



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

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**SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2024
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL This is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year and is marked by the solemn feast of Christ the King. The feast was introduced by Pope Pius XI in 1925 at a time of conflict and the growing threats of atheism and secularism. Pope Pius saw that keeping Christ and his holy law out to public life would only lead to further conflict and discord in the world. Today's feast is an invitation to renew our loyalty to Christ and serve in him in our daily lives.

Thank you to all those who signed the petition (over 120) against the Assisted Dying Bill which has its Second Reading in Parliament on Friday. Many of you have also told me you have written to the local MP. I am grateful for the interest you have shown in this issue and let us hope and pray for a successful outcome to the debate on Friday.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 24th November 2024 – Sunday 1st December 2024

Sunday	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Eddie & Philip Palmer RIP People of the Parish James Quinn RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Barrie Carroll RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	November Dead List
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	John Murray RIP
Thursday	Ferial Mass in St Christopher's Primary School	9.30am	Maureen Sheridan RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS Winnie & Nev Partington RIP
Saturday	St Andrew, Ap, Patron of Scotland Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Personal Intention Michelle & Marie O'Brien RIP
Sunday	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00am 11.00am	John Warwick RIP People of the Parish

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to 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, 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 Thomas Furneaux, Alfred White, Sheelah Smith, Josie Brennan, Hannah Boyle, Agness Bell, Arthur Crompton, Jeffrey Taylor, P Neville, Mary Cook, Liam Walsh, Vincent Kearney, Jacqui Andrews, Barbara Marshall, Lillian McDonald, John Duggan, James Quinn, Victor Nixon, Gerard Nicholson.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Warren Walton, Peter Taylor and Janice Escola who died recently. May they rest in peace. Please also pray for their families at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS for Solemnity of Christ the King B: Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18: 33-37.
Mass Preface: page 56; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

PLEASE NOTE that Mass on Thursday will be celebrated in St Christopher's Primary School at 9.30am.

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.

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.

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.**

ASSISTED DYING (SUICIDE) BILL A short (18 minute) video produced by Being Catholic TV for the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales presents well-crafted arguments against assisted suicide. The Bill to promote assisted suicide will have its Second Reading in Parliament on Friday. It includes interviews with Cardinal Vincent Nichols and various palliative care doctors among others.

<https://rcpolitics.org/do-no-harm-a-new-short-documentary-on-assisted-suicide/>

A PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS featuring Marple Band & the VariVocals Choir at Our Lady & St Christopher's Church on Friday 6th 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

27th November Blue Plaques in Stockport Suburbs
4th December Singalong with Pat
11th December Christmas Party

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 - NEXT SATURDAY This time next week it will all be over! Our Christmas Fair takes place next Saturday from 12.00-3.00 in the St Christopher Centre.

Donations of items, particularly bottle prizes and chocolates or sweets for our children's tombola are still required and will be gratefully received. Cakes, either homemade or bought would also be appreciated. If anyone is able to offer any help on the day of the fair please contact Sarah Strickland (07447 014445) or Matthew Standing (07881811668).

We will have all the usual stalls including Cakes, Crafts and our Tombola stall. We will also have a children's area with Christmas themed games and a children's tombola. Lunches & Refreshments including Mulled Wine and Irish Coffees will be available, and Father Christmas will be making an appearance too.

Don't forget to bring your tickets (or purchase some more) for our Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at the fair. We have over 50 prizes on offer. If you have any unsold books, please bring them too so they can be sold on the day.

We hope to see many parishioners and families there, along with the wider community to make it a huge social and fundraising success

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.

ACCESSIBLE MASS ST PETER'S HAZEL GROVE SUNDAY 1ST 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

ADVENT SERIES OF TALKS You are invited to a series of talks in Advent to coincide with the launch of the New Lectionary at the Parish Hall, Holy Angels, Hale Barns, Altrincham, WA15 0HG. **At 7pm on Wednesday 4th December** we are delighted to welcome Fr Paul Denney who is a priest of the Diocese of Motherwell, Scotland. He has a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute. He has recently served on the editorial board for the new lectionary as the delegate of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. He will speak to us about the new translation of the Lectionary that we will be using at Mass.

On Wednesday 11th December Fr Marco Egawhary a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, he completed further studies at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. His talk will be on why it is important to pray with the scriptures and how to pray with them.

Wednesday 18th December Fr David Irwin priest of the Diocese of Shrewsbury and Natalie Orefice, Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis for the Diocese of Shrewsbury will present Dei Verbum on Divine Revelation from the Second Vatican Council. After each talk we will go into the parish church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Compline. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £667.10; CAFOD £30.00. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS 3 carrier bags and 4 crates of food were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £235 (£120, £45, £30, £20, £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 shower gel, baked beans, tins of rice pudding and rice crispies 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



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

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