



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

***Serving Romiley, Bredbury, and Woodley***

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**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Divine Mercy Sunday**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL**

Divine Mercy Sunday is on the second Sunday of Easter. Sr Faustina was a Polish nun and visionary who received a vision of Jesus with one hand raised in blessing and the other over his heart. She then devoted her life to spreading the message about God's mercy and forgiveness. She was canonised by Pope Saint John Paul 11 in 2000. The image of Divine Mercy at the front of the church is a reminder to us of the Lord's loving mercy towards us. There are details below of the Divine Mercy service at Our Lady & the Apostles Church in Stockport later today at 3.00pm for anyone who would like to attend.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022***

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Robert Standing RIP People of the Parish Christine Chappelow RIP
Monday	<b>St Mark, Ev</b>	9.30am	Tricia Tebb RIP
Tuesday	<b>St George, M Requiem Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b> 7.30pm	David Armstrong Porter RIP Desmond Purdy RIP
Wednesday	Ferial <b>Funeral Service</b>	9.30am <b>12.00pm</b>	Chris Smith RIP Maureen Mather RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Private Intention
Friday	<b>St Catherine of Siena, V, D</b>	8.15am 12.00pm	<i>Harrytown Catholic HS Mass</i> Gertrude Dunne RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Doreen Halliwell RIP Judith & Geoff Moysey 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish In Thanksgiving

**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: Gertrude Glendinning, Ian Shaw, John Gavan, Tom McDonald, Colin Moore,, Sarah Flaherty, Robert Standing, Jane James, Norman Timony, Mary Ready, Hubert Holland, Joseph Carty, Christine Chappelow, John Lennon, James Storan, Clifford Bradshaw, George Owen, Lillian Owen, John W Birch, Lillian Chapman, Maureen Smith, George Harney, Sheila Crowley.

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

**SUNDAY READINGS** for Second Sunday of Easter: Acts 5: 12-6, Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19, John 20: 19-31.

**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.

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY:** You are invited to **Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath, Stockport, SK3 8BQ, this Sunday, 24th April.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions will commence from 3pm. The Divine Chaplet will be prayed at 3.15pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm. The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena> Divine Mercy booklets and leaflets will be distributed on Sunday.

**FUNDRAISING MEETING** in the St Christopher Centre on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm. All welcome.

**LADIES GUILD** meeting on Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm. A film 'A story of Mary's Meals, Child 31. All welcome.

**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 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.

**THANK YOU** Judith Moysey took up the challenge of walking 200K during the 40 days of Lent which she successfully completed. Judith is grateful to a number of parishioners who kindly sponsored her enabling her to raise £710 for child poverty. Thank you again.

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

**PARISH FINANCE** Easter collection: £1,218.45, CAFOD £20, Holy Places, £301.15. 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. Three crates of groceries, plus £300 (£80, £60, £60, £40, £20, £20, £20) in cash donations were delivered to St Mark's last Tuesday. **Donations of toilet rolls and packets/boxes of detergent pods (for use in washing machines) 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.

**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.



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