



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

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**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**  
**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE POOR**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** The newsletter contains an insert from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales on the Assisted Dying Bill following their autumn conference in Leeds last week. The statement is well worth reading as it clearly states the Catholic position on this matter. It is also available on the parish website. Thank you to the great number of parishioners who have signed the petition at the back of church opposing the Bill. The petition will be delivered before the Second Reading of the Bill in the Commons on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

At 3.00pm today we have our annual parish Memorial Service to remember and pray for parishioners who have died during the past year and also for the deceased members of our families and friends. Please come if you can to the service which will also be livestreamed.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Sunday	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (Saturday)	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Catherine Potterton RIP People of the Parish Valerie Maguire RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Paul Reynolds RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Ernest Kilgallon RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	November Dead List
Thursday	<b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	9.30am	The Holy Souls
Friday	<b>St Cecilia, V, M</b>	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS John & Eileen Kelly RIP
Saturday	<b>Saturday Memorial Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	Personal Intention Eddie & Philip Palmer RIP
Sunday	<b>34<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish James Quinn 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, 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** Raymond Molesdale, William Bradburn, Irene Quinn, Sarah Hill, James Ernest Kilgallon, Edith Shaw, Cecilia Moores, Barbara Lawton, Paul Bruce, Mary Anderson, Archibald Burns.

**SUNDAY READINGS** for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday B: Daniel 12:1-13; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32. **Mass Preface:** Sunday 5, page 55; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, 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.

**THE LADIES' GUILD** meeting is on Thursday November 21st at 7.30pm. We will be having a "Beetle Drive." All are welcome to join us.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST** You are invited to pick up an envelope from the back of church and write the names of those you wish to be remembered during this month of the Holy Souls. Please place in the envelope and return to the church where they will be placed in a basket at the front of the altar. One Mass per week will be offered for all whose names are on the list. Please **do not** put any money in the envelope. Thank you.

**PARISH MEMORIAL SERVICE** today at 3.00pm. We have written to the families of those who have died since last November inviting them to come to the service. The service is also open to all parishioners who are welcome to come and pray for their own deceased loved ones and light a candle in their memory.

**PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP** The next meeting will take place on Thursday 21 November 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

23 and 24 November 2024

7 and 8 December 2024. **Please come and have a browse.**

**A PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS** featuring Marple Band & the VariVocals Choir at Our Lady & St Christopher's Church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6.45pm for 7.00pm. Tickets priced at £10.00 available after Mass. Includes mince pies and wine. Please see poster in porch.

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

20th November Film 'Fantasia'

**THE MEMORY TREE** will be out very soon, the memory hearts are now at the back of church. We fill this tree with messages for our loved ones gone but never forgotten and the tree will be Blessed on Christmas Eve. All donations will go to church.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR - just 2 weeks away!** Our Christmas Fair is nearly upon us, taking place at the end of the month on Saturday 30th November in the St Christopher Centre, starting at 12.00 noon. We hope to see many parishioners and families there, along with the wider community to make it a huge social and fundraising success.

We will have all our usual stalls in place at the fair including Cakes, Crafts and our Tombola. Hot food and refreshments will be available as well as Irish Coffees and Mulled Wine. For the children we have a Sweet stall, Christmas games, a Children's Tombola and also the chance to meet Father Christmas.

Our Grand Christmas raffle takes place at the end of the fair and raffle tickets continue to be available from the back of church priced at £3 per book. Please sell amongst family and friends and return money & counterfoils back to church. We have over 50 prizes on offer.

We still require donations of items for the fair, specifically **bottle prizes and chocolates and sweets for our Children's tom bola**. Thank you to those who have generously donated items so far. There are still a couple of weeks left to bring any suitable items up to church.

#### **CHRISTMAS FAIR - raffle prizes**

1st Prize - Two Night Hotel Break for Two

2nd Prize - Luxury Afternoon Tea for Two

Plus, many other prizes including meal vouchers, days out vouchers, luxury hampers, bottles, flowers, chocolates and toys.

**MISSIO** The Mission Today Calendar 2025, is now on the table at the back of church for collection by Red Box Holders. Thank you.

**ACCESSIBLE MASS ST PETER'S HAZEL GROVE SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER AT 2.30PM** This is the third Mass of the year, and the Inclusion Group invite everyone to our Advent Mass to prepare for the Nativity. This will be a relaxed Mass of about 30 minutes in length, allowing movement around church, sensory prayer activities, a breakout area and low stimulus music. We will be supported by a British Sign Language signer. Previous Masses have proven to be joyous celebrations, so please join us and spread the word that this is a Mass for everyone. There will be a welcome cup of tea at the end. Contact: [inclusionstpeters@gmail.com](mailto:inclusionstpeters@gmail.com)

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection £665.00; CAFOD £45.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** 4 green crates of various groceries & 2 carrier bags - tinned meats & peas were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £230 (£120, £30, £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 tinned carrots, sweetcorn and rice pudding would be welcomed. Thank you.**

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

**THE CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** catalogue is available to collect at the back of church and by the side door. A good way to support the work of CAFOD in the developing world.

**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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