



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

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**SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL: Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday which points us the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made present for us in the Eucharist. Divine Mercy is particularly associated with the Polish nun Sr Faustina Kowalska who received revelations from Our Lord in the 1930s and who was canonised by St John Paul II in the year 2000.

It was wonderful to see so many people attend the Holy Week Masses and services this year and I hope it will lead to a renewal and strengthening of faith as we strive to live the Easter message of peace, joy and hope knowing that the presence and power of the Risen Lord are with us.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 7th April 2024 – Sunday 14th April 2024

Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Saturday)	8.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Adele & Tony McCluskey RIP Eileen & John Kelly RIP People of the Parish
Monday	The Annunciation of the Lord	9.30am	Ann Marie Jackson RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Parick Chamberlain RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Molly & Vincent Gough RIP
Thursday	St Stanislaus, B, M	9.30am	Bernard Burke RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Ints. of Sheila Jackson
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	SSCF People of the Parish
Sunday	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am 11.00am	John Warwick RIP Carole Hogan 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. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Alice Smethurst, Brian Kane, Margaret Chatterton, Paul Murphy, James Hazel, Rita Pigram, Alice Meynell, Mary Brighthouse, Ann Marie Jackson, Mattie Lynch, Hannah Bardsley, Daniel Connor.

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 2nd Sunday of Easter: Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 20: 19-31. **Mass Preface: Easter 1**, page 60; **Eucharistic Prayer: 2**, page 25.

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

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Aoife Rose McGuire who was baptised recently.

FR MICHAEL & FR HUMPHREY would like to thank all those who gave them cards and gifts for Easter for which they are grateful.

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

200 CLUB The new year for the 200 Club starts in April and the first draw will take place the weekend of 27th April. If you'd like to renew your number(s) or join for the first time, please could you fill in a form from the back of church and return it in an envelope to the presbytery with a cheque or cash for £12 per number for 12 months. Please mark the envelope 200 Club. The more numbers we sell, the bigger the prize pot!!

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7th April, 2024 at Our Lady and the Apostles, Stockport. The church will be open from 1.30pm onwards; Exposition and Confessions at 2pm and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. Mass at 3.30pm. All are welcome .

THE NEXT SHOWING OF "THE CHOSEN" will be after 7pm Mass at Our Lady's on 4 April 2024. This story of the life of Jesus, through the eyes of the Apostles has a massive following and watching it on the big screen is truly breathtaking. If you haven't seen it, you really are missing out. Bar will be open. We are watching Series One. episode 5 & 6. Come and see the Wedding at Cana, Jesus healing a leper and casting out demons. Venue - The Social Club at Our Lady's after Mass. Free entry, donation optional.

EVERGREEN GROUP - Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm

10th April Board games/bowls
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 Easter Sunday £1,478.03, Holy Places (Good Friday) £610.40, CAFOD £50.00. Standing orders and faster payments for March £2,579.00, digital card machine for March £318.54. Thank you for your great generosity.

FOOD BANK 4 crates of food along with cash donations of £210 (£120, £30, £20, £20, £10, £10) were delivered to the local foodbank at 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 medium sized boxes of cereals as well as tinned peas, carrots and sweetcorn would be welcomed. Please could we ask that you check that all donations are in date as we are not allowed to give out food past its date stamp.**

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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