



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

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### SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** Today is a day of special prayer for human work. Let us remember in prayer all who work to support themselves and their families, those who are unemployed or struggle to find meaningful work and also those who are retired.

On Saturday I'll be celebrating the First Holy Communion Mass for the Year 3 children in our primary school. Let us pray for the children and their families that they will see the importance of regularly joining the parish community at Sunday Mass when we come together to worship God and receive Jesus his Son in the holy Eucharist - a sign of our unity with him and with one another as well as receiving the strength needed to witness to our faith in our daily lives.

#### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022*

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Judith & Geoff Moysey 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary People of the Parish In Thanksgiving
Monday	<b>St Athanasius, B, D</b>	9.30am	Geoffrey Hooley - sick
Tuesday	<b>Ss Philip &amp; James, Ap</b>	7.30pm	Ken Lyne RIP
Wednesday	<b>The English Martyrs</b>	9.30am	Ronald Swainbank RIP
Thursday	Ferial <b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Mary Killick RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	<i>Harrytown Catholic HS Mass</i> Jean Ferguson
Saturday	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b> Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	<b>10.30am</b> 6.00pm	The children & their families Frances Nichols RIP
Sunday	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Stella & Frank Walker People of the Parish

**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, Geoff Hooley. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Please remember to pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine Gaskell, Catherine Higgins, Christina Dawson, Thomas Mee, Pauline Metcalfe, James Ready, Cathleen Jones.

**PARISH LIVE STREAM** Please go to [www.churchservices.tv/romiley](http://www.churchservices.tv/romiley)

**WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Alyce Isabelle Bullock who was baptised recently.

**SUNDAY READINGS** for Third Sunday of Easter: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41, Apocalypse 5: 11-14, John 21: 1-19.

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE** that Mass on Thursday is at **10.30am** and is a Requiem Mass for the late Mary Killick RIP.

Also, please note there is no 9.30am Mass on Saturday as there will be the First Holy Communion Mass at 10.30am.

**CONTACTLESS GIVING IN THE PARISH** A new **Digital Collection Plate** contactless terminal has been installed near the church entrance. All offertory donations made in this way go directly into Our Lady & St Christopher's parish bank account. If using this method for your offertory donations simply choose the amount and tap the reader with your card or insert it if instructed to do so. 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.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** Now that all Covid restrictions have been eased, it is wonderful that once again we can return to Lourdes. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from 29 July - 4 August by air and 28 July - 5 August overland. Prices start from as little as £440 which includes travel, full board accommodation and full pilgrimage programme. Further details and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage Website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or from the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4 UX.

**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.

**MISSIO THANKSGIVING MASS Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7pm** A Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Mark Davies, to thank God for all those who are praying and supporting the Red Boxes and the work of Missio, will be celebrated at St Michael and All Angels Church, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead CH49 5LE on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. All are welcome including Missio Secretaries, Benefactors, Red Box holders and anyone interested in the mission of the Church. A couple of parishioners are going and can offer a lift to two people. Please let Fr Michael know.

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

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](http://www.ourladyandstchristophersromiley.org.uk) to see the link.

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection £613, CAFOD £22. 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.

**SCOUT PLANT SALE** After a two year absence the Scout Plant Sale will take place on Saturday 7th May, 9am to 3pm and Sunday 8th May, 10am to 2pm at the Wharf, Green Lane, Romiley. Order forms are available on the table at the back of church or you can email including your telephone number to [2ndromileyscouts@gmail.com](mailto:2ndromileyscouts@gmail.com)

**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. Six crates and five large carrier bags of groceries, plus £130 (£60, £20, £20, £20, £10) in cash donations were delivered to St Mark's last Tuesday. **Donations of tinned rice pudding and washing machine pods would be welcomed.**

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.

**OPEN MORNING** at St Ambrose College, Hale Barns, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am – 12.30pm.

**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.



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