



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL:

The schools return this week after the Easter holidays, and we welcome back the staff and children of St Christopher's Primary School and Harrytown Catholic High School and ask God's blessing on both school communities as they begin the new term. Please remember that parishioners are welcome to join the staff and pupils at the Friday morning Mass in the school chapel at Harrytown at 8.15am.

On Wednesday, the meetings for parents and guardians of our Year 3 children at St Christopher's who are preparing for First Sacraments this year, resume in the St Christopher Centre – further details below. Please continue to remember the children and the families in your prayers.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 14th April 2024 – Sunday 21st April 2024

Sunday	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Saturday)	6.00pm	People of the Parish
		9.00am	John Warwick RIP
		11.00am	Carole Hogan RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Moira Butler - ill
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	David Roche RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Fr John Marmion RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS
		12.00pm	Mary Berry RIP
Saturday	Ferial	9.30am	Louise Hopkinson RIP
	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm	Banikos Yiatrou RIP
Sunday	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Thomas O'Reilly RIP

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Christine Beswick, Kieran O'Brien, Lionel & Jenny Rawlings, Jaar Jones, Michael Christie, Mandy Keane, Joyce Osbourne, Michael O'Sullivan, Katelyn Reilly, Margaret Smith, Amy Harris, Elizabeth Brown, Bridget Robertson, Valerie, Gahan, Marina Hernandez, Eamon Curran, Ruth Grace Crosby, Howard Moore, Pat Stewart, Sheila Murphy, Michael Sainsbury, Moira McNeill, John Bardsley, Isaac Saed Iqbal, Simon Wright, Margaret Colicroot, Rory Ireland, Helen Bridge, Patricia Godfrey, Karl Wood, Kevin Bradley, Mary Sainsbury, Rita Stevens, Margaret Maycock, Sr Margaret Mary Foley, Graham Seymour, Carol Seymour, Peter Taylor, James Smart, Nathalie Whitehead, Florrie Robison, Margaret Wooliscroft, Tony McKenna. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Marjorie Walker, Banikos Andreas Yiatrou, James Pogson, Janet Davidson, John Warwick, Bridie Dixon, Patricia McCormack, Sheila Kay, Kathleen Wood, Amy Burns, Cath Brown, William Harrison, Michael Hennessy, Richard Parkin, Elizabeth Nixon, John Nelson, Katherine Birchenough, Joyce Hannon, James Flynn.

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

CONTACTLESS TERMINAL The terminal at the back of church can be used for credit and debit card donations to the parish. Thank you.

SUNDAY READINGS for 3rd Sunday of Easter: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19, 1 John 2: 1-5, Luke 24: 35-48. **Mass Preface: Easter 2**, page 60; **Eucharistic Prayer: 3**, page 28.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Parishioners who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year and would like to attend the annual Marriage Mass on Saturday June 8th at Saint Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1SA at 12 noon, should let Fr Michael have their names and contact details as soon as possible so they can receive a personal invitation to attend from the Bishop. Thank you.

FIRST SACRAMENTS 2024 The next meeting for the parents/guardians of the children who are celebrating First Sacraments this year will take place in the St Christopher Centre on Wednesday from 7.00pm – 8.15pm.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting will be in the St Christopher Centre on Thursday 18 April from 10:00am until 11.30am. The group is for anyone who has experienced 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.

LADIES GUILD Bingo Night on Thursday April 18th at 7.30pm. All welcome.

PARISH LEGACY I am happy to inform parishioners that we have received a legacy for £122,496.65 from the estate of the late Maureen Sheridan who died in June 2023 in her 102nd year. Maureen was a devout member of the parish who came to Mass regularly and also received the sacraments in Berrycroft Care Home where she spent the last years of her life. A legacy is a good way of continuing to support the Church's life and mission in a parish after death. May Maureen rest in peace. The above sum has been added to the parish Central Fund account held with the Diocese. Now that we are in a new financial year, I am awaiting a statement from the Diocese on the value of our two Central Fund accounts and I hope to be in a position to publish the figures shortly.

200 CLUB The first draw will take place on Saturday 27th April leaving two more weekends to renew/buy numbers for the 2024 -5 draws. Forms are at the back of church and should be returned to the presbytery in an envelope marked 200 club, with either cash or a cheque (payable to Our Lady and St Christopher's Church) for £12 per number which will give you 12 chances of winning over the next 12 months. The more numbers sold, the higher the prize pot. Forms must be returned by Thursday 25th April to be entered for the April draw.

MISSIO RED BOX 2023 - THANK YOU In 2023, Our Lady and St. Christopher's Parish raised £3901.17 through our Red Boxes and other donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you to our Promoters and all donors for being part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries who in many countries provide not only for the spiritual needs of the local community but is also a key player in the provision of services for the most vulnerable in society. Please look at the poster in the church porch, showing the impact and visit Missio.org.uk to see how your support changes lives for the better. Sincere thanks, Kathleen Walker, Local Secretary."

PIETY STALL We now have a selection of cards and gifts for First Holy Communion. Please come and have a browse.

EVERGREEN GROUP - Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm

17th April Film Afternoon - The Best of Dave Allen
24th April St George's Day Quiz
1st May Sit down exercises
8th May Return of Lesley Walker with her engaging poetry

STAMPS FOR THE RNIB There is a box in the church porch for used stamps for the RNIB. Any used stamps you can donate to support the work of the RNIB (Royal National Institute of the Blind) will be gratefully received and appreciated. Thank you.

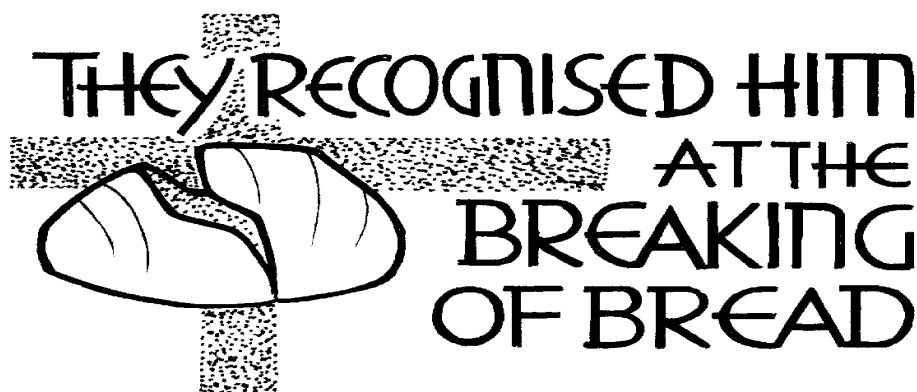
PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £772.75, CAFOD £40.00. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK 7 green crates, well-filled, and 4 carrier bags of tinned foods were delivered to the local foodbank at St Mark's last Tuesday. Cash donations were also received and will be listed in next week's newsletter. Your generosity is much appreciated. The church is open on Sunday & Monday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm for donations. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox.

JOB VACANCIES HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: We are currently recruiting for two Assistant Headteachers. Please visit the school website for further information – www.harrytownschool.org

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY, MARPLE BRIDGE, is looking to appoint an inspirational and talented permanent, part time Class Teacher from 1 September 2024 working three days per week. We are willing to appoint Main Scale or Upper Pay Scale teachers, dependant on skills and experience. Practising Catholics preferred. Further details and how to apply can be found here: <https://www.stmarysmarplebridge.srscmat.co.uk/our-school/vacancies/>. Closing date: 21 April 2024.

MARRIAGE CARE If you are going through difficulties in your relationship, Stockport Marriage Care can offer a confidential counselling service. You can contact them on 0800 3893801 or search www.marriagecare.org.uk



THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk

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