

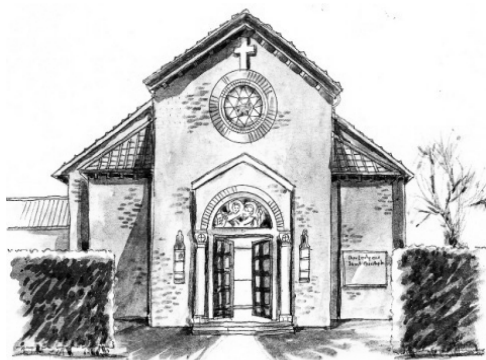
**OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - LAETARE (REJOICE) SUNDAY**

**MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL** The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as Laetare Sunday. We are now halfway through Lent, and Easter is drawing near. This Sunday offers us a taste of Easter joy, with an emphasis on the joy to come rather than the austerity of Lent.

The parish pilgrimage to Shrewsbury Cathedral for the Jubilee Year takes place on Saturday with thirty parishioners travelling by car as well as by train from Stockport train station. Please make sure to be at the station in good time ready for departure at 9.40am. There will be Mass, the opportunity for confession, a tour of the cathedral, and veneration of a relic of the true cross. Lunch will also be provided. May this pilgrimage bring abundant blessings to all in our parish during this Jubilee Year.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Sunday	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> (Saturday)	6.00pm	Teresa Palmer RIP
		9.00am	Kathleen Lennon RIP
		11.00am	People of the Parish
		<b>Stations of the Cross in church</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>
Monday	Ferial - <b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b>	8.30am	
		9.30am	Henry Synowiec RIP
Tuesday	Ferial - <b>Adoration</b>	6.30pm	
		7.30pm	Joan Fleming RIP
Wednesday	Ferial - <b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b>	8.30am	
		9.30am	Jim McLoughlin RIP
Thursday	Ferial	9.30am	Ints. of Kidist Tesfay
Friday	Ferial	8.15am	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS
		12.00pm	Mary Marsden RIP
		<b>Stations of the Cross (online)</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
Saturday	Ferial	9.30am	Patrick Gannon RIP
	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	<b>6.00pm</b>	Anthony Gordon RIP
Sunday	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9.00am	The Goto Family
		11.00am	People of the Parish
		<b>Stations of the Cross in church</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to [www.churchservices.tv/romiley](http://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, Patricia Godfrey, Kevin Bradley, Mary Sainsbury, Rita Stevens, Margaret Maycock, Sr Margaret Mary Foley, James Smart, Nathalie Whitehead, Florrie Robison, Margaret Wooliscroft, Joan Marshall, Glenis Keenan, Michael Walsh, Kathleen Holland, Carole Roe, Helen Ibbotson, Kath Bradley, Evlyn Richardson. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Norah Taylor, Elizabeth Campbell, Kathleen Lennon, James McLoughlin, Gertrude Lyne, Ivy crump, Anthony Peacock, Anthony Delaney, Francis Marshall, Ellen Sainsbury, Warren Bardsley, Denis O'Neill, George Crespino, Noreen Philpott, Marjorie, Brady, Mary Heneghan.

**Sunday Readings** for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent C: Joshua 5:9a-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.  
**Preface:** Lent 1, page 70. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** New boxes of envelopes are now available to collect from the back of the church. They are arranged in alphabetical order. If you cannot find your box with your name on it please take one of the spare boxes. Thank you.

**EVERGREEN GROUP – WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm - 3.30pm**

2nd April Sit down exercises  
9th April Come and make an Easter card  
16th April 'Riddles or Quiz!'  
23rd April NO MEETING - Easter break  
30th April NO MEETING - Easter break

**ROTAS FOR READERS & MINISTERS** for the 6.00pm Saturday Mass are available to collect from the rack in the small Sacristy.

**SUNDAY 9 O' CLOCK MASS READERS' NEW ROTA (6th APR 25-28th SEPT 25)**

The rota is now available on the parish website, from the rack in the small sacristy & at the back of church. For those who provided email addresses you should have received a copy, if you have not, please let me know ASAP.

New readers are very welcome at any time and if you have not read before, training is available. Please contact Anne Granby 0161 494 2711.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA FOR 11 AM MASS.** Please find copies of the new rota starting 30<sup>th</sup> March in the paper rack in the small sacristy.

**PIETY STALL** We now have more stock of the new Sunday Missals priced £20 each. We also have packets of Easter cards for £3 and a variety of items for first holy communion. The piety stall will be open this weekend, please have a browse.

**ATTENTION ALL GIFT AID DONORS** The tax year 2024/25 will be coming to an end on 5th April and the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please let Father Michael know or contact Dominic Berry (07768 527735) by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year.

**200 CLUB** The last draw for 2024-25 has now taken place. From April we are running the 200 Club to raise money for Mary's Meals. This charity serves school meals to children living in some of the poorest countries in the world. There is more information about this at the back of church. There are 200 Club membership application forms at the back of church. The cost is £12 per number for 12 draws, £6 of which will be donated to the charity and £6 will go into the prize pot. The more numbers sold, the more we can donate to this very worthy cause. Please return forms and monies (details on the form) before Tuesday 22nd April to be entered for the first draw on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> April.

If you want to keep your lucky numbers from this year, please indicate this on your form and we will do our best to allow this.

**200 CLUB** The winners for March are Barbara Edwards, Sheila Hayes, Helen Pope & Liz Lloyd. Please collect envelopes from the small sacristy.

**LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE** Bookings for the 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now open: by air from Friday 25 July to Thursday 31 July 2025 and by coach from Thursday 24 July to Friday 01 August 2025 The brochure and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) Fr Michael & Deacon Adam will be going.

**LENTEN SOUP LUNCH** on Friday after the 12 o'clock Mass. There will also be an opportunity to purchase cakes and 'good as new' fancy goods. All proceeds in aid of CAFOD.

#### **SUPPORTING THE VOCATION TO MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE**

Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways you can help.

**When:** 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 9.30am-4.00pm

**Where:** Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barnes WA15 0HG

**To Register and for More Information please contact:**

Monika at [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Mobile: 07549226794 or Jane at [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Mobile: 07517 906435.

**MARYS MEALS** Why not donate your leftover foreign currency to help feed hungry children with Mary's Meals? Simply take an envelope from the back of church, fill it with your leftover foreign currency and then place it in the container at the back of church and we will arrange for it to be returned to Mary's Meals. **You can also add coins and notes that are no longer legal tender.** Participating in this will help provide nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. *"Mary's Meals is a series of lots of little acts of love. If you put all those acts of sacrifice together, it creates a beautiful thing."* Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Founder of Mary's Meals. [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) Thank you.

**PARISH FINANCE** Last Sunday's collection £686.12, CAFOD £68.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** Four green crates of groceries and two grocery carrier bags were delivered to St Mark's last week plus cash donations amounting to £140 (£120, £20). Your generosity is much appreciated. The church is open on Sunday & Monday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm for donations. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **Donations of tinned tomatoes & tinned carrots would be welcomed. Thank you.**

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

**FOOTSTEPS ON 3 APRIL – DON'T MISS IT!** The next event in the Footsteps programme of helpful talks will be on **Thursday 3 April at 7.30pm** in the **parish centre of St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA** when we'll have the privilege of hearing again the **Bishop of Stockport, +Sam Corley**. He's called his talk

**“God’s big picture”** and in his own inimitable style, he’ll be taking us on a whirlwind tour of the entire Bible, helping us to meet some of its key characters and to understand the significance of key events. As he walks us through the story, he promises to help us understand how the stories of old are actually the stories we and the world find ourselves in – now and in the future.

**NB BRITISH SUMMER TIME** begins on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March – clocks go forward one hour on Saturday night.

**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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)



**THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE** Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email [ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk)

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