

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

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**SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Today's Gospel highlights the words of Jesus, stating he is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. These statements serve as an invitation to reaffirm our commitment to following the teachings of Jesus, who guides us throughout our journey. We are assured of sharing in his risen life and receiving guidance from his word – so important when we consider the multitude of external voices and influences that clamour for our attention in today's world.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 3rd May 2026 – Sunday 10th May 2026

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Banicos Yiatrou RIP People of the Parish Lesley Anderson - sick
Monday	The English Martyrs Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Angela McLoughlin RIP
Tuesday	Ferial Adoration Day of Special Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse	6.30pm 7.30pm	Lloyd Hayes RIP
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Teresa O'Connell
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Sheila Hayes RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am 12.00pm	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS Mary Berry RIP
Saturday	Ferial Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	. Michael & Noreen Philpott RIP
Sunday	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am 11.00am	Frances Nicholls 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, Kathleen Holland, Kath Bradley, Evleyn Richardson, Beryl Edwards, David Robison, Frank Rose. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Christina Dawson, Thomas Mee, Sylvia Donovan, Patricia Stewart, James Ready, Lloyd Hayes, Cathleen Jones, Geoffrey Hooley, Madeleine Brown, James Cahill, Frank Tipping, John Atherton, Audrey Nelson, William Walton, Barbara Herod, Jacqueline Murphy, Ronald Atherton.

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 5th Sunday of Easter A: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12. **Preface:** Easter 5, page 74. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 2 page 25.

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

6th May Gemma from Age UK (Stockport) will give a talk on the services and help they offer

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)

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.

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.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR APRIL Barbara Bennett, Joanne Coll, Kathy Burton, Pauline Wilson. Please collect winnings from the tray in the small sacristy. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participate in the monthly draw for such a worthy cause as Mary's Meals.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD A message has been received that SOAP is no longer to be included in the contents of Operation Christmas Child boxes. Any soap contributions already received will be donated to other charities. Thank you. *Karin Moore*

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.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £655.50; CAFOD £50.00. Thank you for your continuing generosity and support.

FOODBANK DONATIONS Last week, four crates and one large carrier bag of donations were delivered to St Mark's. The cash donations will be included in the following week's newsletter 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 sweetcorn, packs of microwavable rice and small packets of noodles 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

JOB VACANCY Vacancy for a part time Caretaker at Harrytown Catholic High School. Full details on the school website – 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

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

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