

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



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**SUNDAY 12th APRIL 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday which points us the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery - the mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ - made present for us in the Eucharist. Divine Mercy is particularly associated with the Polish nun Sr Faustina Kowalska who received revelations from Our Lord in the 1930s and who was canonised by St John Paul II in the year 2000.

With the return of Harrytown Catholic High School after the Easter break, the Friday morning Mass will resume this week at 8.15am. Parishioners are very welcome to join pupils and staff for this Mass which lasts about 25 minutes and is usually celebrated by Fr Michael or Fr Humphrey.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 12th April 2026 – Sunday 19th April 2026

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish James, Emily Snr & Emily Jnr Singleton RIP Carol Hogan RIP
Monday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Stella Walker RIP
Tuesday	Ferial - Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Sheila Hayes RIP
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Mary & John William Birch RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Christine Fox RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Angela McLoughlin RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Mattie Lynch & Bridie Lynch RIP
Sunday	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Robert Mazzitelli 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, 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, Frank Rose. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Mary Brighthouse, AnnMarie Jackson, Mattie Lynch, Hannah Bardsley, Daniel Connor, Marjorie Walker, Banikos Yiatrou, James Pogson, Janet Davidson, John Warwick, Bridie Dixon, Patricia McCormack, Sheila Kay, Kathleen Wood, Amy Burns, Cath Brown, William Harrison, Michael Hennessy, Richard Parkin, Elizabeth Nixon.

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 Easter Sunday A: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31. **Preface:** Easter 1. Page 74. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2, page 25.

FUNERALS IN THE PARISH The Requiem Mass for Angela McLoughlin is on Monday 20th April at 11.30am. The Funeral Service for Dorothy (Dot) Hall is on Friday 1st May at 1.00pm. May they rest in peace.

THANK YOU The family of the late Stella Walker would like to thank parishioners for their kindness, support and sympathy cards and Mass intentions following Stella's death recently. It is much appreciated.

EVERGREEN GROUP – St Christopher Centre, Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm

15th April Return of Mark Llewelin and talk about 'On the Cobbles'
22nd April Music with NoNotes, a singing group from The Holy Spirit Parish
29th April Quiz Afternoon

MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS GIVING DIRECTLY The total amount raised from our parish in 2025 was £3,565.34. On behalf of Misso many thanks. *John and Barbara Edwards.*

THE LADIES 'GUILD meeting is on Thursday April 16th at 7.30pm. Our guest is Clare from MISSIO and the money raised from our Lenten Soup Fridays (which amounted to £2100) will be presented to her on that evening. All are welcome to join us.

200 CLUB FOR MARY'S MEALS 2026-2027 This year we are again raising money for Mary's Meals. Leaflets about the great work this charity does in providing meals for schoolchildren in developing countries are available from the back of church along with application forms for this year's draw. Each meal costs about 19p so each £1 donated will buy 5 Meals for a schoolchild. The first draw will take place on April 25th. Please return completes forms to the presbytery by Wednesday 22nd April.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting will take place on Thursday 16 April 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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026 The Pilgrimage Team are very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 July to 7 August and by air 31 July to 6 August. Brochures can be found on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk along with a link to the new online booking system. Fr Michael will be travelling on the pilgrimage this year.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR MARCH Roger Pruce, Josie Reddy, Christine Holt, Kathleen Walker. Please collect envelopes from the tray in the small sacristy.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection (Easter) £1,753.85; CAFOD £75.00; faster payments and standing orders for March £2,576.00; contactless card donations for March £1,384.00. Thank you for your continuing generosity and support.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, three trays of food were delivered to St Mark's, plus cash donations amounting to £240 (£120, £100, £20). 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 peas, carrots, and sweetcorn as well as small bottles of fruit squash would be particularly welcome. Thank you.**

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

CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to www.castleriggmanor.com >> **stay with us** or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711.

JOB VACANCIES Two vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a **Programme Coordinator** and **Youth Mission Team Member**. Further details regarding both posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org **Closing date Friday 29 April 2026.**

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



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