



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

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### SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** We are moving through the weeks of Eastertide and on Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Ascension into Heaven. The feast which occurs forty days after Easter Sunday celebrates the exaltation of Christ and the completion of his earthly ministry. Jesus ascends into heaven to intercede for us at the right hand of God, and to make way for the coming of the Holy Spirit whose task is to empower the Church in fulfilling her mission in the world.

We have received many booking forms for the trip to Shrewsbury on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July for Deacon Adam's ordination to the priesthood at the cathedral. If you are going, it would be helpful if you could please return your completed booking form as soon as possible. See below for more details.

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of the following Sunday (Saturday) <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Timothy Ganley RIP People of the Parish James Singleton RIP
Monday	<b>St Philip Neri, P</b>	10.00am	Jeffrey Follows RIP
Tuesday	<b>St Augustine of Canterbury</b> Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Kathleen Zwierink RIP
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Thursday	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> Holyday of Obligation	<b>9.30am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	Madeleine Doohan RIP People of the Parish
Friday	Ferial	12.00pm	George Thornley RIP
Saturday	<b>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am <b>6.00pm</b>	SSCF Marjorie Philbin RIP
Sunday	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish Natalie Whitehead RIP

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to [www.churchservices.tv/romiley](http://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, Evleyn Richardson, Grace Watts. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Kathleen Edwards, Margaret Tatton, Dorothy Maher, Michael Kavanagh, Lydia Bates, Sonia Faure, Samuel Bradley, Mary Murphy, Colin Stewart, Michael Martin, Mary Waddington, Trevor Baldwin, Margaret Chadwick, Harry Hudson, Catherine Swainbank.

**WELCOME TO FR BILL FITZGERALD** one of our retired priests who will celebrate the two Sunday morning Masses in the parish today while Fr Michael visits another parish to celebrate the Masses there.

**PLEASE NOTE** that Mass tomorrow, Bank Holiday Monday, will be at 10.00am.

**Sunday Readings** for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter C: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14: 23-29. **Preface:** Easter 5, page 75; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

**PLEASE NOTE** that Thursday is the feast of the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven and a Holyday of Obligation. Masses on Thursday at 9.30am & 7.00pm.

**THE LADIES' GUILD** meeting is on Thursday May 29th at 7.30pm. There will be a 'Line dancing ' demonstration. All welcome.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** no tea/coffee after the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**REV DEACON ADAM BAMBER** Adam has received the date for his ordination to the priesthood, which will take place on **Saturday, 5th July, at 12:00 pm at Shrewsbury Cathedral**. The Ordination Mass is always a moving and prayerful celebration, and a coach has been booked for parishioners who wish to travel to Shrewsbury for the occasion.

If you are interested in going, please collect an orange form from the back of the church, which contains full booking details. Completed booking forms should be returned in the brown envelope provided as soon as possible so we can gauge the numbers.

The cost of the coach has been subsidised, making it £10 for adults and £5 for children under 12. The departure time for Shrewsbury is 9:00 am, with the return journey scheduled between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

The Ordination Mass will also be live streamed from the cathedral. Please go to:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral>

**PIETY STALL** It is now possible to pay for purchases made at the Piety Stall using the contactless card machine at the back of church. Just touch the category marked "Piety Stall" enter the amount and hold your card against the reader. Thank you.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who supported the coffee morning at 16 St David's Avenue last Thursday which raised the great sum of £345.00 towards the cost of the proposed new defibrillator for the church. A special word of thanks to Kathleen Walker for organising it.

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

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

28th May Film 'The Rochdale Pioneers'

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection: £761.75. CAFOD: £43.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**SUPPORTING THE VOCATION & MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE** Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways you can help.

**When:** 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 9.30am-4.00pm

**Where:** Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barnes WA15 0HG

**To Register and for More Information please contact:**

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**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** Four green crates of groceries and three carrier bags mainly of tins were donated to the foodbank last week along with cash donations amounting to £220 (£120, £30, £20, £20, £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 Weetabix, individually wrapped chocolate biscuits & Individual packets of microwaveable rice would be welcomed. Thank you.**

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

**JOB VACANCIES** Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic retreat Centre in the Lake District run by the Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service. They are looking for a Programme Leader to help look after the residential team of young interns and to lead programmes both at Castlerigg and occasionally around the area. Competitive salary, as well as accommodation and food provided. Anyone interested can contact [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**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](http://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](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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