

ST MARY'S

THE HIDDEN GEM

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THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

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

► Isaiah 55:6-9 ► Philippians 1:20-24,27 ► Matthew 20:1-16

We can never hope fully to understand God, especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thoughts are not our thoughts.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

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

We go back to the Old Testament this week, and spend a while with Proverbs & Ecclesiastes. These are books of "Wisdom" - ways of looking at the world and finding a path that is pleasing to God. We read practical proverbs then hear the "Preacher" - who dismisses the concerns of life as empty compared with the transcendence of God. In the Gospel (Luke 8-9) Jesus sends his disciples about their work; he also asks who people say he is, and we hear the puzzlement of Herod.

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 Our Lady and St. Patrick, Oldham, Fr. Philip Sumner, their parish priest, and their parish primary school.

THE SAINTS THIS WEEK

St Matthew

Saint Matthew: born at Capernaum. He was a tax-gatherer when called by Jesus. He wrote his Gospel in the Hebrew language, and tradition has it that he preached the Faith in the East.

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

Born on 25 May 1887, at the age of sixteen he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars and was ordained priest in 1910. His ministry displays a remarkable devotion to prayer and the sacraments. He also committed himself to relieving the pain of many families, chiefly through the foundation of the House for the Relief of Suffering. He died in 1968.



Our Lady of Walsingham

The lady of the manor of Walsingham, Richeldis de Faverches, was instructed by a vision of the Virgin Mary to build in her village an exact replica of the house of Nazareth in which the Annunciation had taken place. The vision occurred, according to tradition, in 1061. The original house was destroyed at the Reformation, but during the 19th and early 20th centuries pilgrimage to Walsingham was revived.

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; Lucas Short (S); Kathleen Campbell (A); Pat Goddhard (LD); Francis Webster (A)

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

THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST MARY'S

THE CHURCH IS OPEN EACH DAY FOR QUIET PRAYER

Mon 21 September	Tues 22 September	Wed 23 September	Thurs 24 September	Fri 25 September	Sat 26 September	Sun 27 September
SAINT MATTHEW Apostle and Evangelist	Weekday	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina Priest	Our Lady of Walsingham	Weekday	Saturday Mass of Our Blessed Lady	TWENTY SIXTH 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
10.30am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am - 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	

✂ **THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT ST MARY'S and for your SUPPORT of our parish** ✂
Thank you for your generosity; Please remember to Gift Aid any donations to St Mary's to help us in our Mission

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.

PROCEDURE FOR THE PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

At this time, can we simply ask that:

1. You remain in your place until invited to come forward by one of the stewards
2. If there are people in the gallery, we allow them to come down to Holy Communion first
3. You come up to receive Holy Communion by the centre aisle and return to your places by the side aisle
4. As you approach the foot of the altar you, momentarily, loosen your face covering before receiving Holy Communion.
5. Return to your places in the church (and not stand at the back of the church, thus blocking the free movement of others)

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** 10.30am - 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.

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 welcomers 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](#) 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK - burning from Saturday morning onwards

THE PIETÀ ALTAR	TABERNACLE - OUR LADY	TABERNACLE - ST JOSEPH	OUR LADY'S STATUE
Dorotea Boholst Dargantes (B)		Catherine Ryan & family	Kathleen and Michael Campbell RIP

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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



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 continuing reflections on the current pandemic in the light of the Church's social doctrine, we have seen the vital role played by the many people who generously care for others, especially the sick, elderly and most vulnerable. We have also recognized our responsibility to care for the natural world, whose beauty is all too often ignored and its resources squandered. In order to regain a proper sense of our place within God's creation, and of our call to respect and care for the earth and one another, we need to learn anew the art of *contemplation*. For when we enter into silence and contemplate our interconnected world, we come to appreciate the true meaning and value of all creatures, for each in its own way reflects something of God's infinite wisdom, goodness and beauty. Contemplation teaches us how integral we all are to the whole of creation, our calling to be faithful stewards of its riches, and our need to preserve it for future generations.

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

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**WITH EVERY GOOD WISH
AND BLESSING FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Fr Anthony