

**OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S
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**SUNDAY 20th April 2025 - EASTER SUNDAY
CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL The Easter season is the second-longest liturgical season. Only Ordinary Time is longer. The Church celebrates the Easter season, also known as "Eastertide ", for 50 days, culminating with the feast of Pentecost. It is a joyful season as we celebrate the new life won for us by Jesus Christ following his crucifixion and death on the cross for our salvation. It is also a season of hope pointing to our ultimate destiny when our earthly life is over. We share in the risen life of Christ here and now through Baptism (an Easter sacrament) which calls us to witness to the presence of the risen Lord in our daily lives.

It was encouraging to see so many people attend the Easter services this year. A special word of thanks to all those who cleaned and decorated the church so beautifully for the celebrations.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 20th April 2025 – Sunday 27th April 2025

Sunday	EASTER VIGIL MASS (Saturday) EASTER SUNDAY	8.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Robert Mazzitelli RIP Mary Berry RIP
Monday	of the Easter Octave	10.00am	Sadie Hogan RIP
Tuesday	of the Easter Octave	10.00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	of the Easter Octave	10.00am	Henry Synowiec RIP
Thursday	of the Easter Octave	10.00am	James Orr RIP
Friday	of the Easter Octave	12.00pm	Gordon & Irene White RIP
Saturday	of the Easter Octave Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	10.00am 6.00pm	Maureen Sheridan RIP Frans Nicholls RIP
Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	9.00am 11.00am	John Lennon RIP People of the Parish

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to www.churchservices.tv/romiley

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 Katherine Birchenough, Joyce Hannon, James Flynn, Phyllis Cleary, James Nolan, Patrick Noctor, Mary Backhouse, Mary Turner, Gertrude Glendinning, Ian Shaw, John Gavan, Tom McDonald, Colin Moore, Sarah Flaherty, Robert Standing.

Sunday Readings for Easter Sunday C: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9. **Preface:** Easter 1, page 74; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

PLEASE NOTE that weekday Masses during the Easter Octave are at 10.00am except for Friday when Mass is at the usual time of 12 noon.

FR MICHAEL will be taking a short break with his family in Ireland from Tuesday – Friday this week.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Madison Angela Christine Skeer & Lucas Freddie Skeer who were baptised recently.

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.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES The Ladies' Guild would like to thank everyone involved with the recent 6 weeks of Lenten soup lunches: from the ladies who kindly made the delicious soups; the bakers who made the lovely cakes etc.: all the various helpers and everyone who supported the events. Last but not least, many thanks to ALDI in Romiley for providing all the bread free of charge. The grand total of £2,334 was raised for CAFOD.

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.

EASTER PRAYER BOOKLETS are available free of charge. Please take one from the table at the back of church.

EVERGREEN GROUP – WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm - 3.30pm

23rd April NO MEETING - Easter break

30th April NO MEETING - Easter break

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 Fr Michael & Deacon Adam will be going.

THE YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025 is taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College from Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025.



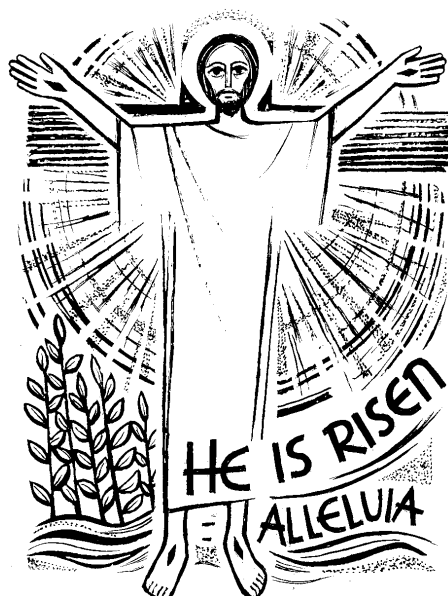
Tickets are also available for priests, religious, families and groups. If you have any questions, please email events@youth2000.org

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £831.31 CAFOD £385.00, Myanmar earthquake retiring collection £766.27. Thank you for your great generosity.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS Four (heavily filled) crates of groceries and three well-filled carrier bags of tins & biscuits 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 and packets of cup a soup 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



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THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk

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