



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

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**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Sr Faustina, a Polish nun and visionary who lived in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century received a vision of Jesus with one hand raised in blessing and the other on his heart. She then devoted her life to spreading the message about God's forgiveness or divine mercy. Pope St John Paul II canonised Sr Faustina in 2000.

I am sure you will be delighted with the easing of Lockdown restrictions from Monday. This gives us the increased confidence that we are moving in the right direction whilst also maintaining the need for continued vigilance. May God bless all in our parish community in the week ahead.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Sunday	<b>Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish Arthur Newton RIP Barrie Carroll RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Joe Devlin RIP Private Int. ( R O'N)
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Annemarie Jackson RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Banikos Yiatrou RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Kathleen Zwierink
Friday	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>12.00pm</b>	Christina Kennelly RIP Eileen Murphy RIP Private Int. (MJG)
Saturday	Ferial <b>Evening Mass of following Sunday</b>	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	Fr Frank Rice RIP People of the Parish
Sunday	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Margaret Kennedy RIP Thomas O'Reilly RIP Malcolm & Mary Berry RIP

**THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Christine Beswick, Hillary Rustage, Kieran O'Brien, Debbie Sainsbury, Lionel & Jenny Rawlings, Matthew Norman, Jadar Jones, Michael Christie, Sonia Faure, Wilfred Hartley, Mandy Keane, Joyce Osbourne, Michael O'Sullivan, Bob Parker, Katelyn Reilly, Margaret Smith, Amy Harris, Elizabeth Brown, Bridget Robertson, Valerie Gahan, Marina Hernandez. Joshua Goddard, Eamon Curran, Pat Duggan, Ruth Grace Crosby, Mary Ready, Avril McCormack, Howard Moore, Eileen Bush, Ann Standing, Pat Stewart, Sheila Murphy, Kath Longden, Michael Sainsbury, Kathleen Zwierink, Moira McNeill, John Bardsley, Tricia Burke, Isaac Seed Iqbal. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for Christina Kennelly who died recently. May she rest in peace. Please pray for her family also.

**LIVE STREAM** Masses and other services may be viewed by clicking on the 'Live Stream' button on the home page of our Parish Website, or directly through <http://www.churchservices.tv/romiley>

**SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS READINGS** You can find the readings at:

[www.universalis.com/20200802/masshtm](http://www.universalis.com/20200802/masshtm) The Prayer of the Church (Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night prayer, etc.) is also on the website. Readings for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April: Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 5; 1-6; John 20: 19-31.

**HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH - RIP** We remember in prayer Prince Philip asking God in his mercy to grant him eternal rest and we also pray for her Majesty the Queen and family in their sad loss at this time. There will be a Mass offered for Prince Philip next week.

**FR MICHAEL & FR FRANCIS** would like to thank all those who sent them cards and gifts for Easter which they appreciate very much.

**IT WAS A GREAT JOY** to celebrate the Holy Week / Easter Masses and services in church with a congregation and very pleasing to note the numbers who came to them. At the three Easter Masses alone there were approximately 220 in attendance which is almost 70% of the usual weekly Mass attendance before the outbreak of the pandemic just over a year ago. Once again I want to express my gratitude to the stewards for faithfully turning up week after week to ensure we are compliant with the regulations governing public worship at this time.

**CONFESSION - RECONCILIATION** Fr Michael is available to hear Confessions – please get in touch to arrange a suitable time to visit.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES** It is difficult to distribute all the boxes this time. Therefore, boxes for each weekend Mass will be put on the table at the back of church prior to each Mass. Please collect your box. The new envelopes should be used from 11<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you.

**ONLINE GIVING TO THE PARISH** For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection (Planned Giving envelopes & cash) at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish has been added to the Parish website. Please go to: [www.ourladyandstchristophersromiley.org.uk](http://www.ourladyandstchristophersromiley.org.uk) to see the link.

**CAFOD LENT APPEAL – WATER – A Big Thank you** This Lent our parish has not been able to raise money for CAFOD in most of the usual ways but with your help and that of some energetic people who have gone the extra mile, an amazing amount of money is heading to vulnerable communities to give them access to the clean water for which they long. By 'Walking for Water' and with generous sponsorship and donations, **our parish total for the Lent 2021 Appeal is £1877.40.**

**PARISH FINANCE** Easter collection £1,610.15; CAFOD £40 Holy Places (Good Friday) £282.12; white envelopes £240.00. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

**YOUNG CARITAS** A socially distanced outdoor meeting for members wearing face masks was held yesterday (Saturday) to discuss taking part in the Captain Tom 100 Challenge this May Day bank holiday weekend. As the newsletter went to print, the plan was for the young people to select a social issue affecting people on the margins of society. The activity of “doing 100 of something” will then be about drawing attention to the issue and advocating for change, rather than fundraising. More details to follow...

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** The next bereavement support group will take place from 1.00pm until 2:30pm on Thursday 15 April 2021. If you would like to join us for this virtual meeting then please contact Susan Carr on 07543 408551 or by email: [susancarr10@hotmail.com](mailto:susancarr10@hotmail.com) so that you can be sent the link. Support with the technical aspects is also available if anyone is unsure of what is involved.

**FOOD BANK** Four trays and six shopping bags of food, toiletries, etc. were delivered to St Mark’s last week plus cash donations amounting to £30 (£20, £10). Thank you. **Thanks to people's overwhelming generosity the Foodbank shelves are well stocked at the moment. There is only a shortage of crisps and similar snack like treats.**

The church will be open today (Sunday) and tomorrow between 2.00pm – 4.00pm to receive your donations. Cash donations marked “Food Bank” may be posted through the presbytery letterbox.

**THE DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY** is looking for suitably qualified practising Catholic to sit as a voluntary Foundation Director on the Multi Academy Trust within the Tameside area – namely the St Anselm’s Catholic Multi Academy Trust. Potential Directors should be practising Catholics with a commitment to Catholic education and a background in a relevant discipline including education, finance, business, law and human resources.

For more information about our Multi Academy Trusts visit our website at:

[www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/academies/multi-academy-trust](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/academies/multi-academy-trust)

To register an interest please contact [sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**JOB VACANCIES** Harrytown Catholic High school is recruiting for several positions – please go to the school website – [www.harrytownschool.org](http://www.harrytownschool.org) for more details.

**MARRIAGE CARE** If you are going through difficulties in your relationship, Stockport Marriage Care can offer a confidential counselling service. Marriage Care is still here for you and is at the end of the phone if you need help. You can contact them on 0800 3893801.

## Celebration of Mass – guidance for parishioners

Please follow this simple guidance to ensure we are all kept safe:

1. Please do not come to church if you feel unwell in any way or you have a temperature.
2. In line with Government guidance a face covering must be worn at all times inside the Church building.
3. We are using 1m+ guidance in church. This means that you can expect to be seated at least 1m away from someone who is not in your family or household “bubble”. We will maintain 2m distance between rows of seats.
4. As we may still need to limit the number of people in the church at any one time, please take advice from the steward at the door as to whether you can enter. It may be necessary to queue for a short time
5. Use the hand sanitiser at the front door as you enter church
6. A steward will direct you to a seat.
7. The wooden benches can now be used for 2 people from the same household at each end (with a minimum of 1m in between), or 3 people at one end and 1 person at the other (with a minimum of 1m in between) or for more than 3 people from the same household alone.
8. If you do not scan the QR code at the church entrance you will be directed to a steward and asked to fill in your name(s) and a contact number on a form at the back of church. Only 1 entry needs to be completed per household group. **Please bring your own pen if possible.** This is to comply with the Government’s “Track and Trace” initiative to stop the spread of infection. The lists will be stored in church and discarded after 14 days. The details will only be shared if we are notified that someone who attended church has tested positive for the virus.
9. Mass will last around 35 minutes and you will be able to receive Holy Communion in your hands. Father will say “The Body of Christ” once to the whole congregation from the altar, and the congregation will respond with “Amen” before distribution of Holy Communion begins. There will not be any need for the Priest or recipient to speak as they receive the Host.
10. Stewards will direct people forward to receive Holy Communion.
11. If you wish to light a candle before or after Mass please use one of the candles placed in the holder for you and light it from the already lit candle.
12. On leaving the church please take all of your belongings and any papers you have used with you.
13. Please leave church via the side door where hand sanitiser is also available.



**Data Protection Privacy Notice** The parish of Our Lady & St Christopher sometimes collects personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed & stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary & used by the Parish/Diocese for the benefit of the Parish & for legitimate reasons such as admin. & religious purposes. Read our full privacy notice at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice).

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