

**OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S
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**SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2026 - EASTER SUNDAY
CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

The Easter season is the second-longest liturgical season. Only Ordinary Time is longer. The Church celebrates the Easter season, also known as “Eastertide ”, for 50 days, culminating with the feast of Pentecost. It is a joyful season as we celebrate the new life won for us by Jesus Christ following his crucifixion and death on the cross for our salvation. It is also a season of hope pointing to our ultimate destiny when our earthly life is over. We share in the risen life of Christ here and now through Baptism (an Easter sacrament) which also calls us to witness to the presence of the risen Lord in our daily lives.

It was encouraging to see so many people attend the Easter services this year. A special word of thanks to all those who cleaned and decorated the church so beautifully for the celebrations.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 5th April 2026 – Sunday 12th April 2026

Sunday	EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER (Saturday) EASTER SUNDAY	8.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Hazel Grimshaw RIP Angela Mcoughlin RIP People of the Parish
Monday	of the Easter Octave	10.00am	Bridie Lynch RIP
Tuesday	of the Easter Octave	10.00am	Welfare of Jacqueline
Wednesday	of the Easter Octave Funeral service Requiem Mass	10.45am 12.15pm	Paul Sorrell RIP Christine Fox RIP
Thursday	of the Easter Octave	10.00am	Michael Walsh RIP
Friday	of the Easter Octave	12.00pm	Stella Walker RIP
Saturday	of the Easter Octave	10.00am 6.00pm	SSCF People of the Parish
Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am 11.00am	James, Emily Snr & Emily Jnr Singleton RIP Carol Hogan 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 Elizabeth Claffey, Edith Marshall, Alice Smethurst, Brian Kane, Margaret Chatterton, Paul Murpy, James Hazel, Rita Pigram, Alice Meynell.

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.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Lallan Anthony Perera Atherton who was baptised recently.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Dorothy (Dot) Hall who died recently. May she rest in peace. Please also pray for her family at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS Easter Sunday A: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9 **Preface:** Easter 1. Page 74. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

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

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 completed forms to the presbytery by Wednesday 22nd April.

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.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES Following an anonymous donation, the final figure raised through the soup lunches this year is £2,100. Once again, thank you to all concerned for raising this tremendous amount to support the work of MISSIO, the Pope's charity for World Mission.

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 £880.30; CAFOD £64.50. Thank you for your continuing generosity and support.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, three trays and two carrier bags of food were delivered to St Mark's, plus cash donations amounting to £170 (£120, £30, £10, £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 and carrots, cornflakes, vegetable soup and shower gel 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 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



**FR MICHAEL & FR HUMPHREY WISH A
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THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk

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