunday 13th October, 10.30am-2.00pm. Please see leaflets at the back of church. For further details please email: admissions@xaverian.ac.uk or phone (0161) 249 2145.

JOB VACANCY The governors of St James' Catholic High School wish to appoint an inspirational, dynamic and highly motivated Teacher of Religious Education to begin in January 2025 or sooner. For more information please visit: <https://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/jobs>

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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