

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

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**SUNDAY 19th APRIL 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL On Thursday we celebrate the feast of St George, the patron saint of England. St George was martyred for the faith in what is now Israel during the persecution of Christians under the Roman Emperor Diocletian in the fourth century. His courage calls us to witness to the faith he defended, even unto death.

While the celebration of this feast day will mean different things to different people, let us remember its religious significance and pray for our country in the challenging times in which we live. You are welcome to come to Mass on Thursday at the usual time of 9.30 am.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 19th April 2026 – Sunday 26th April 2026

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Mattie Lynch & Bridie Lynch RIP People of the Parish Robert Mazzitelli RIP
Monday	Ferial Requiem Mass	11.30am	Angela McLoughlin RIP
Tuesday	Ferial - Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Welfare of MJ
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Thomas James Ryan RIP
Thursday	St George, M Patron of England	9.30am	Neville & AnnMarie Jackson RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Malcolm Berry RIP
Saturday	St Mark, Ev Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am 11.00am	Michael Walsh RIP Pat Owen 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 John Nelson, Katherine Birchenough, Joyce Hannon, James, Flynn, Phyllis Cleary, James Nolan, Parick Noctor, Mary Backhouse, Mary Turner, Gertrude Glendinning, Ian Shaw.

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 3rd Sunday of Easter A: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35. **Preface:** Easter 3, page 74. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Orla Jasmijn Campbell who was baptised recently.

FR MICHAEL & FR HUMPHREY would like to thank all those who gave them cards and gifts for Easter for which they are grateful.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ANDREW MEAD who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the 9.00am Mass today. Andrew has been prepared by Tomás Miller, the student for the priesthood who was on placement in the parish until his return to Oscott College in January, and by Fr Michael. At the same Mass, Andrew will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

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

22nd April Music with NoNotes, a singing group from The Holy Spirit Parish

29th April Quiz Afternoon

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound are kindly asked to give Fr Michael an updated list of the people they visit. Please include names, addresses, and phone numbers. This will help Peter Jackson take over the coordination of the list, following the dedicated service of the late Angela McLoughlin, who fulfilled the role for many years. Thanks to Peter for volunteering to take on this role.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2026 This is always a very happy occasion for couples celebrating significant anniversaries and for their families. The Bishop will celebrate the Mass on Saturday 13th June at 12 noon at Saint Columba's, Chester, followed by a buffet lunch in the Parish Hall. Parishioners celebrating a significant anniversary this year should let Fr Michael have their names, contact details and the significant anniversary they are celebrating as soon as possible, so they can receive a personal invitation from the Bishop.

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.*

200 CLUB FOR MARY'S MEALS 2026-2027 The first draw for 2026-7 will take place next Saturday, 25th April. Application forms are at the back of church and need to be returned to the presbytery along with cash or a cheque by Wednesday 22nd April at the latest. Thank you.

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 £635.35; CAFOD £35.00; faster payments and standing orders for March £2,576.00; contactless card donations for March £1,384.00. Good Friday collection for the Holy Places £642.55. Thank you for your continuing generosity and support.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, three very full crates of food were delivered to St Mark's, plus cash donations amounting to £150 (£100, £20, £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 peas, carrots, tomato soup, rice crispies and soap would be particularly welcome. Thank you.**

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

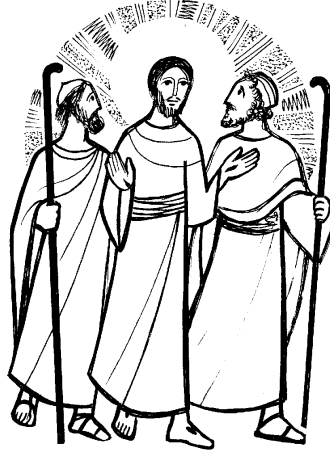
INTERESTED IN TRAINING AND VOLUNTEERING AS A RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and we are currently looking for those who are **empathetic, understanding** and have an **enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships**, to train on our **Certificate in Relationship Counselling course (CRC)** and volunteer with us. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families. To find out more please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

ADoRE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT 25th April 10.00am - 1.00pm online. "SURRENDER TO LOVE." The Holy Spirit transforms us by helping us surrender to God's love. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from speaker Geoff Poulter, trainer in prophecy, healing and discipleship. **Attend in person** if possible, at St. Joseph's, Christchurch, Dorset. Details at https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

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



THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk

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