

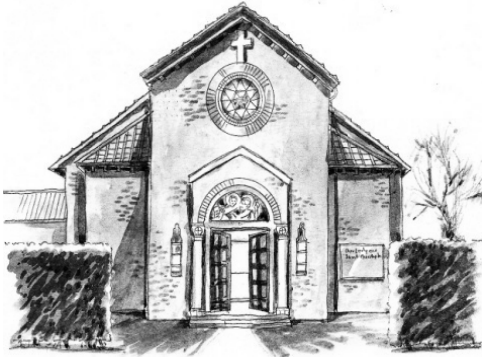
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**SUNDAY 16th MARCH 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL On this Second Sunday of Lent we hear the Gospel account of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. This event, in which his glory was revealed, was meant to strengthen the faith of the disciples in the dark days ahead, as he faced his Passion and death in Jerusalem. It reminds us too, the present-day disciples of Jesus, that whatever crosses or hardships come our way in life we too are destined to share in the glory of his resurrection. Thank you for the great response to the Friday Lenten soup lunches with almost £1000 raised for CAFOD so far. The retiring collection from Friday's Family Fast Day will be taken at the Masses today.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 16th March 2025 - Sunday 23rd March 2025

Sunday	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Kieran Maloney RIP People of the Parish Welfare of Henry Synomi
	Stations of the Cross in church		
Monday	St Patrick, B, Patron of Ireland Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Sylvia & Nick Donovan RIP
Tuesday	Ferial - Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Kieran Maloney RIP
Wednesday	St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Wyn Thomas RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Seamus Duddy RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm 1.00pm 7.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Valerie Maguire RIP Josephine Mulryan RIP
	Funeral service Stations of the Cross (online)		
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	SSCF Fr Michael Murray RIP
Sunday	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Tony Delaney RIP People of the Parish
	Stations of the Cross in church		

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, Helen Ibbotson, Kath Bradley, Evlyn Richardson. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Raymond Quinn, James Cahalan, Phyllis Burns, Lynne Maguire, Elsie Edwards, Delia Cooke, Maureen Mather, Anne Burgess, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Kathleen McGrath, Ann Standing, Elsie Dean, Mary Littler, Mary Bradley, Alice Cavey, Joseph Bowers, Marjorie Webb, John Singleton, Francis Oakley, Barbara Bach.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Anne Mulhearn who died recently. May she rest in peace. Please also pray for her family at this time.

Sunday Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent C: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36.
Mass Preface: Transfiguration of the Lord, page 72; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

EVERGREEN GROUP – WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm - 3.30pm

19th March Paper Gift Boxes with Anne Marie

26th March Board games/bowls

THE GOVERNING BOARD of Harrytown Catholic High School has vacancies for Foundation Governors, who must be practising Catholics. If you would like to find out more, please ring Philippa Bonorino on 0161 430 6750.

THE LADIES' GUILD meeting is on Thursday March 20th at 7.30pm. All welcome.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting will take place on Thursday 20 March 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.

ATTENTION ALL GIFT AID DONORS The tax year 2024/25 will be coming to an end on 5th April and the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please let Father Michael know or contact Dominic Berry (07768 527735) by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year.

200 CLUB 2025-2026 The last draw for the current year's 200 Club will take place on the weekend of 29th March. For the following 12 months, we will be raising money through the 200 Club for Mary's Meals. We look forward to your support for this very worthy charity. At the back of church, there is information about their work which feeds hungry children in some of the world's poorest countries. More details about how you can buy numbers for the coming year's draws will be available before the end of this month.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR on Saturday 5th April. Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you are intending to be travelling

The transport will be of **two** kinds: by **train** or by your own **car**. For those coming **by train** from Stockport. Parking can be found at the NCP next to the station (Exchange Station, 11 Railway Road, **SK1 3SW**) We will convene at platform one at 9:30am and leave Stockport at 9:40am, arriving in Shrewsbury for 10:46am followed by a short 15 min walk to the Orchard Café for a pit stop before Mass. For those coming **by car**, the journey from the church is one hour and fifty minutes. Parking can be found at St Julian Friars (SY1 1XL) the ticket machine takes card payments. From the car park there is a short 5 min walk up Town Walls to the Cathedral Café to meet the group. **Think about car sharing too.** **Cost** - The price of a train ticket is around £31.30 [without a railcard].

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Throughout the year, several knitters are busy producing hats, scarves, and mittens. If any additional wool is required beyond what is in the box in the church porch, please ring Karin More – (0161) 494 9104. In addition, if anyone has any empty shoe boxes to spare, please leave them in the porch, along with any spare toys. Thank you.

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE Bookings for the 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now open: by air from Friday 25 July to Thursday 31 July 2025 and by coach from Thursday 24 July to Friday 01 August 2025 The brochure and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk Fr Michael & Deacon Adam will be going.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCH on Friday after the 12 o'clock Mass. There will also be an opportunity to purchase cakes and 'good as new' fancy goods. All proceeds in aid of CAFOD.

MARYS MEALS Why not donate your leftover foreign currency to help feed hungry children with Mary's Meals? Simply take an envelope from the back of church, fill it with your leftover foreign currency and then place it in the container at the back of church and we will arrange for it to be returned to Mary's Meals. **You can also add coins and notes that are no longer legal tender.** Participating in this will help provide nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. *"Mary's Meals is a series of lots of little acts of love. If you put all those acts of sacrifice together, it creates a beautiful thing."* Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Founder of Mary's Meals. www.marysmeals.org.uk Thank you.

ST JOSEPH'S EUCHARISTIC SHRINE is hosting Family Faith and Fun Days, starting 23rd March. The days will start at 1.30pm, followed by adult and children faith study plus fun activities for the children, adults can join in, the day will end at 4pm after Guided Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome. Fr Sean and all at St Joseph's look forward to meeting you. For more information, please contact Fr Sean via email stockportshrine@gmail.com

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £708.65, CAFOD £20.00, standing orders and faster payments for February £3,004.00; contactless card donations for February £725.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS Four green crates of various groceries and three carrier bags of (heavy) tinned basics were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £190 (£120, £30, £10, £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 peas and instant coffee would be welcomed. Thank you**

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day Collection Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

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

NEW STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BOOK LAUNCH On March 28th at our Lady & the Apostles Church in Stockport (SK3 8BQ), the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm will use a new set of reflections by local author Brenda Ackroyd: "Jesus Speaks on the Way of the Cross." Afterwards in the parish centre there will be a book launch and sale of the Stations as well as Brenda's other books (one of stories and one of poems on religious themes) along with tea, coffee and a chat. All welcome. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to Fr Martin's Outreach Project.

JOB VACANCY Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College is seeking to appoint a teacher of Core Religious Education and Chaplaincy Support. Core RE has centrally planned resources and is not an examined subject. Therefore, there are no formal assessments and no significant marking commitments. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. For more information, please go to the Loreto Website vacancies page.

<https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/>

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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