



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

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**SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2024
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

THIS WILL RETURN AGAIN NEXT WEEKEND

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 3rd November 2024 – Sunday 10th November 2024

Sunday	31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Bernadette Shanahan RIP People of the Parish James Espley RIP
Monday	St Charles Borromeo, B	9.30am	Desmond O'Connor RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Norah Royle RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Michael Kivell RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	The Holy Souls
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS Mary Moran RIP
Saturday	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am	November Dead List
Sunday	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Eddie & Philip Palmer RIP Christine Beswick 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, 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 Thomas Gilleney, James Williams, Frances Owen, Gerard Jones, Michael McNulty, Robert McLoughlin, Kevin Lynch, William Cody, Mary Williams, Mary Oakley, Caroline Ingoldsby, Kevin Faure.

SUNDAY READINGS for the 31st Sunday B:Deutoronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34. **Mass Preface:** Sunday 4, 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.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Lillie-Mae Sheahan who was baptised recently.

FR MICHAEL is spending the weekend with his mother in Ireland and will return again on Monday.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR DENIS MAHER RIP As some parishioners will know, Fr Denis was a long serving priest of our Shrewsbury Diocese and parish priest of St Paul's, Hyde, for 19 years before retiring. In retirement, he supplied Masses in many different parishes including here in Romiley and in Whaley Bridge. His funeral arrangements are as follows:

Vigil Mass at St Paul's, Hyde, on Wednesday 6th November at 7.00pm. The Requiem Mass celebrated by the Bishop is on Thursday 7th November at 11.30am May he rest in peace.

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.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER Assemble at Green Lane adjacent to the Duke of York Hotel for the parade to the War Memorial on George Lane where a short service will take place. A wreath will be laid on behalf of Our Lady & St Christopher's Parish.

PARISH MEMORIAL SERVICE As November is the month of the Holy Souls, the service will take place on Sunday 17th November 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.

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

2 and 3 November 2024

23 and 24 November 2024

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

EVERGREEN GROUP, WEDNESDAYS 1.30PM – 3.30PM

6th November Board Games
13th November Anne Marie with craft and the theme 'Thinking Christmas'
20th November Film 'Fantasia'

CHRISTMAS FAIR - just 4 weeks to go. Our fair takes place at the end of the month 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.

The 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, A list of confirmed raffle prizes so far is below.

Please also continue to bring in 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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - raffle prizes

1st Prize - Two Night Hotel Break for Two

2nd Prize - Luxury Afternoon Tea for Two

Other confirmed prizes:

£30 gift card from The Joshua Bradley, 3-course meal for Two at The Hare & Hounds, £20 voucher for Matt's Plaice, Curry night at The Barnhouse, Sunday Lunch at the Barnhouse, £25 voucher for Stockport Eats, Signed Stockport County shirt, £40 voucher at NERF Action Experience at the Trafford Centre, Gullivers World tickets, Dino Golf voucher, Interactive Mini golf at Urban Playground, Voucher for Tittertons Butchers in Woodley, Almond Pubs Voucher, £30 drinks voucher at Platform One, Regent Cinema voucher, Opening Night Panto tickets at Stockport Plaza, £25 voucher for Chill Factor, VIP tickets at Altrincham Ice Rink, Vouchers for No.29 Coffee House, Voucher at The Italian, Voucher for The Stock Dove, 2 x £25 vouchers for Go Thai, Flowers from Romlily Flowers, Voucher from Romiley Butchers, Fruit Basket, Homemade Christmas Cake, 2 x Irish Hampers, numerous bottles plus more to come!

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £713.40, CAFOD £85.00, Wellspring Sleepout, additional £50. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS 4 crates of groceries, 3 carrier bags of multipack crisps and shower gel. were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £190 (£120, £20, £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 multipack bags of crisps & "ordinary" biscuits 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.

ST JOSEPH'S WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2025 This will be for 4 nights from 5 May 2025 to 9 May 2025. Please email Shelagh Humphries: shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com or telephone 07853176698 for more details. The approximate cost is £508 Ensuite room / £432 Standard for half board and includes coach travel. Please see poster and booking form on our parish website. A £100 per person non-refundable deposit is required by the 30 November 2024.

FOOTSTEPS EVENT ON THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER The next event in the programme of inspiring talks will be on **Thursday 7 November at 7.30pm** in the **parish centre of St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA** with **Mary Hardiman**. Always a captivating and thought-provoking speaker, Mary will be looking at what **forgiveness** means, what Jesus has to say and do about it and how we can apply His teaching in our lives. We'd love to welcome you to join with other Christians in our informal, relaxed, café-style setting with drinks and nibbles all to help us on our faith journey.

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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