



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

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SUNDAY 12th MAY 2024
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
DAY OF PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL: We are now in the in-between time of the Ascension and Pentecost Sunday. We have just celebrated the Lord's Ascension into heaven and now look forward to celebrating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the great feast of Pentecost next Sunday. As we look forward to celebrating the feast we pray for a greater openness to the Holy Spirit in our lives, praying especially that we will be renewed in faith and in our witness to the presence of Jesus in our world. We live in challenging times for people of faith so let us remember that one of the roles of the Holy Spirit is to encourage and strengthen the followers of the Lord just as he did at the first Pentecost when the mission of the Church began in the face of much opposition.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 12th May – Sunday 19th May 2024

Sunday	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Roger Burns RIP George Fox RIP
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Paul Goulding - ill
Tuesday	St Matthias, Ap	9.30am	Nathalie Whitehead RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Ronnie Hamilton RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Dolan Family
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS Marie O'Brien RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Personal Intention David Roche RIP
Sunday	PENTECOST SUNDAY	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish James Quinn 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, Amy Harris, Elizabeth Brown, Bridget Robertson, Valerie, Gahan, Marina Hernandez, Eamon Curran, 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, Joan Marshall. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Harry Holland, Sylvia Stevenson, Catherine Joddrell, Kathleen Gladwin, Margaret Leigh, Agnes Sutcliffe, Dennis Travis, Ronnie Hamilton, Joan Kelly, Marjorie Elsworth, George Fox, Louisa Phelan, Margaret Booth, Frank O'Malley, Albert Docx.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Sylvia Donovan, Nathalie Whitehead and Patricia (Pat) Stewart who died recently. May they rest in peace. Please also pray for their families at this time.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Imogen Maeve Moseley who was baptised recently.

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 7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, John 4:11-16, John 17: 11-19. **Mass Preface: Ascension**, page 61, **Eucharistic Prayer: 2**, page 25.

PLEASE NOTE that Mass on Tuesday this week is at 9.30am and on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

THE LADIES' GUILD meeting is on Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm. There will be a 'Beetle Drive' and all are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ryan Mason & Leah Gregory who were married at Our Lady & St Christopher's last Friday. May God bless them with a long and happy life together.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO JOHN WOODROW who was received into the Catholic Church during Mass last Tuesday.

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.

INTRICATELY WOVEN BY THE LORD There is an excellent summary of a pastoral reflection on Gender by the Bishops of England and Wales which is well worth reading in light of so much discussion and controversy surrounding this subject today. This important [pastoral document](#) is offered to accompany all Catholics, especially parents and families, seeking to guide their children and pass on the truth regarding the human person; to accompany those who struggle with their identity as male and female and to accompany fellow Christians, people of other religions and all people of good will, who often question the diverse and confusing views that are being put forward about the human person, gender and sex, in the educational, medical, legal and political fields.. Please go to:

<https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Intricately-Woven-by-the-Lord-Executive-Summary.pdf> If you would like to receive the full 10-page document electronically please let Fr Michael know by emailing stchris52@gmail.com

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024 Come and join our online webinar with Sycamore. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore!

On Wednesday 15th May 7pm-8pm. Email Natalie Orefice for the link to join:

Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Please see poster on parish website.

PARISH FINANCE UPDATE I have now received the latest parish Central Fund statement from the Diocese. The number 1 CF account = £913,549 & the number 2 CF account = £84,380. Money held in the Central Fund account belongs to and is for the use of the parish.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR APRIL Mark Cannon, Christine Hodson, Vanessa Connolly, Bernie Shaw. Please collect winnings from the small sacristy. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who support the monthly draw.

FOODBANK I have received a letter from the Stockport Foodbank stating that for the last financial year (6th April 2023 – 5th April 2024) cash donations of £12,830 were given by parishioners to the Foodbank. I wish to thank all those who so generously donate cash and food as well as household items, toiletries, etc week after week to support those in need in our community. *Fr Michael*

EVERGREEN GROUP - Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm

15th May Share a Treasured Photo
22nd May Board games/bowls
29th May Film - The Best of Les Dawson

VISIT OF FATIMA RELICS On Saturday 15th June, from 10.00am-4pm, the World Apostolate of Fatima will visit our parish with the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco and the Centenary Pilgrim Statute of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The statue was blessed at the Chapel of the Apparitions in Fatima. Pope St John Paul II invited us to receive the light of Fatima. The Fatima message of reparation, repentance and peace is still relevant to us today. **Please see poster in porch.**

10.00am Welcome in church

10.15-10.30 Procession

10.30-11.30 Mass with crowning of statue and veneration of relics

11.30-12 Rosary for world peace

12.10-1pm Fatima film in hall

1-2 pm Packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided in hall.

2- 2.30 pm Fatima talk in hall.

2.40-2.55pm Investiture of Brown Scapular in church for those who wish to receive it.

3- 3.50pm Divine Mercy chaplet, Exposition, confessions

3.50-4pm Benediction and close.

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 £809.37, CAFOD £60.00, Sudan crisis appeal £744.60, standing orders and faster payments for April £2,736, card machine (contactless) for April £893.76. Thank you for your great generosity.

FOOD BANK Three green crates of groceries, three carrier bags of crisps plus cash donations amounting to £190 (£120, £30, £20, £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 fruit juice and tinned rice pudding would be welcomed.**

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>

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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