



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

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**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** Palm (Passion) Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and the celebration of the central mysteries of our faith, namely the death and resurrection of Christ. I encourage parishioners to participate in the various Holy Week ceremonies and to be united spiritually with the suffering, death and Resurrection of Our Lord. We have the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday between 6.30pm – 7.15pm – a good way to prepare ourselves by seeking the mercy and forgiveness of the Lord in this wonderful sacrament that he has given to his Church.

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of the following Sunday (Saturday) <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD</b> <i>(Palms will be blessed at all Masses)</i> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Kieran Maloney RIP People of the Parish Geoffrey Hooley RIP
Monday	of Holy Week - <b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b>	8.30am 9.30am	Ann Luff RIP
Tuesday	of Holy Week <b>Requiem Mass</b> <b>Adoration &amp; Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	11.30am 6.30-7.15pm 7.30pm	James Orr RIP Janice Escola RIP
Wednesday	of Holy Week – <b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b>	8.30am 9.30am	Marion Burns RIP
Thursday	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm	7.00pm	Brian Murphy RIP
Friday	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION Day of Fasting & Abstinence	9.30am 3.00pm	Morning Prayer/ Stations
Saturday	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER	9.30am 8.00pm	Office of Readings People of the Parish
Sunday	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Robert Mazzitelli RIP Mary Berry RIP

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**THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** 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,, Sheila Murphy, Michael Sainsbury, Moira McNeill, John Bardsley, Isaac Saed Iqbal, Simon Wright, Margaret Colicroot, Rory Ireland, Helen Bridge, Patricia Godfrey, Kevin Bradley, Mary Sainsbury, Rita Stevens, Margaret Maycock, Sr Margaret Mary Foley, James Smart, Nathalie Whitehead, Florrie Robison, Margaret Wooliscroft, Joan Marshall, Glenis Keenan, Michael Walsh, Kathleen Holland, Carole Roe, Helen Ibbotson, Kath Bradley, Evlyn Richardson. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

**ANNIVERSARIES** AnneMarie Jackson, Hannah Bardsley, Daniel Connor, 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.

**Sunday Readings** for Palm Sunday C: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56. **Preface:** Passion of the Lord, page 73. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

**MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL** Following the recent devastating earthquake in that country, there will be a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend to support families affected by the disaster. You can also donate at: [www.cafod.org.uk/myanmar](http://www.cafod.org.uk/myanmar) or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

**THE CHRISM MASS** at which the oils used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the year are blessed by the Bishop and priests renew their priestly promises, will be celebrated at St Anthony's, Portway, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, Manchester, M22 0WR on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm**. The Mass will be livestreamed at: <https://www.churchservices.tv/stanthonywythenshawe>

### HOLY WEEK

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** You are welcome to join us in church for the Stations of the Cross this Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm. There will be outdoor Stations of the Cross as an act of Christian witness around the Harrytown and Bredbury Green area on Good Friday following Morning Prayer in church at 9.30am.

**RECONCILIATION IN HOLY WEEK** There will be the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30pm-7.15pm. Quiet music will be played during this time to aid prayer and reflection.

**THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY** There will be the option to either simply touch the figure of Jesus with your hand or genuflect before it. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence – please see below. The retiring collection at the Good Friday service will be for the support of Christians and the Christian shrines in the Holy Land.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Oliver James Arthur Slevin who was baptised recently.

### EASTER READERS & MAUNDY THURSDAY FEET WASHING VOLUNTEERS!

There are sheets at the back of church for volunteers to sign up for...

Easter Triduum Readers (covering Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday only).

*For Easter Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> April), the 9am & 11am Mass readers - as per your usual reading rotas.*

12 people representing the 12 apostles allowing Fr Michael to wash your feet in front of the altar.

Please try to complete the sheets as soon as possible. Thank you.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** New boxes of envelopes are now available for collection at the back of the church. They are arranged in alphabetical order. If you cannot locate your box with your name on it, please take one of the spare boxes instead. Thank you.

**DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE** This Mass is for couples celebrating a significant anniversary this year and those who are newly married. The Mass will be celebrated at Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns, on Saturday 21st June at 12 noon. It will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Couples intending to come to the Mass should let Fr Michael have their names, address and details of the particular anniversary they are celebrating, so they can receive a personal invitation from the Bishop.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS** This special Celebration will be held on Sunday 27 April 2025 at Our Lady's Church, Shaw Heath, Stockport, SK3 8BQ. The church will be open from 1:30 pm. The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions will be from 2 pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3 pm and the Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be celebrated at 3:30 pm. You are invited to recite the 9-day Novena Prayers (Click link: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>) and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** The next meeting will take place on Thursday 17 April from 10:00AM until 11.30AM in the St Christopher Centre. 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.

**EVERGREEN GROUP – WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm - 3.30pm**

16th April 'Riddles or Quiz!'  
23rd April NO MEETING - Easter break  
30th April NO MEETING - Easter break

**READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTAS** The rota's for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for all weekend Masses for the period April to June are now available through the links on the home page of the website: [www.ourladyandstchristophersromiley.org.uk](http://www.ourladyandstchristophersromiley.org.uk)

**200 CLUB FOR MARY'S MEALS** The new draw for this excellent charity starts on April 26th. If you would like to buy a number for the next 12 months, there are forms and more details at the back of church. These must be returned by Tuesday 22nd April at the latest. Thank you.

**LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE** Bookings for the 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now open: by air from Friday 25 July to Thursday 31 July 2025 and by coach from Thursday 24 July to Friday 01 August 2025 The brochure and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) Fr Michael & Deacon Adam will be going.

**LENTEN SOUP LUNCH** on Friday after the 12 o'clock Mass. There will also be an opportunity to purchase cakes and 'good as new' fancy goods. All proceeds in aid of CAFOD.

**VISIT OF RELICS OF ST COLUMBA, ST ANDREW & ST MARGARET** to St Anne's RC Church, Highfield Road, Rock Ferry, Wirral, CH42 2BY, from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please see poster on the parish website for further details.

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection £750.65 CAFOD £50.00, standing orders and faster payments for March £3,734.00, contactless card donations for March £977.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** Two green crates of groceries & two carrier bags full of tins were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £180 (£120, £30, £20, £10). 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 tinned peas, rice pudding, and individually wrapped chocolate biscuits would be welcomed. Thank you.**

**STAMPS FOR THE RNIB** There is a box in the church porch for used stamps for the RNIB.

**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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