



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

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SUNDAY 4TH APRIL 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL After all the challenges of the past year it's good to arrive at Easter with its wonderful message of joy and hope. Let us renew our commitment to following Jesus our Risen Lord more closely as well as showing a greater willingness to share his Good News with others. There can be doubt that many people have found great comfort in their faith over this last year and it has also been a motivating factor in the desire to help others in so very many practical ways despite the necessary restrictions on movement and contact due to the pandemic.

I was pleased with the numbers attending the Holy Week services this year. Thank you to those who cleaned and decorated the church as well as those who assisted with the various services. May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you and your families this joyful Eastertide.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS – Sunday 4th April 2021 – Sunday 11th April 2021

Sunday	EASTER VIGIL MASS (Saturday) EASTER SUNDAY	8.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Alan James Hardy Fr Michael Murray RIP People of the Parish
Monday	MONDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE	10.00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	TUESDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE	10.00am	Bernard & Maureen Woods
Wednesday	WEDNESDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE	10.00am	Mary Marshall RIP
Thursday	THURSDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE	10.00am	Lillian & Albert Worth RIP
Friday	FRIDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE	12.00pm	Ron Swainbank RIP
Saturday	SATURDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE Evening Mass of following Sunday	10.00am 6.00pm	Canon Chris Dwyer RIP People of the Parish
Sunday	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am 11.00am	Arthur Newton RIP Barrie Carroll 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. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for Sr Gertrude Geoghegan, Canon Brendan Hoban & Deacon Philip White who died recently. May they rest in peace. Please pray for their families also.

PLEASE NOTE the change in Mass times during Easter week. Mass is at 10.00am each day except on Friday when it is at 12pm.

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 The Prayer of the Church (Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night prayer, etc.) is also on the website. Readings for Easter Sunday 4th April: Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9.

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

LADIES GUILD meeting on Thursday 8th April at 7.30pm. "Sing Along With Claire." Another evening with Claire Sweeney. All welcome. For the Zoom password please contact Margaret Hughes on (0161) 406 0833.

FUNERAL OF SR GERTRUDE GEOGHEGAN (Sister of Evron) Requiem Mass at 10.30 am at Saint Bernadette's Church, Brinnington, on Friday 9th April 2021. **Attendance is by invitation only.** The Mass can be followed on the link: <https://youtu.be/hyphfU7zU48>

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 11th 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 to see the link.

PARISH FINANCE Last week's collection £495.84; CAFOD £85. Thank you for your generosity. The white envelope collection is this weekend. Thank you.

WALK FOR WATER Well done to all members of the parish who have taken part in the CAFOD Walk for Water Lenten Challenge. We have now completed over 3 million steps and raised over £1200. This is a tremendous achievement and will make a real difference to our brothers and sisters around the world who are in need of a clean and safe water supply. If you have not yet had chance but would like to make a donation please go to our Just Giving page <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/our-lady-and-st-christophers-walk-for-water>

FOOD BANK Eight trays and seven shopping bags of food, toiletries, etc. were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £160. (£60, £50, £20, £20, £10). Thank you. As a result of your great generosity, we have good stocks of most food items. **As we have very limited storage space, we are struggling to store nappies, so would ask that such donations are discontinued for now. We are however short of washing powder (tablets), baby wipes and antibacterial kitchen/bathroom sprays.** 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.

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS If you are unable to collect your paper at Mass you can now get it delivered direct to your home every week post free - just go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call us on (0161) 820 5722 and we will arrange delivery for you. Special offer 3 months - £25; special offer 12 months - £99; digital copy 12 months £55 or digital & hard copy 12 months £115. All papers are Covid safe and paced in a sterile environment.

JOB VACANCIES Harrytown Catholic High school is recruiting for several positions – please go to the school website – 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.

FR MICHAEL & FR FRANCIS
WISH PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS
A VERY HAPPY EASTER



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