



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

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**SUNDAY 19th MAY 2024
PENTECOST SUNDAY
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL: Today we celebrate the solemn feast of Pentecost which brings to a close the Easter season. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church and the beginning of her mission in the world. Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit the infant Church was empowered to spread the Good News of God's love and salvation throughout the whole world. As the people of God, we have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us in faith so that we can witness to the Christ in word and deed. So, on this day of special prayer let us pray for ourselves that we may grow in faith and joyfully share it with others.

Ordinary time resumes again tomorrow (Monday) and the liturgical colour changes from white to green. Ordinary time is the longest period in the whole liturgical year and ends this year on Saturday 30th November. A new liturgical year will then begin with the first Sunday of Advent.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 19th May – Sunday 26th May 2024

Sunday	PENTECOST SUNDAY (Saturday)	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	David Roche RIP People of the Parish James Quinn RIP
Monday	Mary, Mother of the Church	9.30am	Mary Moran RIP
Tuesday	The Dedication of the Cathedral	7.30pm	May Moran & Family RIP
Wednesday	Ferial	9.30am	Jean Grieves RIP
Thursday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	9.30am	Sylvia Donovan RIP
Friday	Our Lady Help of Christians Principal Patron of the Diocese	8.15am 12.00pm	In Harrytown Catholic HS Julie & Les Anniversary
Saturday	St Bede the Venerable, P, D Evening Mass of following Solemnity (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Ints. of F Gannon & Family People of the Parish
Sunday	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	9.00am 11.00am	Alfred & Gladys's Murphy Moira & Wilf Duddy 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 Patrick Smith, Margaret Rowcroft, Susannah Mulligan, Gerard Caffrey, Olesha (Alex) Bushdyhan, Patricia Furness (infant), Bernard Miller, Peter Mulligan, James McDonnell, Kathleen Edwards.

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 Pentecost Sunday : Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23. **Mass Preface: Pentecost**, page 62, **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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' rotas for the 11 am Mass are now available to collect. Please collect the latest rota from the paper rack in the small sacristy. Thank you.

CALLING ALL FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN Would you like to assist at Mass as an altar server? It is a very special role. You will be given training on how to serve. Don't be shy! Parents do please encourage your child to get involved in this way. If interested, please speak to one of the priests or ask for Martin Coyle.

200 CLUB The May draw will take place next weekend. You can still join the 200 club by completing a form from the back of church and putting it along with cash or a cheque for £11 (which will allow entry for the next 11 months) and putting it through the presbytery door before Tuesday 21st May.

CARITAS CHILDREN'S BOXES – notice of change With support from Caritas we have decided to collect/count the little boxes **ONCE** per year instead of twice. The one collection will be in September. As before, there will be a large box at the back of church for those box holders who are able to bring their box to church. Otherwise, your Collector will pick them up.

There will be a reminder re this collection later in the Summer. Many thanks, Karin, Josie, Julie and Christine.

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.

EVERGREEN GROUP - Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm

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 £743.08, CAFOD £75.00, Sudan Crisis Appeal £771.00 made up to £800. A cheque will be sent to CAFOD this week. Thank you for your generosity.

SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN MASS FOR MISSIO Saturday 1st June 2024 at 11.00am at St Michael & All Angels Church, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Wirral, CH49 5LE. Refreshments afterwards. To assist with planning please RSVP by 24th May: redbox@missio.org.uk or tel. 07593 544625.

INTERNATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' FAITH CAFÉ via Zoom Reflections, prayer, etc. Come and nourish and share your faith – to help pass it on. Meetings on 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please see: www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org Poster in porch.

FOOD BANK 4 green crates of general groceries, 1 (very full) carrier bag of shower gel and shampoo plus cash donations amounting to £250 (£95, £60, £50, £30, £10, £5)) 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 toothpaste, tinned peas, tinned sweetcorn, fruit juice and rice pudding would be welcomed. Thank you.**

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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