

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

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**SUNDAY 24th MAY 2026
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Today is the solemn feast of Pentecost, which marks the end of the Easter season. Pentecost commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church and the beginning of her mission in the world. The liturgical colour is red, symbolising the fire of the Holy Spirit, who descended upon the apostles as tongues of fire. This reminds us of the Holy Spirit's power to purify and strengthen our lives. May we be cleansed of all that is not of God and renewed in our daily witness to the faith.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 24th May 2026 – Sunday 31st May 2026

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| Sunday | Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) PENTECOST SUNDAY | 6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am | People of the Parish The Holy Souls Pat Owen RIP |
| Monday | Mary, Mother of the Church | 10.00am | Patrick Niland RIP |
| Tuesday | Our Lady Help of Christians Principal Patron of the Diocese Adoration | 6.30pm 7.30pm | Kathleen Logan |
| Wednesday | St Augustine of Canterbury Adoration & Morning Prayer | 8.30am 9.30am | Michael Walsh RIP |
| Thursday | Our Lord Jesus Christ The Eternal High Priest | 9.30am | Athanasios (Archie) Nicolaidis RIP |
| Friday | Ferial | 12.00pm | Hugh McColgan RIP |
| Saturday | The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday Evening Mass of following Solemnity Saturday) | 9.30am 6.00pm | Madeleine Doohan RIP |
| Sunday | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY | 9.00am 11.00am | Stella Walker RIP 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, Kath Bradley, Evleyn Richardson, Beryl Edwards, David Robison, Frank Rose, Bridie Jordan, Michael Jordan. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES James McDonnell, Kathleen Edwards, Margaret Tatton, Dorothy Maher, Michael Kavanagh, Lydia Bates, Sonia Faure, Samuel Bradley, Mary Murphy, Colin Stewart, Michael Martin, Mary Waddington, Trevor Baldwin, Margaret Chadwick.

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 for Pentecost A: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23. **Preface:** Pentecost, page 76. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

PLEASE NOTE: Mass tomorrow, Bank Holiday Monday, is at 10.00am. There will be, no Mass at Harrytown Catholic High School on Friday due to the half-term break.

PLEASE NOTE: No refreshments will be available in the Parish Centre on Sunday 31st May because of a private booking.

DEACON KEVIN HOGAN'S ordination as a priest will take place on **Saturday, 4th July, at 12:00 pm at Shrewsbury Cathedral.** A coach has been booked to take parishioners to the Ordination Mass. The cost of the coach has been subsidised, making it £10 for adults and £5 for children under 12. The departure time for Shrewsbury is 9:00am, with the return journey scheduled at 4.00pm. **If you plan to travel by coach, please collect a yellow information sheet from the table at the back of church, fill in the slip at the bottom, and return the completed form with your payment in the brown envelope provided, to the presbytery or parish office as soon as possible.**

Following the Ordination Mass refreshments will be served in the Orchard Café beside the cathedral. The Ordination Mass will also be live streamed from the cathedral. Please go to:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed>

Kevin will celebrate his First Mass at Our Lady & St Christopher's on the following day, Sunday 5th July, at 11.00am, followed by a celebration in the St Christopher Centre.

Please continue to keep Kevin in your prayers in these final weeks of preparation as he looks forward to his priestly ordination.

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

- 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)
- 3rd June Film
- 10th June Craft with Anne Marie

200 CLUB FOR MARY'S MEALS The May draw takes place next weekend. If you would like to join, £11 will buy one number for the next 11 months. Forms are at the back of church and cash, or a cheque needs to be handed in at the presbytery by Wednesday 27th May at the latest. Thank you.

PENTECOST SUNDAY VESPERS AND BENEDICTION Sunday 24th May 7pm. Exposition from 6pm with Rosary at 6:40pm. All are welcome to join this celebration of Pentecost through music, scripture and prayer. **Our Lady and the Apostles Stockport SK3 8BD.**

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.

NEW CATHOLIC WEBSITE FOR CHILDREN, which has an easy-to-follow channel and is a Catholic resource for parents and schools: <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>
<https://youtube.com/@themark10mission?si=Vn2PzCNEUe1fgXVM>

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 £10 are available from Phil Taylor – 0161 989 9993. Please see poster in the porch.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £609.15; CAFOD £40.00. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

RELIQS 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 see poster on parish website.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, four trays and two large carrier bags of donations were delivered to St Mark's, plus cash donations amounting to £370 (£120, £50, ££50, £40, £40, £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 tinned peas and carrots as well as tomato soup would be particularly welcome. Thank you.**

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

ST AMBROSE COLLEGE HALE BARNES Open Day on Saturday 27th June from 9.30am-12.30pm. Please poster in porch.

JOB VACANCIES HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL currently has vacancies for a Lay Chaplain, a Nurture Teacher and Learning Mentors. Please visit the school website for further details – www.harrytownschool.org

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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