

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

Serving Romiley, Bredbury, and Woodley

52 Barrack Hill, Romiley, Stockport, Cheshire. SK6 3BA

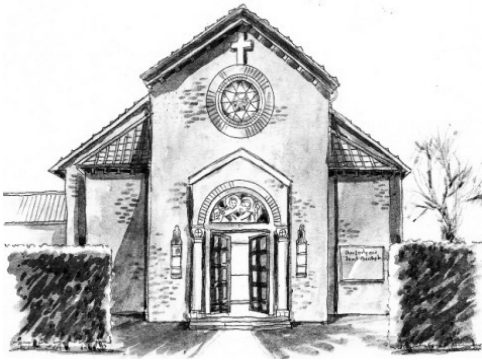
Tel: 0161-222 9518

www.ourladyandstchristophersromiley.org.uk

e-mail: stchris52@gmail.com

PARISH PRIEST: Canon Michael Gannon VG

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Fr Humphrey Agbim



**SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2026
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Palm (Passion) Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and the celebration of the central mysteries of our faith, namely the death and resurrection of Christ. Please note carefully the changes to some of the Mass times this week. We have the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday between 6.30pm – 7.15pm – a good way to prepare ourselves by seeking the mercy and forgiveness of the Lord in this wonderful sacrament that he has given to his Church.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 29th March 2026 – Sunday 5th April 2026

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm	Dympna Connolly RIP
	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	9.00am	Kathleen Lennon RIP
	<i>Palms will be blessed at all Masses</i>	11.00am	People of the Parish
	Stations of the Cross	3.00pm	
Monday	of Holy Week – Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am	
		9.30am	Tony Moody RIP
Tuesday	of Holy Week	9.30am	Patrick Gannon RIP
	Requiem Mass	1.00pm	Stella Walker RIP
	Passion Play performed by the children of St Christopher's RC Primary School	7.00pm	
Wednesday	of Holy Week Adoration & Confessions for Lent	6.30pm	
		7.30pm	Welfare of MJ
Thursday	HOLY THURSDAY EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm	7.00pm	Angela McLoughlin RIP
Friday	GOOD FRIDAY	9.30am	Morning Prayer/ Outdoor Stations of Cross
	SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION Day of Fasting & Abstinence	3.00pm	
Saturday	HOLY SATURDAY	9.30am	Office of Readings
	EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER	8.00pm	Hazel Grimshaw RIP
Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY	9.00am	Angela McLoughlin
		11.00am	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, Mary Sainsbury, Rita Stevens, Margaret Maycock, Sr Margaret Mary Foley, James Smart, Margaret Wooliscroft, Joan Marshall, Glenis Keenan, Kathleen Holland, Kath Bradley, Evleyn Richardson, Grace Watts, Beryl Edwards, David Robison. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Dr Anne Clarke, Alice Bradshaw. Jean Hattie, Mark Sorrell, Nora Taylor, Elizabeth Campbell, Kathleen Lennon, James McLoughlin, Gertrude Lyne, Ivy Crump, Anthony Peacock, Anthony Delaney, George Crespin, Noreen Philpott, Marjorie Brady, Mary Heneghan, Francis Marshall, Ellen Sainsbury, Warren Bardsley, Denis O'Neill.

DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE (CONTACTLESS) This is situated at the back of the church for parishioners who wish to use this method for their regular Offertory donations.

SUNDAY READINGS 5th Sunday of Lent A: Ezekial 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45. **Preface:** Lazarus, page 72. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

PLEASE NOTE the change to Mass times this week. Due to the St Christopher's RC Primary School Passion Play on Tuesday evening, Mass will be at 9.30am. Mass on Wednesday is at 7.30pm as Fr Michael & Fr Humphrey will be going to the Chrism Mass at Shrewsbury that day. There is also the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday during Adoration from 6.30pm-7.15pm.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS today at 3.00pm.

THE CHRISM MASS at which the oils used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the year are blessed by the Bishop and priests renew their priestly promises, will be celebrated at the Cathedral in Shrewsbury on Wednesday 1st April at 12 noon. The Mass will be live streamed at:
<https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed>

EVERGREEN GROUP – St Christopher Centre, Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Easter Break Return 15th April

ATTENTION ALL GIFT AID DONORS The tax year 2025/26 will be coming to an end on 5th April and the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please let Father Michael know or contact Dominic Berry (07768 527735) by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTA for the Saturday 6.00pm Mass. Please collect your rota from the rack in the small Sacristy . Thank-you

HOLY WEEK READERS & MAUNDY THURSDAY FEET WASHING VOLUNTEERS!

There are sheets at the back of church for volunteers to sign up for...

Easter Triduum Readers (covering Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday only).

For Easter Sunday (5th April), the 9am & 11am Mass readers - as per your usual reading rotas.

12 people representing the 12 apostles allowing Fr Michael to wash your feet in front of the altar.

Please try to complete the sheets as soon as possible. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER POSTERS Please take a poster from the table at the back of church and display it in a window at home as a reminder to passersby of the meaning of Holy Week & Easter.

HOLY WEEK

STATIONS OF THE CROSS You are welcome to join us in church for the Stations of the Cross this Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm. There will be outdoor Stations of the Cross as an act of Christian witness around the Harrytown and Bredbury Green area on Good Friday following Morning Prayer in church at 9.30am.

RECONCILIATION IN HOLY WEEK There will be the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30pm-7.15pm. Quiet music will be played during this time to aid prayer and reflection.

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. The retiring collection at the Good Friday service will be for the support of Christians and the Christian shrines in the Holy Land.

DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE – YOUTH 2026

Date: 29th July – 7th August 2026

Cost: £740 (Bursary, match funding and support are available)

Age: 16 to 23. Closing Date for all applications – 31st March 2026.

Why go to Lourdes? For our young people Lourdes offers a unique opportunity to grow in faith, service, and community. The shrine, associated with the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to St Bernadette, welcomes pilgrims from around the world. Our young pilgrims volunteer to help the sick and elderly, taking part in a powerful tradition of compassion and care. Alongside this service, they experience prayer, reflection, and friendship with other young Catholics from across our Diocese, often returning home with a deeper sense of faith and a stronger commitment to serving others. Our Lady called each one of us – now we have to answer the call. For more information or to request an application form please email:

youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org no later than **31 March**.

THE LAST OF THE LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESS run by the Ladies' Guild, took place on Friday 27th March. A wonderful total of **£1,811.64** has been raised for **MISSIO**. This will be rounded up to **£1,900**. The Ladies' Guild would like to thank everyone who supported the six weeks of Lenten soup lunches: the ladies who kindly prepared the delicious soups; the bakers who made the lovely cakes; all the helpers who assisted in so many ways, and everyone who came along and supported the events.

200 CLUB FOR MARY'S MEALS The final draw for 2025-2026 takes place this weekend. Many thanks for your support for this amazing charity. Last year the draw raised £712 which was matched by parish funds meaning £1424 has been sent to the charity. Application forms for the 2026-7 draw are available from the back of church along with more information about the work done by this Mary's Meals, feeding schoolchildren in some of the world's poorest countries. Please return forms and money by April 20th at the latest. The first draw will take place the weekend of 25th April.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £793.87; CAFOD £60.00. Thank you for your continuing generosity and support.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, five trays and two carrier bags of food were delivered to St Mark's, plus cash donations amounting to £175 (£120, £25, £20, £10). Thank you for your generosity. The church is open for donations on **Sundays and Mondays from 2.00pm - 4.00pm**. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **Donations of tinned fruit, rice pudding and biscuits would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.**

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

JOB VACANCY Due to retirement, a vacancy has arisen within the Diocese for a Health & Safety officer. **Salary** £32,000 - £38,000 dependant on experience. **Hours:** 25 per week, term time only. Please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org **Closing date** 10 April. More details on the Diocesan Website [Latest Vacancies - Diocese](#)

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

Data Protection Privacy Notice The parish of Our Lady & St Christopher sometimes collects personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed & stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

This is retained only as necessary & used by the Parish/Diocese for the benefit of the Parish & for legitimate reasons such as admin. & religious purposes. Read our full privacy notice at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice
Our Lady and St Christopher's is a parish of the RC Diocese of Shrewsbury, and a registered charity (No. 234025).