



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

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**SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2024
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL As we continue our Advent journey this week, we hear John the Baptist's call to repentance in the Gospel today in order to prepare the way for the Lord's coming. Hence, there will be the opportunity to make a good confession for Christmas on Tuesday 17th December between 6.30pm – 7.15pm. Please try to avail of this opportunity if you can.

On Friday afternoon I travel to St Mary's College, Oscott, for the ordination to the diaconate of two students for the priesthood for our Shrewsbury Diocese – Adam Bamber and Joseph Fawcett Wood, both of whom were students on placement in the parish here a few years ago. You can view the Ordination Mass by following the link in the newsletter – see below. Please keep Joseph and Adam in your prayers.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 8th December 2024 - Sunday 15th December 2024

Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Louise Hopkinson RIP People of the Parish Sheila Jackson B'Day Ints.
Monday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	Doris Karras RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Sheila Kay RIP
Wednesday	Ferial Funeral service	9.30am 12.15pm	Terry Wild RIP Janice Escola RIP
Thursday	Our Lady of Guadalupe	9.30am	Samuel Minnis RIP
Friday	St Lucy, V, M Funeral service	8.15am 10.30am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS Peter Taylor RIP Warren Walton RIP
Saturday	St John of the Cross, P, D Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Fr James Murray RIP Liberato Raccio RIP
Sunday	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Pat Owen RIP

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, 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 John McMurdo, Mary Furness, Frank Hughes, Margaret O'Brien, Elsie Doherty, Felicia McDonnell, Clare Boyle, Ann Canning, Kathleen Holland, Bridget Cunningham, Patricia Frayne, Sheila Davies, Mary Brace, Michael Hearne, Rosemary Wood, James O'Donnell, Gabrielle Chapman, Glendora Martin, Mary Hayward, Eric Shashoura, Albert Worth.

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.

SUNDAY READINGS for Second Sunday of Advent C Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6; 8-11: Luke 3:1-6. **Mass Preface:** Advent 1, page 65; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 25.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER Christine Holt, Barbara Edwards, Pauline Wilson, Kathleen Walker. Please collect envelopes from the tray in the small sacristy. Thank you.

PARISH MASS READERS Now that we are using the new Lectionary for the Sunday and weekday Mass readings, I would request our readers to please pay attention to the new translation when preparing to read at Mass. I hope to arrange a meeting about the new Lectionary after Christmas.

NEW SUNDAY MISSAL We now have the new Sunday missal in stock at the Piety stall priced at £20. The missal contains the three-yearly cycle of readings for Sunday Mass. There are also leaflets at the back of church which explain what the Lectionary is about and how it differs from the previous one. Please take a leaflet home with you.

THE REQUIEM MASS FOR WARREN WALTON who died recently will be offered at St Peter's Church, Hazel Grove, on Wednesday 11th December at 12 noon. Please pray for Warren's happy repose and also for Clare and the family at this sad time. May he rest in peace.

DIACONATE ORDINATIONS AT ST MARY'S COLLEGE, OSCOTT Adam Bamber and Joseph Fawcett Wood, two students for the priesthood for the Shrewsbury Diocese, who have been on placement in our parish in recent years, will be ordained as deacons at the college on Saturday 14th December at 11.00am. You can view the Ordination Mass by clicking on the link below. Please keep both Adam & Joseph in your prayers as they take this important step on their journey towards priesthood. We look forward to welcoming back Adam to the parish again on 17th December where he will remain until his priestly ordination in the summer.

<https://camstreamer.com/redirect/rKTokF6sJW4Qe0xQJ2ELISzNZiD8S3ewceN7hWOi>

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Thank you. Our biggest Parish event, the Christmas Fair took place last weekend and it was a fantastic social and fundraising occasion. It was extremely pleasing to see so many people attending, with all our stalls popular.

A number of thank-you's to pass on ... To everyone who donated items and purchased/sold raffle tickets ... to those who helped in the planning and running of the fair, including all stall holders ... to those who gave up their time to help set up the centre beforehand and to clear up afterwards ... to all the local businesses that donated prizes towards the raffle, and finally to each and every person that attended. A great time was had by all. The final amount of money raised on the day was a fantastic £4,889.62.

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

EVERGREEN GROUP, WEDNESDAYS 1.30PM – 3.30PM

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 FUN RUN Friday 27th December in Bollington

Join CAFOD for the annual Christmas Fun Run in Bollington! Wear your festive fancy dress and take on this joyful run to support communities around the world to lift themselves out of poverty. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors over the Christmas period, whilst also contributing to a good cause. Adult, child and family entrance fees are available. Whether you walk, run or jog, every step makes a difference.

We are also in need of volunteers to help out on the day. If you can spare a few hours, please contact events@cafod.org.uk or kkeen@cafod.org.uk for more information.

Use the QR code to register or find out more info on our website: www.cafod.org.uk/Bollington



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.

On Wednesday 11th December the second talk will be given by 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 £746.83; CAFOD £35.00; standing orders & faster payments for November £2,514.00; contactless card payments for November £590.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS 5 trays and 2 carrier bags of donations were delivered to St Mark's last week. The cash donations also received will be published in next week's newsletter. 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 tea and coffee 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



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