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**14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Easter Year B**

**Mass Times and Intentions:**

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Philip Burgess RIP	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Easter	10am 11.30am	Robert Leroy Chamberlain RIP For the People of the Parish	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all those in our parish who are sick	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Anthony Wright & Family	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	For all of our Benefactors	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Margaret Doyle & Family	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Jim Sander RIP	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Joachim Closhessy RIP	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter	10am 11.30am	For the People of the Parish Danny Connolly RIP	
<b>Daily Schedule</b>	<b>Monday-Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>Mass</b>	12 noon	5pm	11.30am
<b>Eucharistic Adoration Benediction</b>	7am-7pm 6.45pm		
<b>Confessions</b>	11am-11.45am	4pm-4.45pm	10.30am-11am
<b>Rosary for Vocations</b>	6.30pm		11am

**We pray for our sick:** Jacobi Hill, Maddie Makonyola, Maria Sandiford, Jane Coupes, Michael Philbin, Linda Abel, Ged Gibbons, Cora Tierney, Mary O'Brien, Laurie Glenn, Carmel Mayo, Anthony Healey, Margaret Runcieman, Doreen Rowan, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsenan, Michael John Ford, John McCormick, Roy Curran, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Robyn Gibbons, Nathan Hatfield, Angela Mullin, Keith Morris, Pat Morris, Lesley Morris, Maria DeSilva, Peter Taylor, Ron Runcieman.

**Anniversaries:** We remember Michael Joseph Martin and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Recently Deceased:** We pray for Stephen Pye and for all those who have died recently.

**Mass Intentions:** Envelopes are available at the back of the church if you would like to request a Mass said for your intentions. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Please note that we are several months behind with Mass Intentions. If you require a specific date, we will try our best to do that date or as near it as possible. Thank you.

**Money Matters:** We received £588.63 in the collection last weekend. Thank you.

**Sponsor a Slate:** we are almost at the end of our 'Sponsor a Slate' scheme. If you haven't yet returned your form and wish to sponsor a slate, please return to us by This Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at the latest. Thank you.

**Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope "We Dare to Say"** Pope Francis has asked us to make this year into a time for refreshing our prayer. 'We Dare To Say' is a 5 week Faith Sharing course on the powerful words of the Our Father. You are still able to join us as we continue this course tomorrow evening (Mon 15<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm. Each session should last 1hr15 minutes. All are welcome. Please email [stockportshrine@gmail.com](mailto:stockportshrine@gmail.com) if you'd like to attend.

**Walsingham 2024** Due to lower numbers than expected we have a shortfall on our coach cost for this years pilgrimage. If you could make a donation to help us out please could you put your donation in an envelope marked Walsingham Pilgrimage donation 2024. A Novena of Masses will be offered at the Shrine for all the benefactors. With my thanks and prayers Shelagh Humphries

**St Joseph's Primary School:** From September 2024, we are delighted to be able to offer 8 full time nursery places from 8.45am – 3.15pm Monday – Friday. Please contact the school office if you wish to register your child for a full-time place. This is a wonderful step forward for St Joseph's so please spread this great news to any families you know who have nursery age children.

**Holy Hour at Christ Church: 'Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!'** St Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:20. You are welcome to join us for a Holy Hour for Easter. A time of prayer with worship music & Scripture readings before the Blessed Sacrament at Christ Church, Heald Green, SK8 3DY on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

**Vacancies: 1)** St Philip's Catholic Primary School is looking to appoint a highly motivated and inspirational Deputy Headteacher from September 2024. More information can be found at:

[www.stphilipsstockport.co.uk/page/vacancies/144123](http://www.stphilipsstockport.co.uk/page/vacancies/144123) Closing date 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**2)** Harrytown Catholic High School: We are currently recruiting for two Assistant Headteachers. Please visit the school website for further information – [www.harrytownschool.org](http://www.harrytownschool.org)

**Our Lady and the Apostles Pilgrimage 2024** is to Poland. The dates are 23 - 27 Sept 2024 and cost is £630, 1/2 board (sharing). Flights are from Manchester to Krakow. We will be visiting St Mary's Basilica, the Bishops palace, Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, Auschwitz, Jasna Gora Sanctuary and many other optional visits. Pilgrimage Spiritual Lead: Fr. Martin Onuoha Contact [unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com](mailto:unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com) for more information.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024:** Brochures and booking forms are now available on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or by ringing 07773 324264, or if you are aged 16 – 22 please email [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) for an application form to join the youth section of our pilgrimage. This year our pilgrimage dates are: by air: from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August; by coach: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August and for our young people: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. If you are a first time pilgrim or a returning pilgrim we look forward to you joining us in Lourdes this year.

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**Acts 3:13-15,17-19:** Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Lift up the light of your face on us O Lord.**

**1 John 2:1-5:** I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

**Luke 24:35-48:** The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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**Holy Father's prayer intention for April:** *For the role of women We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.*