



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

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

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**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EDUCATION**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** Today is a Day of Special Prayer for Education. Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales. Education remains the largest charitable activity of the Church in this country, with many of our schools established for poor immigrant children in the 19th century. At the time, education was seen as the principal means of handing on the faith and improving the spiritual, moral, social and cultural lives of children and young people. We pray for all involved in Catholic education today. Last Tuesday I celebrated Mass for the staff at Harrytown Catholic High School to mark the start of the new school year. Parishioners are welcome to attend the voluntary Mass in the school on Fridays at 8.15am.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Sunday	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (Saturday)	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish Rosemary Lennon RIP Annie Heywood RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Jack Dobson RIP
Tuesday	<b>St Ambrose Barlow, P, M</b>	7.30pm	Jean Grieves RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thursday	<b>Most Holy Name of Mary</b>	9.30am	Joan Monks RIP
Friday	<b>St John Chrysostom, B, D</b>	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS Tony McKenna RIP
Saturday	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	Fr Russell Cooke RIP Angela Halpin RIP
Sunday	<b>24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Deceased of Ryan & Burton Families People of the Parish

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**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** Gerard Phelan, Joseph Haddock, Peter Corbishley, Jack Dobson, Joan Wheeller, Dorothy Nicholson, Kathleen Holden, Esther Luckman, Daniel Carroll, Joseph Dean, Albert Evans, Margaret Carty, Angela Chappelow, Dr Alun Davies, Harry Marsden, Josephine Nagle, Patricia O'Byrne, Derek Daniels, Mollie Hickey.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please pray for Brian Mitchell and Siobhan Louise Moore who died recently. May they rest in peace. Please also pray for their families at this time.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Darcie Ellen Glover who was baptised recently.

**SUNDAY READINGS** for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday B: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37. **Mass Preface:** Sunday 4, page 55; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

**DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE (CONTACTLESS)** This is situated at the back of church for parishioners who wish to use this method for their regular Offertory donations.

**THE RELIC BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS** will be visiting the St Anthony's, Wythenshawe, between 20 and 23 September 2023. This remarkable teenager was a gamer and computer programmer who loved football, with a gift for empathy, a great devotion to Our Lady and a deep love of the Holy Eucharist which he described as his 'highway to heaven'. The visit to the Diocese is a very special opportunity to spend time in prayer venerating the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Confessions will be available, and Mass will be celebrated on each of the days. There will also be inspirational talks on Saturday and Sunday from Monsignor Anthony Figueirido, STD, who has followed the life of the soon to be Saint Carlo Acutis. Registration for veneration is now open and can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relic-of-blessed-carlo-acutis-tickets-1010291297467?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> or through this QR code:



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

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.

**MISSIO** The Autumn edition of Mission Today is now available for collection by Red Box holders from the table at the back of church.

**Ladies' Guild** - Thursday 12th September, 7.30pm. Our first meeting after the Summer Holidays and we invite you to a shared table. All welcome

**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).

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** The shoebox campaign will be starting shortly. At the moment, there is a need for cuddly toy animals, and we would be most grateful for any contributions. They can be placed in the wool box in the church porch or given to Karn Moore. Thank you.

**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.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE & CAKE EVENT** in the St Christopher Centre on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 12.30pm onwards. All donations received for the Macmillan Trust. Please come along and support this worthy event.

**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 £661.66, CAFOD £30.00, standing orders and faster payments for August £2,539.00, digital collection plate (Contactless) for August £714.79. Thank you for your great generosity. There is a new digital collection plate at the back of church which is easy to use and should prove to be more reliable than the old one it replaces. Many people now use debit and credit cards for their regular Offertory donations and since going contactless two-and-a-half years ago, over £17,500 has been raised in this way for parish funds.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** Three green crates of groceries and toiletries and two carrier bags of groceries were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £245 (£120, £50, £30, £20, £20, £5). 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 (tins) multipack crisps & tinned fruit 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.

**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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