



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

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**SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER 2024
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR PRISONERS & THEIR DEPENDENTS**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL At the Masses this weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop on the Assisted Dying/Suicide Bill coming before parliament. This worrying development is something that should concern us all and I urge parishioners to contact their local MP about this matter. There are further details on how to do this below.

This Sunday is Prisoners' Sunday when the Church encourages everyone to reflect on and pray for prisoners and their families and marks the start of the annual week of prayer to raise awareness of issues faced by those affected by the criminal justice system across the Christian denominations.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 13th October 2024 – Sunday 20th October 2024

Sunday	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Neville & Paul Schofield RIP Patrick Gannon RIP People of the Parish
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Fr Colin Wright RIP
Tuesday	St Teresa of Avila, V, D	7.30pm	May Schofield RIP
Wednesday	St Margaret Mary Alacoque, V R	9.30am	Brian Mitchell RIP
Thursday	St Ignatius of Antioch, B, M	9.30am	Malcolm Berry RIP
Friday	St Luke, EV	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS Christine Beswick RIP
Saturday	St Peter of Alcantara, P Nuptial Mass	9.30am 12.30pm	Personal Intention Kathryn Connor & Martin Chadwick
	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm	Neville Jackson RIP
Sunday	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Dexter Samuels RIP

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 James Regan, Frances Barratt, Monica Townley, Terry McGuinness, John Holland, Donald Davidson, Mary Greenhalgh, Florence Russell, Malcolm Berry, Arhtur Anderson, Minnie Waterworth, Neville Jackson, Agnes Sweeney, Ellen Haddock, John Brennan.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Veronika Jade Kalinauskaite Clayton who was baptised recently.

SUNDAY READINGS for the 28th Sunday B: Wisdom 7:7-1; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 19:17-30. **Mass Preface:** Sunday 1, page 54; **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.

FR MICHAEL will be away from Monday – Friday this week on retreat and will remember parishioners in his prayers and in the Mass.

ASSISTED SUICIDE In light of the Pastoral Letter this weekend and the forthcoming Assisted Dying/Suicide Bill to be debated in the House of Commons, the Bishop has requested that clergy provide the contact details of their local MP to allow parishioners to write expressing their concerns and opposition to the proposed Bill. Our local MP is: **MP Lisa Smart, House of Commons, London, SW1 0NA, email: lisa.smart.mp@parliament.uk**

LIKELY VOTE ON ASSISTED SUICIDE IN PARLIAMENT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, Better Off Dead? where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada.

Watch for free online (you do not need a TV licence): righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead

ANNUAL MASS COUNT Would collectors please note that the fourth and final 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.

THE WELLSPRING SLEEPOUT Charlie Hughes will be doing the Sleepout on this Saturday 12th October. He would like to thank all those who sponsored him and he suggests three ways of donating sponsorship money to the Wellspring Centre:

1. Please post your donation through the presbytery letterbox and tick the form at the back of church.
2. Make a bank transfer to the Wellspring Stockport, (Virgin Money), sort code 05 09 33 acc. no. 42922490.
3. Go to "Just Giving" on the Wellspring app indicating that it is to sponsor Charlie Hughes. Thank you once again for your most generous support for this worthy cause.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT with Marple Band & Varifocals on Friday 6th December Would anyone be able to help set up in the afternoon, help during the concert and clear afterwards? Please contact Keith on 07811 470082 . Thank you.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER Margaret & Dave McPherson, Sheila Hayes, Breda & Bill O’Riordan, Eva McLoughlin. Please collect envelopes from the small sacristy.

EVERGREEN GROUP WEDNESDAYS 1.30PM – 3.30PM

16th October Comedy Film - Ken Dodd

23rd October Talk by Brenda from Hearing Dogs with 'in training' dog Cora

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting will take place on Thursday 17 October 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.

PIETY STALL

We have our Christmas stock in. Packets of Christmas cards £2 each, Diaries £3.50 each, Calendars £1 each, Boxed Christmas cards £4 each.

The piety stall will be open the weekends of

12 and 13 October 2024

19 and 20 October 2024

2 and 3 November 2024

16 and 17 November 2024

7 and 8 December 2024

Please come and have a browse.

HIGHFIELD CEMETERY TASK DAY We’re 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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 7 weeks to go. This year our fair takes place on Saturday 30th November in the St Christopher Centre starting at 12.00 noon. 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, 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 from next weekend priced at £3 per book. A list of all raffle prizes confirmed so far will also be in the newsletter and on the parish website.

We now require donations of items for the fair, specifically **bottles, chocolates and sweets**. If you are able to donate such items, please bring up to church and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday’s collection £820.19, CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal £826.23. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS 4 green crates of groceries and 2 carrier bags of tinned food were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £190 (£120, £30, £20, £20). 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 individually wrapped chocolate biscuits as treats for children would be very much appreciated. Thank you.**

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



THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk

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