



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

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**SUNDAY 11th MAY 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Following the recent Conclave in Rome we rejoice in the appointment of Pope Leo XIV in succession to Pope Francis. I am sure we will keep him in our prayers as he begins his ministry as the 267th successor of St Peter, the first Pope. May the Holy Spirit guide him in his task of leadership of the worldwide Church at the time in our history.

On Saturday we have our First Holy Communion Mass for the children who have been preparing for First Sacraments over recent months. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this important stage in their faith journey

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 11th May 2025 – Sunday 18th May 2025

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| Sunday | Evening Mass of the following Sunday (Saturday) FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am | Robert Standing RIP George Fox RIP People of the Parish |
| Monday | Ss Nereus & Achilleus, M Adoration & Morning Prayer | 8.30am 9.30am | Marjorie Elsworth RIP |
| Tuesday | Our Lady of Fatima Adoration | 6.30pm 7.30pm | Wyn Thomas RIP |
| Wednesday | St Matthias, Ap Adoration & Morning Prayer | 8.30am 9.30am | Lloyd Hayes RIP |
| Thursday | Ferial | 9.30am | Rita Taylor RIP |
| Friday | Ferial | 8.15am 12.00pm | Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Ints. of Frank & Stella Walker |
| Saturday | Ferial - First Holy Communion Mass Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) | 10.30am 6.00pm | Christine Chappelow RIP |
| Sunday | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 9.00am 11.00am | People of the Parish Maurice & Glenis Keenan 55 th Wedding Anniversary |

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 Harry Holland, Sylvia Stevenson, Catherine Joddrell, Bernard Walker, Kathleen Gladwin, Margaret Leigh, Agnes Sutcliffe, Dennis Travis, Ronnie Hamilton, Joan Kelly, Marjorie Elsworth, George Fox, Louisa Phelan, Margaret Booth.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Lloyd Hayes who died recently. May he rest in peace. Please also pray for Sheila and the family at this sad time for them.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Sylvie Rosalind Cotton who was baptised recently.

Sunday Readings for 4th Sunday of Easter C: Acts 13:14, 43b-52; Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17; John 10:27-30. **Preface:** Easter 4, page 74; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

PLEASE NOTE there is no Parish Mass on Saturday morning due to the First Holy Communion Mass at 10.30am.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR APRIL Margaret Howarth, John Dillon, Joanne Coll, Peter Nicholls. Please collect your envelopes from the small sacristy.

200 CLUB FOR MARY'S MEALS You can still buy numbers for £11 until the weekend of 24th May. The next draw will be on the 31st May. Thank you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (11th May 2025) Have you considered exploring a vocation to the diocesan priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? A first step might be to speak to your parish priest or contact the diocesan vocations director at vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org who can help you with discernment. We have a simple website www.Shrewsburyvocations.org where you can explore more. Further resources are available at www.ukvocation.org or www.ukpriest.org

THE LADIES' GUILD are fundraising for a Defibrillator for the Parish and Community. One of our Ladies, Kathleen Walker, is starting us off by having a Coffee Morning at 10.30 on 22nd May at 16, St. David's Avenue, Romiley, SK6 3JT. All are welcome. Please note that there will be further events taking place over the next few months.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting will take place on Thursday 15 May 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.

WORLDWIDE ROSARY Join Radio Maria for a Worldwide Rosary live from the Chapel of the Apparitions at the heart of the Fátima Shrine. Pray with our global family on Tuesday, 13th May at 4.00pm. Listen on DAB+, online at www.RadioMariaEngland.uk on the free Radio Maria Play app, or on your smart speaker by saying, "Play Radio Maria England."

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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE 2025 Tuesday 20th May 2025 is the Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse. It is an opportunity to reflect on the impact of abuse on individuals, their families and friends, and the communities of which they are part. The Prayer for 2025 can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse/>

EVERGREEN GROUP – WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm - 3.30pm

14th May Talk by Mark Llewelin 'All at Sea'
21st May Sit Down Exercises
28th May Film 'The Rochdale Pioneers'

SCOUTS' PLANT SALE at the Wharf , Green Lane, Romiley, on Sunday 11th May from 10.00am – 2.00pm.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £711.30. CAFOD: £30.00. Standing orders and faster payments for April: £2,654.00. Contactless card donations for April: £725.50. Thank you for your great generosity to the parish.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE INITIATIVES A Retreat Day has been organised with the title 'Why Get Married' on Saturday 28th of June 2025 at Our Lady and the Apostles, Stockport. The retreat is aimed at anyone wondering about the marriage vocation, including young adults who may be dating but not living together, cohabitantes and those who are unmarried and seeking baptism for their child.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS Four green crates were filled with groceries, one carrier bag filled with tinned meat & some vegetables, and two six-packs of milk were donated to the foodbank last week along with cash donations amounting to £200 (£120, £20, £30, £20, £10). 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 Instant noodles and packets of pasta & sauce would be welcomed. Thank you.**

ST JOSEPH'S STOCKPORT FAMILY FAITH & FUN DAYS Our next event is on Sunday 18th May, as it is the month of May our theme will be The Rosary and the message of Our Lady of Fatima.

Our afternoon starts at 1.30pm - please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee and juice will be provided.

At 2.00pm we will be showing a short film about the children of Fatima, the film is aimed at children, however adults are welcome to watch also, this will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration, the day will finish with Fun for children, adults too if they wish, and faith study. Please do come along and join in, all are very welcome. If you would like to know more, please contact Fr Sean via email at stockportshrine@gmail.com

FOOTSTEPS ON 15 MAY The next event in the Footsteps programme of talks will be on **Thursday 15 May at 7.30pm** in the **parish centre at St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA.** **Mary Hardiman**, teacher, counsellor, author, is always a most captivating and thought-provoking speaker. She will be talking about the **Jubilee year of hope** and in particular she'll explore **what jubilee means and how we can experience the hope and freedom that God offers.**

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

JOB VACANCIES Harrytown Catholic High School currently have job vacancies. Please visit the school website for further information – www.harrytownschool.org

LORETO SIXTH FORM CATHOLIC COLLEGE is seeking to appoint a teacher of Core Religious Education and Chaplaincy Support. Core RE has centrally planned resources and is not an examined subject. Therefore, there are no formal assessments and no significant marking commitments.
<https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/>

RETRouvaille MARRIAGE MINISTRY Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more
www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

Retrouvaille is a marriage ministry, run by Catholics, to support marriages in trouble.

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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