

ST MARY'S

THE HIDDEN GEM

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THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

[This Week's Sunday Readings](#) of the Mass

► Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 ► Romans 14:7-9 ► Matthew 18:21-35



Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying 'That's it; you've just gone too far this time: never again?'

When Jesus says that we must forgive seventy-seven times, he implies that

we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn't just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: Father, forgive them... As his disciples, we must do likewise.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

[This week's daily readings](#) of the Mass

Paul's letters to the Corinthians now goes through some basic reminders: first he talks of the "Lord's Supper", and the meaning of us being part of the Body of Christ; he talks of the importance of love, and the basis of our faith—that Christ died for our sins and rose again. Paul emphasises the importance of the resurrection, for without this our faith is without meaning.

The Gospel (Luke 7-8) Jesus travels from Capernaum (where he cures a man): he proclaims the good news of the forgiveness of sins.

THE SAINTS THIS WEEK

Saint Cornelius and Cyprian

Both men lived in a time of great turbulence in the Church: they were at the forefront of the debate on reconciling those who had denied the faith under persecution. Together Cornelius and Cyprian struck a middle course and guided the Church onward by their writing and preaching. Cornelius died in exile in 253; Cyprian was martyred in 258.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated for the following intentions, received at St Mary's this week:

Holy Souls; Fr John McKeown (LD); Mary and Walter Willows RIP (Wedding Anniversary Memory); Kath Hilton (A); Martin O'Donnell RIP; Mary Connolly (LD); Julie Shaw (LD); Kathleen & Michael Campbell (SI); Jim Lancaster (LD); Peadar Donlon (LD); Kathleen Connors (S); Peter Butt (LD); Eileen Walsh (LD); Clarkson family; Amanda, Steve Morgan & girls; Harry Ryan (A); Haidee Sabal (LD); John Cowley (LD); Margaret McKeon (LD); Hannah Doona (A); Julia Doona (A); Bridget McDonagh (LD); Michael McDonagh RIP; Kate Wynne (S); Sainsbury, Butterworth & Baud Family

[LD=Lately dead, A=Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday
SI= Special Intention, BR=Birthday Remembrance]

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

Respect for the planet's resources: We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

We join the whole Diocese in praying for the people of the parish of Holy Cross and St. Helen, Ashton, with Fr. Simon Firth, their parish priest, Fr. Gavin Landers and the sisters of St. Michael the Archangel.

We pray for their parish primary schools, St. Damian's College and the chaplaincy to Tameside Hospital.

THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST MARY'S

THE CHURCH IS OPEN EACH DAY FOR QUIET PRAYER

Mon 14 September	Tues 15 September	Wed 16 September	Thurs 17 September	Fri 18 September	Sat 19 September	Sun 20 September
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	Our Lady of Sorrows	Saint Cornelius and St Cyprian	Weekday	Weekday	Saturday Mass of Our Blessed Lady	TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Numbers 21:4-9 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17	Hebrews 5:7-9 John 19:25-27	1 Cor. 12:31-13:13 Luke 7:31-35	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 7:36-50	1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 8:1-3	1 Cor. 15:33-37.42-49 Luke 8:4-15	Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-24.27 Matthew 20:1-16
10.00am Church opens	10.00am Church opens	10.00am Church opens	10.00am Church opens	10.00am Church opens	09.00am Church opens	09.00am Church opens
11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am - 11.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am Holy Mass
11.00am - 12noon Confessions	11.00am - 12noon Confessions	11.00am - 12noon Confessions	11.00am - 12noon Confessions	11.00am - 12noon Confessions	10.00am - 11.15am Confessions	12 noon Holy Mass
12.10pm Holy Rosary	12.10pm Holy Rosary	12.10pm Holy Rosary	12.10pm Holy Rosary	12.10pm Holy Rosary	11.30am Holy Rosary	
12.30pm Holy Mass	12.30pm Holy Mass	12.30pm Holy Mass	12.30pm Holy Mass	12.30pm Holy Mass	11.45am Benediction	2.00pm Church closes
4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	1.30pm Church Cleaning 5.15pm Holy Mass 6.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	12 noon Holy Mass 5.15pm Vigil Mass of Sunday 6.00pm Church closes	

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Thank you for your generosity; Please remember to Gift Aid any donations to St Mary's to help us in our Mission

COVIDSAFE church

With the Risk Assessment that we have undertaken, and all the extra precautions we have put in place at this time, **we believe that St Mary's is a safe place to visit.**

Please play your part in keeping St Mary's safe for everyone by:

Sanitising your hands on entering and on leaving the church



Wearing a FACE COVERING at all times in the church

Observing the ONE WAY system on entry into and exit from the church



Observing social distancing at all times unless you are from the same household



Respecting the SILENCE of this Sacred Place by not talking to others in church and switching off all mobile phones



MASSES THIS WEEK

All the Masses have now resumed at St Marys, at the previous times, as per the front of this newsletter. In addition to the usual times for Mass, and to give another opportunity for people to attend Holy Mass during the week, for the moment, there will be an extra Mass on Wednesday evenings at 5.15pm. This Mass has been particularly quiet each week, so, if you are looking for a quiet Mass during the week, Wednesday evening is a good Mass to come to.

As we start to use the church gallery, particularly on Sundays, can we please ask that our younger and more mobile parishioners sit in the gallery, leaving the places in the main body of the church free for those less mobile. We also ask that you follow the directions of the stewards and, for the good of all, sit where you are invited to do so.

CONFESSIONS

We have now resumed the Sacrament of Reconciliation here at St Mary's, as per the times on this newsletter.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the following times this week: **Monday to Friday** 11.00am - 12.25pm; **Saturday** 10.00am - 11.45am, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please take extra care during these times not to talk to others, and to respect the silence of the church.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?

If you would like to receive the weekly Parish Newsletter by email, please let me know, and I will add you to the distribution list.

GOD WHO SPEAKS SERIES OF TALK ONLINE

The God who speaks: Following the success of the zoom presentation, The God who speaks through Creation, by Sr, Margaret Atkins, CRSA, the Department for Formation is organising further talks. The next talk will take place on Wednesday 23rd September: **The God who speaks at Mass** by Father Eamon Mulcahy, CSSp, Spiritan missionary, theology lecturer, priest in East Manchester and from Levenshulme. To book a place please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

St Mary's has now already been open for just over two months since the lockdown. During this time we are only able to be open thanks to the great help of a number of our parishioners who have been acting as volunteer stewards and newcomers to the church. Now, with the arrival of September, some of our parishioners are returning to their employment, and also, as we try to get back to some kind of normal routine here at St Mary's, we would like to keep the church open a little longer each day, to give opportunity to anyone to pop into St Mary's to say a prayer or light a candle, as they have done so in the past.

Therefore, once again, we are looking for volunteers who can spend a couple of hours in the church each week, looking after the church, welcoming visitors, and helping to keep everyone safe. **If you are able to help, please have a word with me** or, please [email me](mailto:emailme) with your name and contact details and I will give you further information. Without the help of parishioners, we won't be able to keep the church open at this time. So, having volunteers in place will enable us to keep the church open; The more volunteers we have, the more that we will be able to be open for everyone. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

I would like to express my thanks for the generosity to those of our parishioners who have continued to contribute financially to St Mary's during this time. We all know what a difficult time it is for many people, and we are grateful to those who have been able to continue to support us during this time. Even if you are only able to visit St Mary's occasionally, please consider, if you are able, setting up a standing order to support the parish going forward. **Thank you** for your continued generosity to our parish.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS AT THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC

On Wednesday, at his weekly Audience, Pope Francis has given the fourth of his weekly meditations on the coronavirus pandemic. Here is a summary of what he said, with a link below to the full text:



Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our reflections on the current pandemic in the light of the Church's social doctrine, we have seen that the common good must be the goal of our individual and collective efforts to heal our wounded world. Our Christian commitment in this regard is inspired by God's unconditional love, which calls us to set no limits on our love for others and our concern for their welfare. As members of the one human family, our wellbeing is a public not simply a private good. By placing every human person and the common good at the centre of our cultural, economic and political activity, we will create a genuinely healthy, just and peaceful world, and so contribute to the building of a true "civilization of love". The coronavirus heeds no cultural or political barrier or distinction – nor must we impose any barrier or distinction on our love as we work for the common good in responding to the grave problems brought to the fore by the pandemic, in fidelity to our Christian vocation.

[Catechesis: "To heal the world" - Part VI](#)

WITH EVERY GOOD WISH

AND BLESSING FOR THE COMING WEEK *Fr Anthony*

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK - burning from Saturday morning onwards

THE PIETÀ ALTAR	TABERNACLE - OUR LADY	TABERNACLE - ST JOSEPH	OUR LADY'S STATUE
Haidee Sabal RIP (LD)	For all the parishioners of St Mary's at this time		Bernard Gruber RIP (A)

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