



OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 4TH MAY 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL Following the death of Pope Francis, the Conclave to elect his successor will begin at the Vatican in Rome on Wednesday, 7th May. The election will take place in the Sistine Chapel and will be preceded by a solemn Eucharistic celebration.

In his Pastoral Letter, read at Mass last weekend, Bishop Mark reminded us of the significance and responsibility of this task, undertaken by the Cardinals of the Church who are eligible to vote. The conclave will be conducted in an atmosphere of prayer and reflection.

Let us, therefore, pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we look to the appointment of a worthy successor to the late Pope Francis. Whoever is appointed will be the 267th successor of St. Peter, the first Pope.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 4th May 2025 – Sunday 11th May 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of the following Sunday (Saturday) THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Welfare of Grace People of the Parish Thomas & Ruth O'Reilly RIP
Monday	Ferial Bank Holiday Monday	10.00am	Bill Yates RIP
Tuesday	Ferial Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Christine Chapelow RIP
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Mary Moran RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Robert Mazzitelli RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Special Intention
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Irene Quinn RIP Robert Standing RIP
Sunday	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am 11.00am	George Fox 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 Patricia Stewart, Pauline Metcalfe, James Ready, Cathleen Jones, Geoffrey Hooley, Madeline Brown, James Cahill, Frank Tipping, John Atherton, Audrey Nelson, William Walton, Barbra Herod, Jacqueline Murphy, Ronald Atherton, George Bouch, Agnes Sharkey, Patricia Woollam.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Lottie & Sadie Dean who were baptised recently.

Sunday Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter C: Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

Preface: Easter 2, page 74; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 25.

PLEASE NOTE the change to the Mass time tomorrow, Bank Holiday Monday. Mass will be at 10.00am on Monday.

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

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.

FIRST SACRAMENTS 2025 The next meeting for parents of the children making their First Holy Communion in May will take place in the St Christopher Centre on Wednesday from 7.00pm – 8.15pm. Parents should make every effort to attend this meeting to help them learn how to support their children at this important stage in their faith journey.

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

7th May Board Games
14th May Talk by Mark Llewellyn 'All at Sea'
21st May Sit Down Exercises
28th May Film 'The Rochdale Pioneers'

200 CLUB FOR MARY'S MEALS Almost 100 numbers have been entered for this weekend's draw, the winners will be announced this weekend. If you have missed this month's draw but would like to have the chance of winning in the future you can complete a form from the back of church, sending in £11 before Tuesday May 27th.

SCOUTS' PLANT SALE at the Wharf , Green Lane, Romiley, on Saturday and Sunday, 10th & 11th May from 10.00am – 2.00pm. Order forms with full details on the table at the back of church.

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.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £775.60, CAFOD £40.00. Thank you for your great generosity.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS Four green crates of mixed groceries and three carrier bags of largely tinned foods were donated to the foodbank last week along with cash donations amounting to £310 (£120, £100, £30, £20, £20, £10, £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 small tins of meat e.g. spam, and tinned tomatoes would be welcomed. Thank you.**

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

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**. Footsteps is for everyone of all denominations and walks of life. We'd love to welcome you again to our informal, café-style setting with drinks and nibbles a-plenty.

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

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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