

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



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**SUNDAY 10th MAY 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

On Thursday we celebrate the solemn feast of the Lord's Ascension into Heaven, forty days after Easter. This feast marks the completion of Our Lord's earthly mission before the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the beginning of the Church's mission in the world. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, and the Mass times are listed below.

On Saturday 27 children will make their First Holy Communion at a special Mass at 10.30am. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this important stage in their faith journey.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 10th May 2026 – Sunday 17th May 2026

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| Sunday | Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am | Michael & Noreen Philpott RIP Frances Nicholls RIP People of the Parish |
| Monday | Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer | 8.30am 9.30am | Stella Walker RIP |
| Tuesday | Ferial Adoration | 6.30pm 7.30pm | Sheila Hayes RIP |
| Wednesday | Our Lady of Fatima Adoration & Morning Prayer | 8.30am 9.30am | Ints. of Pauline Niland |
| Thursday | The Ascension of the Lord <i>Holyday of Obligation</i> Requiem Mass | 9.30am 12.30pm 7.00pm | Ellen Howells RIP Concetta Raccio RIP People of the Parish |
| Friday | Ferial | 8.15am 12.00pm | Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Ronnie Hamilton RIP |
| Saturday | Ferial First Holy Communion Mass Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) | 10.30am 6.00pm | Marina O'Connor - sick |
| Sunday | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 9.00am 11.00am | People of the Parish Ints. of Anne Smith |

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, Kath Bradley, Evleyn Richardson, Beryl Edwards, David Robison, Frank Rose. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES George Bouch, Agnes Sharkey, Patricia Woollam, Harry Holland, Sylvia Stevenson, Catherine Joddrell, Bernard Walker, Kathleen Gladwin, Margaret Leigh, Agnes Sutcliffe, Dennis Travis, Ronnie Hamilton, Joan Kelly, Marjorie Elsworth, George Fox, Louisa Phelan, Margaret Booth.

RECENTLY DECEASED We have been asked to announce that Michael Donnelly, a former teacher at Harrytown Catholic High School, died peacefully on 23rd April after a long illness. May he rest in peace.

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 6th Sunday of Easter A: Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21. **Preface:** Easter 5, page 74. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3 page 28.

PLEASE NOTE: On Saturday, there will not be a parish Mass at 9.30am. Instead, a Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am for Year 3 pupils from St Christopher's Catholic Primary School, as well as some children from local schools, who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

PARISH IT SYSTEM UPDATE We have been informed by TalkTalk that, unfortunately, it is not possible to restore the old parish telephone number, despite their assurance back in February that this would be possible. The new number is **0161 222 9518**, which you may wish to note and add to your address book. I would also like to apologise for the interruption to the live-stream service that parishioners have experienced over the past couple of weeks. This was caused by the absence of a static IP address. This issue has now been resolved, and the service should operate without interruption from now on.

Fr Michael

DEACON KEVIN HOGAN I am delighted to say that Kevin has now been given a date for his priestly Ordination, which will take place at Shrewsbury Cathedral on **Saturday 4th July at 12 noon**. I am also pleased to say that he will celebrate his First Mass here in the parish on **Sunday 5th July at 11.00am**, followed by a celebration in the St Christopher Centre.

We have arranged a coach to take parishioners to Shrewsbury on 4th July. Further details will follow, along with sign-up sheets at the back of church for those who wish to travel. For now, please make a note of the date. Thank you.

THE LADIES' GUILD meeting on Thursday May 14th at 7.30pm welcomes a seasoned speaker / musician. Mr Barry Daykin. Barry's talk is called "From food rationing to 'Les Mis' - My life in music" A professional musician whose career includes Brass Bands, Band of HM Scots Guards (including the state funeral of Sir Winston Churchill) RM College of Music, BBC Northern Radio Orchestra And 34 years working on the musical productions and tours of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Sir Cameron Mackintosh. Everyone is welcome to join us for what will be a very interesting and informative musical evening.

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

13th May Board Games

20th May Sit down exercises

27th May Geoff Scargill returns with 'The Last Laugh of the Railway King' (Edwin Watkin from Northenden, helped found Canada, started the first Channel Tunnel, built the foundations of Wembley Stadium and much more)

200 CLUB FOR MARY'S MEALS The next draw will take place on Saturday 30th May. If you would still like to buy a number for 2026-7, there are forms at the back of church. £11 will buy one number for the next 11 months. Forms and money should be returned to the presbytery by Wednesday 27th May. Thank you.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEER? From 7th June to 11th July the Chaplaincy Team at Stepping Hill hospital is offering a 6-week course (one afternoon per week) which will introduce people to the principles and practices of hospital chaplaincy for volunteers. If you are interested or would like more information, contact the Chaplaincy on 0161 419 5889, or email: chaplaincy.spiritualcareteam@stockport.nhs.uk

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.

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.

WOODLEY METHODIST CHURCH is hosting the Plaza Theatre organist Michael Holmes who will be playing in concert remembering the late Nigel Ogden on 3rd July at 7.30pm. Tickets at 310 are available from Phil Taylor – 0161 989 9993. Please see poster in the porch.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £619.05; CAFOD £40.00; standing orders and faster payments for April £2,524.00; contactless card donations for April £927.00. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA St Joseph's Church, Tatton Street, Stockport, is hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella on Friday 29th May at 7.00pm, on their tour of England and Wales. This is to mark St Gerard's 300th anniversary. He was a Redemptorist lay-brother from Southern Italy who died at 29. St Gerard is popularly invoked as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. The church will be open an hour before Mass and there will be individual or family blessing with the relic after Mass. Please poster on parish website.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, one very full tray and one large carrier bag of donations were delivered to St Mark's, plus cash donations for two weeks amounting to £530 (£120, £120, £100, £100, £20, £20, £20, £10, £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 microwave rice, multi packs of crisps, toothpaste and washing up liquid would be particularly welcome. Thank you.**

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

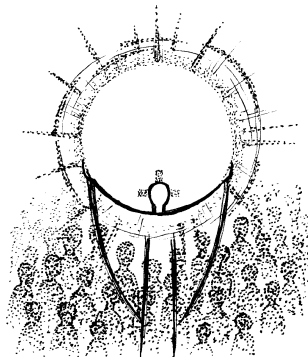
JOB VACANCIES

1. Vacancy for a part time Caretaker at Harrytown Catholic High School. Full details on the school website – www.harrytownschool.org

2. Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College is seeking to appoint a full-time teacher of Core Religious Education and Chaplaincy Support. Core RE has centrally planned resources and is not an examined subject. Therefore, there are no formal assessments and no significant marking commitments. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. For more information, please go to the Loreto Website vacancies page.

<https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/>

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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