



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

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**SUNDAY 21st APRIL 2024  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL:**

In 1964 Pope Paul VI launched Vocations Sunday which we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday. We believe that God has a plan for each one of us and through our baptism we are all called to holiness of life. God continues to call people – some to married life, some to the priesthood and religious life and also to the single life.

Let us pray today that our young people will think about the topic of vocation and respond generously to the call of the Lord in their lives. And let us pray too for those from our Diocese who are currently in formation for the priesthood including Kevin Hogan from our own parish.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Sunday	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Saturday)</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Banikos Yiatrou RIP People of the Parish Thomas O'Reilly RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Florence Westhead RIP
Tuesday	<b>St George, M</b> <b>Patron of England</b>	7.30pm	Moira Butler - ill
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Patrick Chamberlain RIP
Thursday	<b>St Mark, Ev</b>	9.30am	Betty Bradley RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS Bill Yates
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	People of the Parish Julie Wallace RIP
Sunday	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Frances Nicholls RIP John Lennon 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** Phyllis Cleary, James Nolan, Patrick Noctor, Mary Backhouse, Mary Turner, Gertrude Glendinning, Ian Shaw, John Gavan, Tom McDonald, Colin Moore, Sarah Flaherty, Robert Standing, Jane James, Norman Timony, Ida Ready, Hubert Holland.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please pray for Marcele Riley who died recently. May she rest in peace. Please also pray for her family at this time.

**PARISH LIVE STREAM** Please go to [www.churchservices.tv/romiley](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Acts 4: 8-12, 1 John 3: 1-2, John 10: 11=18. **Mass Preface: Easter 3**, page 60; **Eucharistic Prayer: 2**, page 25.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Myles Thomas Byrne who was baptised recently.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**200 CLUB** This is the last chance to buy or renew your 200 club membership before the first draw takes place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please could any further forms and cash/cheque for £12 per number for the next 12 draws be returned in an envelope and put through the presbytery door before Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you.

**ST CHRISITOPHER CENTRE TABLE TENNIS** A new table tennis table has been purchased and anyone interested in playing is asked to contact Kevin O'Reilly on 07950 149985 or call at the centre for more information.

**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 Promotors 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](http://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**

24th April St George's Day Quiz  
1st May Sit down exercises  
8th May Return of Lesley Walker with her engaging poetry

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM CAFOD**

The following message arrived recently from Jo Kitterick, Director of Fundraising, CAFOD:  
“My thanks to everyone at Our Lady and St Christopher, Stockport, for their kind donation of £2,961”. This sum was raised in response to the appeal in support of families around the world this Lent. The generosity and hard work of the Ladies Group and others who offered their services every Friday at the Soup Lunches and Cake stall deserve particular mention as they were responsible for raising the outstanding amount of £2,581.16 with your generous support. **Thank you all.**

**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 £705.86, CAFOD 35.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**FOOD BANK** 5 green crates of essential groceries and 1 cardboard box of rice puddings (7 x 24) plus cash donations for two weeks amounting to £240 (£50, £40, £30, £30, £20, £20, £20, £10, £10, £10) were delivered to St Mark's last Tuesday. 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. **Donations of packets of soup, multi packs of crisps and toilet rolls would be appreciated. Thank you.**

**TRUSTEE VACANCY WITH MARRIAGE CARE** Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. We are looking for **Trustees** to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

**FOOTSTEPS EVENT ON THURSDAY 2 MAY** The 2024 programme of inspiring talks on **Thursday 2 May at 7.30pm** when we'll welcome back a familiar face to Footsteps, **Anthony Delaney** from the Ivy Church in Didsbury. He suggests we consider **'The art of survival – how to get through whatever you have to go through.'** It's a message he has been speaking on in various settings including in the Middle East in recent months so it sounds like it will be very thought provoking. Anthony is a former police officer, now an ordained minister, an author, speaker and broadcaster – and a local chap too! We meet in the **parish centre of St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA** in an informal café-style setting with a large, free car park, a loop system, good disabled access and a warm welcome as we continue our Christian faith journey. See you there!

**JOB VACANCIES**

The Shrewsbury Diocese is seeking to recruit a Director of Schools and applications are now open. Details of the role and the application process can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2040730>

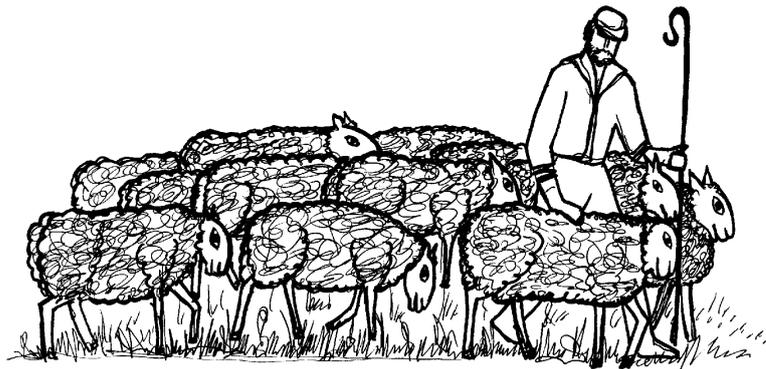
**HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:** We are currently recruiting for two Assistant Headteachers. Please visit the school website for further information –

[www.harrytownschool.org](http://www.harrytownschool.org) Closing date: 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.

**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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)



**THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE** Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email [ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk)

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