



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

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SUNDAY 17th APRIL 2022 - EASTER SUNDAY

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Lent is over and we are now in Eastertide, a season lasting from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday. It is a season of joy and hope as we celebrate our faith in the Risen Lord and commit ourselves to following him more faithfully in our daily lives.

I was pleased with the numbers attending the Holy Week Masses and services in the parish this year. Thank you to all those who cleaned and decorated the church as well as those who assisted with the liturgy. May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you and your families this Eastertide.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 17th April 2022 – Sunday 24th April 2022*

Sunday	EASTER VIGIL MASS (Saturday)	8.00pm	People of the Parish
	EASTER SUNDAY	9.00am	Maria & Enrico Andretta RIP
		11.00am	Thomas O'Reilly RIP
Monday	Monday of the Easter Octave	10.00am	Private Intention
Tuesday	Tuesday of the Easter Octave	10.00am	Mary Berry RIP
Wednesday	Wednesday of the Easter Octave	10.00am	Charles Isiakpona RIP
Thursday	Thursday of the Easter Octave	10.00am	Emma Nicholson
Friday	Friday of the Easter Octave)	12.00pm	The Dobson Family
Saturday	Saturday of the Easter Octave	10.00am	Fr Jack McLeish RIP
	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm	Robert Standing RIP
Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am	People of the Parish
	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	11.00am	Christine Chappelow RIP

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Christine Beswick, Hillary Rustage, Kieran O'Brien, 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, Howard Moore, Eileen Bush, Pat Stewart, Sheila Murphy, Kath Longden, Michael Sainsbury, Kathleen Zwierink, Moira McNeill, John Bardsley, Tricia Burke, Isaac Saed Iqbal, Simon Wright, Margaret Schofield, Margaret Wooliscroft, Winifred Corrigan, Mark Sorrell, Rory Ireland, Samuel Minnis, Brian Murphy, Helen Bridge. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Please remember to pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen Wood, Amy Burns, Cath Brown, William Harrison, Michael Hennessy, Richard Parkin, Elizabeth Nixon, John Nelson, Katherine Birchenough, Joyce Hannon, Phyllis Cleary, James Nolan, Patrick Noctor, Mary Backhouse, Mary Turner, Gertrude Glendinning.

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to www.churchservices.tv/romiley

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS READINGS www.universalis.com/20200802/masshtm Readings for Easter Sunday: Acts 10: 34, 37-43, Colossians 3: 1-4, John 20: 1-9.

PLEASE NOTE that Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of the Easter Octave will be at 10.00am. The Mass on Friday will be at the usual time of 12.00pm.

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER is the eight-day period that begins on Easter Sunday and ends the following Sunday.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Rory Gerard Taylor Owens who was baptised recently.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm, Sunday 10.20am – 10.45am. Please allow one minute after the previous penitent has left before entering the confessional.

CONTACTLESS GIVING IN THE PARISH I'm sure that many of you are now used to this way of paying for goods and services – it is an easy, secure and convenient way of making payments. A number of parishes across the diocese are now starting to use this method for Offertory donations simply by using a credit card, debit card or Smartphone and tax payers can also Gift Aid donations at the same time. A new **Digital Collection Plate** contactless terminal will be installed near the church entrance this week which should be in use from next weekend. All offertory donations made in this way go directly into Our Lady & St Christopher's parish bank account. All that is required is to choose an amount and hold your card over the electronic reader. It will also be possible a little later to use this system to pay for Mass intentions, piety stall purchases, etc. The collection baskets will remain in use for those who prefer to use this method of giving. Thank you to Dominic Berry and Colette Lennon who will be on hand initially to help familiarise users with the system.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting will be in the St Christopher Centre on Thursday 21 April from 1:00pm until 2:30pm. The group is for anyone who has suffered 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.

FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES After two years absence our Soup Lunches resumed this year on March 4th. As a result we have been able to send a cheque for £1 500 to CAFOD. Grateful Thanks to the Soup Makers, the Cake Bakers even the woolly chicks with their eggs and those who helped prepare and clear the venue!

However, their work would not have been productive had it not been for the parishioners who so generously supported them each week. Many Thanks again to all involved.

SYNOD A two-year synodal process is taking place in the Catholic Church that culminates in the final gathering of Bishops in Rome next year. The *Diocesan Listening Phase* has now come to an end and the final synthesis of contributions from around the Diocese and the Episcopal Discernment of the Bishop are now available on the parish website for parishioners to read for themselves. The overall themes are Communion, Participation & Mission. Do please take the time to read these important documents.

PARISH SPONSORED WALK This will take place on **Saturday 14th May** following the 9.30 Mass and will leave from the church car park. All parishioners, friends, families (and dogs) are invited to support Father Michael as he raises money for our parish funds. If you would like to sponsor Father, forms are at the back of church. If you would like to gain sponsorship from your friends and families for yourself, please take a form away with you.

The walk is about 5 miles long, fairly easy but with a couple of inclines. Good trainers/boots would be best, especially if it is or has been wet. Please see the poster in the porch for further details.

EVERGREENS - Wednesdays in the St Christopher Centre from 1.30pm - 3.30pm:

27th April	Catch up time
4th May	Peter's Quiz
11th May	Film - The History of Stockport
18th May	Board Games
25th May	NO MEETING
1st June	Jubilee Afternoon Tea

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 Sunday's collection £598.70, CAFOD £38.95. Thank you for your generosity.

CARITAS CHILDREN'S COLLECTING BOXES 2022 There was no collection last October and the Spring collection is now due. To simplify things, there will be a box labelled "CARITAS – BOXES" on the table at the back of church. You are invited to please leave your box or empty your monies into a plastic bag (keeping your box to continue saving). Please ensure that your contact details are included to ensure Gift Aid. The collectors will pick up the monies from this central box. If you cannot do this your collector will arrange a "pickup" for your box. If you no longer wish to have a box please let your collector or myself know. There are also spare boxes for those who would like on. Thank you. *Christine Connolly*

LOOSE CHANGE BOXES If you would like your box emptying then they can be left in the little sacristy during the weekend of 30 April/1 May. There are still some boxes available under the table at the back of church for anyone who would like to get involved. Thank you for your continued support.

FOOTSTEPS Do come on **Thursday 19 May at 7.30pm** to **St Peter's parish centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove** to hear **Mary Hardiman** present her thoughts on "What I want is mercy". Always a captivating and thought provoking speaker, Mary will be looking at what mercy means and how it reflects the heart of God. She will offer examples from the gospels and suggestions on how we can practise mercy. Footsteps is a series of talks by people who can help us on our Christian journey.

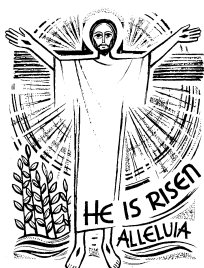
There's an informal café-style setting with refreshments, nibbles and a pleasant community feel. We'd love you to be there!

FOOD BANK Thank you for your continued generous donations to the foodbank. Seven crates of groceries, ten carrier bags of groceries (with chocolate eggs featuring highly) plus £170 (£60, £50, £20, £20, £10, £10) in cash donations were delivered to St Mark's last Tuesday.

The church will be open today, Sunday and on Monday between 2.00pm – 4.00pm for your donations. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper. Order **your Digital** 4 weeks **FREE** trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

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 389380.



**FR MICHAEL WISHES A HAPPY EASTER
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PARISH
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