



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 8th MAY 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is our Good Shepherd who loves and cares for us. Traditionally, we pray on this day for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life which is important and we should also pray for those involved in caring roles in our society especially parents and teachers and all who have responsibility for guiding the young.

Twenty six children received Holy Communion for the first time at Mass on Saturday. My thanks to the parish catechists and primary school for preparing the children and families and thanks also to the parishioners who organised the communion breakfast in the St Christopher Centre afterwards.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 8th May 2022 – Sunday 15th May 2022*

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Day of Prayer for Vocations	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Frances Nichols RIP Stella & Frank Walker People of the Parish
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Bridget Fitzgerald RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Kathleen Longden - sick
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	John Sharkey RIP
Thursday	Ss Nereus & Achilleus, M Requiem Mass	9.30am 11.30am	John William Birch RIP Jane Deakin RIP
Friday	Our Lady of Fatima Requiem Mass	8.15am 12.00pm	<i>Harrytown Catholic HS Mass</i> Paul Francis Murphy RIP
Saturday	St Matthias, Ap	9.30am	Deceased Friends & Relatives of Hayes Family
	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm	Ron Atherton RIP
Sunday	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Molly & Vincent Gough

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: Madeline Brown, James Cahill, Frank Tipping, John Atherton, Audrey Nelson, William Walton, Barbara Herod, Jacqueline Murphy, Ronald Atherton, George Bouch, Agnes Sharkey, Patricia Woollam, Harry Holland, Sylvia Stevenson, Catherine Joddrell, Bernard Walker, Kathleen Gladwin, Margaret Leigh.

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

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Annie Marcella Andrea Moss who was baptised recently.

SUNDAY READINGS for Fourth Sunday of Easter: Acts 13: 14, 43-52, Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17, John 10: 27-30.

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 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.

Dominic Berry & Colette Lennon will be on hand at the Masses this weekend and the next couple of weekends to assist and answer any questions people may have.

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 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.

LADIES GUILD Will all ladies who are coming for the meal on THURSDAY 12th May please meet at 6.30 pm to 6.45 pm at The Forrester's Arms in Greave.

COMING SOON.....a Parish Treasure Hunt with Prizes.....more details next week.

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 11th 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:

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 £585.69, CAFOD £83. Thank you for your generosity.

LOOSE CHANGE BOXES If you would like your box emptying then they can be left in the little sacristy. 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. Four crates and eight large carrier bags plus £135 (£30, £25, £20, £20, £20, £10, £10) donations were delivered to St Mark's last Tuesday. **Donations of tinned rice pudding, tinned tomatoes and Weetabix-style cereals (though not necessarily the branded type) 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.

SIGNPOST STOCKPORT FOR CARERS Please see poster in porch or pick up a leaflet from the back of church if you look after a relative, friend or neighbour who cannot manage without your support.

OPEN MORNING at St Ambrose College, Hale Barns, Saturday 25th 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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