



**OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S
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**SUNDAY 19th JANUARY 2025
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL Christmas is over for another year, and we return to Ordinary Time, marked by the liturgical colour green. Although it lacks the distinctiveness of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, Ordinary Time a period for continued growth in faith.

I'll be on holiday in Ireland from Monday until the following Monday. There will be no newsletter next weekend, but the Mass intentions and death anniversaries for the following week are listed at the end of this newsletter. May God bless all in our parish family in the week ahead.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 19th January 2025 - Sunday 26th January 2025

Sunday	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Ian Watson RIP People of the Parish Colin Burns
Monday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Thomas Graham Sheahan RIP
Tuesday	St Agnes, V, M Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	The Sick & Housebound
Wednesday	St Vincent, Dc, M Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Ints. of Lucy & Richard Saunders
Thursday	Ferial Requiem Mass	11.30am	David Waterworth RIP
Friday	St Francis De Sales, B, D	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS David Roche RIP
Saturday	The Conversion of St Paul, Ap Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Personal Intention Kevin Slim RIP
Sunday	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Cath Bocking 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, 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, Kathleen Holland, Carole Roe. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Elizabeth Taylor, John Melling, Brenda Melling, Florence Bardsley, Olive Holland, Denis Mather, James Timblin, David Gregg, Alma Toy, Eileen Bradburn, Bernard Duffy, Maureen Escott, Fr Terry Hillhouse, Gerard Grady, Diana Aldred, John Kearney, John McAuley, Dorohty Turner, John Welsby, Olivia Ruiz, Kathleen Monaghan, Agnes Tipping, Christina McCumaskey, Rita Lyons, Kevin Slim.

Sunday Readings for the 3rd Sunday C: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11. **Mass Preface:** 1, page 68 **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION This collection will be held during the weekend Masses on Sunday 1st & 2nd February. The funds collected assist in providing accommodation and support for retired priests in our Shrewsbury Diocese. There are currently over 30 retired priests in our Diocese, many of whom continue to assist by celebrating Mass during times of sickness and holidays.

TERESA (TESS) SMITH RIP The Requiem Mass for Tess will be offered by Fr Michael at Lady of the Vale Care Home, Grange Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, WA14 3HA, on Tuesday 28th January at 2.00pm followed by committal at Altrincham Crematorium at 3.15pm. May she rest in peace.

FIRST SACRAMENTS 2025 The parents of children in non-Catholic schools who are eligible to make their First Holy Communion later this year are asked to contact Fr Michael with names and contact details so they can be invited to a series of meetings to prepare them for these sacraments.

LADIES' GUILD meeting on Thursday January 23rd at 7.30pm. All welcome.

ADORATION ON TUESDAYS Beginning this week, there will be Adoration in church from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm. Mass will then follow at 7:30 pm. This is in addition to the other days of Adoration, which are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 9:00 am. In this Jubilee Year, why not come and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament?

EVERGREEN GROUP - Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm

22nd January Quiz afternoon
29th January Board Games/Bowls

INTRODUCTION TO THE HOLY YEAR 2025 A special day will be held at Saint Joseph's, Stockport, on Saturday 1st February to introduce the Jubilee Year 2025. The day will begin with Mass at 10.00 am and include presentations by our catechetical, marriage and family life, CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury teams.

ADORATION AT ST JOSEPH'S, STOCKPORT Fr Sean Davidson is appealing for Adorers for the Eucharistic Shrine. Currently he is looking for Adorers on a Thursday from 4pm onwards, however if you wish to commit to another day or time, you are very welcome.

Adoration is from Monday to Friday from 7am to 9pm.

For more information and the Eucharistic Shrine email, please visit the website

stjosephsrcchurchstockport.org.uk

DIOCESAN YEARBOOK Copies of the 2025 yearbook are available at the back of church priced at £7.00 each. Contains various articles, parish and diocesan information, clergy obituaries, etc. Please put money in the newspaper wall box or use the Dona contactless card machine. Thank you.

A YEAR OF HOPE 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? How will the Church be celebrating it? How can I get involved? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more in this lively start to the Jubilee. Hear highlights of how we're celebrating as a church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. **Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online.** Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £687.42, CAFOD £55.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS 4 crates of groceries, 3 well packed carrier bags of 6-bag crisps were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £280 (£240, £30, £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.

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



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 26th January 2025 - Sunday 2nd February 2025

Sunday	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Kevin Slim RIP People of the Parish Cath Bocking RIP
Monday	St Angela Merici, V Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	David Roche RIP
Tuesday	St Thomas Aquinas, P, D Adoration & Evening Prayer	6.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Ian Watson RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Michael Wilson RIP
Friday	St John Bosco, P, R	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Sheila Hayes Ints.
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary – Saturday Memorial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Deceased of Ward Family People of the Parish
Sunday	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Karl Wood RIP Dave Chorlton & Family

ANNIVERSARIES 26th January – 1st February Wiliam Skeer, Joan Loftus, Dominic Jennison, Douglas Herod, Dorothy Lyons, Winifred Connolly, Gordon Holt, Norah O’Neill, Irene Quirke, David Roche, Derek Saxelby, Teresa Oldham, Wilfred Duddy, David Latham, Maureen Bettoni, Bernard Shallow, Eileen Jordan, Edward Russell, Michael Wilson, Jeanette Taylorson, Frances Molesdale, Wendy Cullenaine, Colette Lunt, David McCluskey.

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

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