



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

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**SUNDAY 27th APRIL 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday which points us the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made present for us in the Eucharist. Divine Mercy is particularly associated with the Polish nun Sr Faustina Kowalska who received revelations from Our Lord in the 1930s and who was canonised by St John Paul II in the year 2000. Our late Holy Father Pope Francis was a wonderful proponent of God's mercy speaking and writing about it frequently. Let us pray that he may now come to experience the fullness of that merciful love of God in the kingdom of heaven. Requiescat in Pace.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 27th April 2025 – Sunday 4th May 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of the following Sunday (Saturday) SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Frances Nicholls RIP John Lennon RIP People of the Parish
Monday	St George, M – Patron of England Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Pope Francis RIP
Tuesday	St Catherine of Siena, V, D Adoration	6.30pm 7.30pm	Terence Goode RIP
Wednesday	Ferial Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am 9.30am	Sylvia Donovan RIP
Thursday	St Joseph the Worker	9.30am	Kathleen Gilogly RIP
Friday	St Athanasius, B, D Funeral Service	12.00pm 1.15pm	Adele McCluskey RIP Terence Goode RIP
Saturday	Ss Philip & James, Ap Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Deceased of the Curry Family Welfare of Grace
Sunday	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Thomas & Ruth O'Reilly 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, 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 Jane James, Norman Timony, Mary Ready, Herbert Holland, Joseph Carty, Christine Chappelow, John Lennon, James Storan, Clifford Bradshaw, George Owen, Lillian Owen, John Birch, Lilian Chapman, Maureen Smith, George Harney, Sheila Crowley, Paul Schofield, Catherine Gaskell, Catherine Higgins, Christina Dawson, Thomas Mee, Sylvia Donovan.

Sunday Readings for 2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday C: Acts 5:12-6; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31. **Preface:** Easter 1, page 74; **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 28.

FR MICHAEL, FR HUMPHREY & DEACON ADAM would like to thank all those who gave them cards and gifts for Easter for which they are grateful.

DEACON ADAM is away from Monday – Friday this week on retreat at the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst, Lancashire. Let us keep him in our prayers as no doubt he will be remembering us in prayer also.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM It was wonderful to see so many people attend the Holy Week & Easter Masses and services this year and I hope it will lead to a renewal and strengthening of faith as we strive to live the Easter message of peace, joy and hope knowing that the presence and power of the Risen Lord are with us.

FR MICHAEL'S LETTER to Lisa Smart MP concerning the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is available to view on the parish website. If you haven't already done so, you may wish to send a postcard opposing assisted suicide to your MP before the next reading of the Bill in Parliament. Postcards are available at the back and side of the church. They are simple to complete, just affix a stamp and drop them in a post box.

THE LADIES' GUILD meeting is on Thursday May 1st at 7.30pm. All welcome.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES New boxes of envelopes are now available for collection at the back of the church. They are arranged in alphabetical order. If you cannot locate your box with your name on it, please take one of the spare boxes instead. Thank you.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE This Mass is for couples celebrating a significant anniversary this year and those who are newly married. The Mass will be celebrated at Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns, on Saturday 21st June at 12 noon. It will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Couples intending to come to the Mass should let Fr Michael have their names, address and details of the particular anniversary they are celebrating, so they can receive a personal invitation from the Bishop.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS This special Celebration will be held on Sunday 27 April 2025 at Our Lady's Church, Shaw Heath, Stockport, SK3 8BQ. The church will be open from 1:30 pm. The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions will be from 2 pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3 pm and the Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be celebrated at 3:30 pm. You are invited to recite the 9-day Novena Prayers (Click link: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>) and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday.

EASTER PRAYER BOOKLETS are available free of charge. Please take one from the table at the back of the church.

EVERGREEN GROUP – WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm - 3.30pm

30th April NO MEETING - Easter break

200 CLUB FOR MARY'S MEALS Almost 100 numbers have been entered for this weekend's draw, the winners will be announced next weekend. If you have missed this month's draw but would like to have the chance of winning in the future you can complete a form from the back of church, sending in £11 before Tuesday May 27th.

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 Fr Michael & Deacon Adam will be going.

THE YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025 is taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College from Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025.



Tickets are also available for priests, religious, families and groups. If you have any questions, please email events@youth2000.org

PARISH FINANCE Easter collection £1,421.15, Good Friday Holy Places collection £707.45, CAFOD £30.00. Thank you for your great generosity.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS Three crates and three carrier bags were donated to the foodbank last week along with cash donations amounting to £190. 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 crisps and toilet rolls would be appreciated. Thank you.**

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

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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