

OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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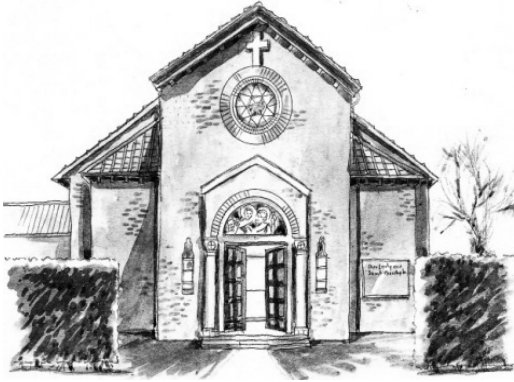
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SUNDAY 8th JUNE 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Today, is the solemn feast of Pentecost, marking the conclusion of the Easter season. Pentecost commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church and the beginning of her mission in the world.

The Third Reading of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will take place in Parliament later this month. Please sign the petition opposing assisted suicide after the Masses this weekend. We need as many signatures as possible – the petition will then be delivered to the MP Lisa Smart's constituency office in Romiley. My third letter to her is also available to view on the parish website.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 8th June 2025 – Sunday 15th June 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of the following Sunday (Saturday) PENTECOST SUNDAY	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Michael & Doreen Philpott RIP People of the Parish In Thanksgiving for 90 Years
Monday	Mary, Mother of the Church Adoration & Morning Prayer Funeral service	8.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Robert Mazzitelli RIP Lloyd Hayes RIP
Tuesday	Ferial	7.30pm	Helen Ibbotson RIP
Wednesday	St Barnabas, Ap, M	9.30am	Evelyn Richardson – for recovery
Thursday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest	9.30am	Lloyd Hayes RIP
Friday	St Anthony of Padua, P, D	12.00pm	Marjorie Philbin RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Jack Dobson RIP
Sunday	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Vera Espley RIP

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, Margaret Wooliscroft, Joan Marshall, Glenis Keenan, Michael Walsh, Kathleen Holland, Carole Roe, Kath Bradley, Evleyn Richardson, Grace Watts. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES William Dugdale, Barbara Law, George Collinge, Vincent Cook, Amy O'Donnell, Rosalyn Adegunle, Gertrude Cunningham, Bert Handel, Vincent Connolly, Mary Timblin, Joseph Moores, Grace Killeen, Bernard Murray, Moire Phelan.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Tony Moody who died recently. May he rest in peace. Please also pray for his family at this time.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Tommy Sean Currie who was baptised recently.

Sunday Readings Pentecost Sunday C: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23. **Preface:** Pentecost, page 76; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

PLEASE NOTE there is no 8.15am Mass at Harrytown Catholic High School on Friday this week.

WE WELCOME FR BILL FITZGERALD who will celebrate most of the Masses while Fr. Michael and Fr. Humphrey are away on their annual retreat this week. Deacon Adam will also be making his pre-ordination retreat in Ars, France. During this week, all our parishioners will be remembered in prayer and in the great prayer of the Mass itself.

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

200 CLUB WINNERS Shaun Dobson, Patricia McDonnell, Sean Murphy, Des Robertshaw. Please collect your envelopes from the small sacristy.

THE LADIES' GUILD meeting is on Thursday June 12th at 7.30pm and is 'A Race Night.' All are welcome to come and join us for this evening of fun.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION Fr Michael's 70th birthday is on Saturday, and he welcomes parishioners to join him in a celebration in the St Christopher Centre following the 11.00 o'clock Mass on Sunday 15th June. He doesn't wish to receive gifts or presents of any kind; however, donations may be made to two nominated charities: the Wellspring Centre in Stockport, a local charity which supports the homeless and Mary's Meals which serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. People wishing to support the work of the two charities can make cash donations or use the contactless card machine at the back of church which has a dedicated category for this purpose. Thank you.

REV DEACON ADAM BAMBER'S priestly ordination will take place on **Saturday, 5th July, at 12:00 pm at Shrewsbury Cathedral**. Due to the high number of parishioners wishing to attend the Ordination Mass, two coaches have now been hired with over 80 bookings received so far. Additionally, some parishioners plan to travel by car to Shrewsbury for this joyful occasion.

The cost of the coaches 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/embed>

MISSIO BOX HOLDERS Please note that you can collect the Missio Summer magazine at the back of church. Thank you.

THERE WILL BE A "BOTTLE RAFFLE" after all the Masses this weekend (June 7th & 8th). Tickets will be sold at the back of church, and all proceeds will be going into the Defibrillator Fund. The draw for the winners will take place after the 11 o'clock Mass in the St Christopher Centre on Sunday June 8th.

DEFIBRILLATOR FUNDRAISING As part of the ongoing fundraising there will be a sale of Handmade Cards after the Masses on the weekend of 21st/22nd June.

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.

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

11th June Lesley Walker and her humorous poems

18th June Celebration of Sheila's 90th

25th June Musical afternoon with Claire Sweeney

REFLECTION DAY LED BY CAFOD: Faith in action during the Jubilee Year. Join us to reflect on the theme of hope and how we can make a difference to our global family and more locally. Hear from various parish groups who have already taken on this challenge and be inspired to be a Pilgrim of Hope. **Saturday 14th June, 10-3.30 at St Alban's RC Church, Liscard, Wallasey.** For more info and to register: kkeenanan@cafod.org.uk or call 07920 232 936. Light refreshments provided but please bring a packed lunch.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £761.47, CAFOD: £20.00. Faster payments and standing orders for May £2,934.00. Contactless card donations for May £563.75. Thank you for your great generosity.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS There were 4 trays and 3 carrier bags of donations for the food bank last week, along with cash donations totalling £240 (£110, £40, £30, £20, £20, £10, £10). Your generosity is much appreciated. The church is open on Sunday and Monday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm for donations. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **Donations of tinned hot dogs, long life juice, and small tins of corned beef and spam are requested. Thank you.**

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

FOOTSTEPS ON 19 JUNE We have the significant pleasure of welcoming again **Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp** on **Thursday 19 June at 7.30pm** in the **parish centre of St Peter's, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA**. Always a popular and inspiring speaker, Fr Eamonn has suggested he'll share his thoughts on **"Jesus in the Creed"**. This year is the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and its Creed that we all use in our various Christian denominations. Come and hear him tell the fascinating and intriguing story of what really went on in what was the first ever Ecumenical Council in the history of the church. In his own inimitable style, he will unpack the significance of what the Creed has to say about Jesus and its relevance for us today. Fr Eamonn is a Spiritan missionary priest from Manchester who moved last year from his parish in Ancoats to a new mission in Stoke on Trent. He travels the world leading retreats, giving inspirational talks and sharing his great humour and we're delighted that Hazel Grove is in his itinerary again. Do come and join us for a relaxed and informal evening in our popular café-style setting - we'd love to welcome you.

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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