

# ST MARY'S

# THE HIDDEN GEM

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### THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

[Sunday Readings](#) of the Mass

► Isaiah 45:1.4-6 ► 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 ► Matthew 22:15-21



Everyone on this earth belongs to God. All are made in his image. Therefore it is right that all men and women, 'from the rising to the setting of the sun', should know the God to whom they belong.

The only desire of our God is that all should know and love him, and find in him the fulfilment that they seek. Even a pagan king like Cyrus is used to further this knowledge of God - just as Jesus uses Caesar's head to make the point again: all belong to God, and the mission of

all who acknowledge that belonging is to help others to find it. This is exactly what we see Paul, Silvanus and Timothy doing, as they write to the people of Thessalonika. to whom they carried the Good News of Jesus Christ.

### THE WORD THIS WEEK

[Weekday readings](#) of the Mass

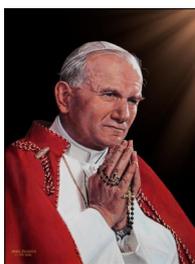
We continue to read the Letter to the Ephesians: this is practical advice and encouragement, which focuses on Christ as the fullness of all things; God's grace is rich, because we are now part of Christ's body. WE should all live as part of this body. The Gospels (Luke 12-13) see Jesus speaking about the end times, the day of the Lord which comes when no one expects it. We are to be on our guard in how we live.

### HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

Evangelisation: The Laity's Mission in the Church: We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

We join the whole Diocese in praying for the people of the parish of Francis of Assisi, Oldham, and for Fr. Derek Woodhead, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for the chaplaincy to the Royal Oldham Hospital and for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph.



### THE SAINTS THIS WEEK

#### Pope Saint John Paul the Second

Charles Joseph Wojtyla was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. On 16 October 1978 he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people, and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. He died in Rome on 2 April 2005

### 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; Teresa Sacro (B); Richard Farmer (S); Anne Connolly (B); Charles Clarke (S); Frank Arthur (S) Theresa Clark (SI); Mary Margaret Webster (A); Thanksgiving to St Jude; Jim Shaw (S); Giuseppe Mercurio RIP; Rugniranporn Arunrung RIP; Vito Marino RIP; Carmelo Minafo RIP; Roz Ewart RIP; Sabina Basilicata RIP; Mauricia Majomot (A); James Goulding (B); Lorraine and family; Paul Strowger (SI); Christopher Walsh (LD); Special Intention to the Sacred Heart; James McCarthy (LD); Sidney Cookson (LD); Charles Clarke (S); Kate Wynne (SI); Catherine Doona (A); Holy Souls

[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 19 October	Tues 20 October	Wed 21 October	Thurs 22 October	Fri 23 October	Sat 24 October	Sun 25 October
<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Saint John Paul the Second Pope</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Saturday Mass of Our Lady</b>	<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
Ephesians 2:1-10 Luke 12:13-21	Galatians 5:1-6 Luke 12:35-38	Ephesians 3:2-12 Luke 12:39-48	Ephesians 3:14-21 Luke 12:49-53	Ephesians 4:1-6 Luke 12:49-53	Ephesians 4:1-6 Luke 12:49-53	Exodus 22:20-26 1 Thess. 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40
10.00am <b>Church opens</b>	10.00am <b>Church opens</b>	10.00am <b>Church opens</b>	10.30am <b>Church opens</b>	10.00am <b>Church opens</b>	09.00am <b>Church opens</b>	09.00am <b>Church opens</b>
10.30am - 12.25pm <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	10.30am - 12.25pm <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	10.30am - 12.25pm <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>No Adoration or Confessions today</b>	10.30am - 12.25pm <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	10.00am - 11.45am <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	10.00am <b>Holy Mass</b>
11.00am - 12noon <b>Confessions</b>	11.00am - 12noon <b>Confessions</b>	11.00am - 12noon <b>Confessions</b>		11.00am - 12noon <b>Confessions</b>	10.00am - 11.15am <b>Confessions</b>	12 noon <b>Holy Mass</b>
12.10pm <b>Holy Rosary</b>	12.10pm <b>Holy Rosary</b>	12.10pm <b>Holy Rosary</b>	12.10pm <b>Holy Rosary</b>	12.10pm <b>Holy Rosary</b>	11.30am <b>Holy Rosary</b>	
12.30pm <b>Holy Mass</b>	12.30pm <b>Holy Mass</b>	12.30pm <b>Holy Mass</b>	12.30pm <b>Holy Mass</b>	12.30pm <b>Holy Mass</b>	11.45am <b>Benediction</b>	2.00pm <b>Church closes</b>
4.00pm <b>Church closes</b>	4.00pm <b>Church closes</b>	1.30pm <b>Church Cleaning</b> 5.15pm <b>Holy Mass</b> 6.00pm <b>Church closes</b>	4.00pm <b>Church closes</b>	4.00pm <b>Church closes</b>	12 noon <b>Holy Mass</b> 5.15pm <b>Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> 6.00pm <b>Church closes</b>	

✂ **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

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



**Wearing a FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES in the church**



**Observing SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES unless you are from the same household**



**NEWS AND EVENTS**

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

A week on Sunday, 1st November, the Church throughout the world celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints, which is normally a Holy Day of Obligation. This year, as the pandemic continues, the obligation to attend Mass is suspended but here at St Mary's, we will have three Masses for All Saints: on Saturday evening at 5.15pm and on Sunday morning at 10.00am and 12noon.

**ALL SOULS DAY**

Two weeks on Monday, 2nd November, is All Souls' Day, the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. Here at St Mary's, Requiem Mass will be offered for all the Faithful Departed at the usual time 12.30pm, and there will also be an evening Mass at 5.15pm on this day. Please join us at either of these Masses to pray for all our family members, friends and benefactors who have gone before us, marked with the sign of Faith. May they rest in peace.

**MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

It is traditional during the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls, to pray for our deceased loved ones. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for you to put in the names of your deceased family members and friends. These will be placed before the altar throughout the month of November and Masses will be celebrated each day in the month of November for all those whose names that are placed before the Lord. + Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**FR JOHN LAIDE RIP**

Please remember in your prayers one of our retired priests, Fr John Laide, who died on Wednesday in Our Lady of Fatima Nursing Home, Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland. Fr Laide, before his retirement, was for many years Parish Priest at St Margaret Mary's, New Moston. May he rest in peace.

**OLIVE MUIR RIP**

Please remember in your prayers one of our parishioners, Olive Muir, who has died this after a long illness. Olive, for many years, came to Mass here at St Mary's regularly during the week, and will be known to many who came to daily Mass before the lockdown in March. Her funeral will take place from her home parish of St Joseph's, Longsight. May she rest in peace.

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR**

I am sure that, due to the ongoing pandemic, you will not be surprised to hear that there will be no schools holding Carol Services

during Advent this year and there will be no Police Carol Service either. All these events have been very much part of our preparation for Christmas here at St Mary's for many years so, hopefully, we will be able to return to having them next year. This week I will be giving some thought as to the number and times of Christmas Masses this year and will give more details soon.

**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS IN THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC**

On Wednesday, at his weekly Audience, Pope Francis has given the tenth of his weekly meditations during this time of 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 catechesis on prayer, we now turn to the Book of Psalms, which can be considered a great treasury of prayers. The Psalms teach us to pray to God in words that he himself has given us. In them, we encounter the entire gamut of human emotions, from praise, petition and joyful thanksgiving to anguished supplication for deliverance from life's bitter disappointments and sorrows. The Psalms teach us that God is not deaf to our prayers, especially those that arise from a broken heart and a troubled spirit. The Psalmist's repeated cry, "How long, Lord?", is itself an acknowledgment that, amid our every trial and tribulation, God hears our voice and never abandons us. As a loving Father, he weeps for our sufferings in this world, yet in his wisdom he has a saving plan for each of us. The Psalms are thus a guide to growth in the practice of prayer. They open our hearts to ever deeper hope in God's providential care; they confirm our trust in his promises, and they inspire us to persevere on our life-long journey of faith in his word.

**END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME**

Don't forget that the clocks go back one hour at 2.00am next Sunday, 25th October. Remember to change your watches and clocks before you retire next Saturday evening then we will all be on time next Sunday morning!

**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.

Thank you to all who continue to support our parish at this time with prayers, offerings, and good wishes.

With every 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
For all the parishioners of St Mary's at this time		For those recently made unemployed and those whose jobs are at risk	Nelly McAtamney Catherine Ryan & Family

If you would like to have a candle lit for a particular intention, for a loved one or for a special intention,  
 ⇒ Put the name of the intention on an envelope  
 ⇒ Indicate which Sanctuary Candle you wish to have lit  
 ⇒ Pass the envelope to the Parish Priest or place it through the presbytery letter box.



A donation of £5 is suggested to cover the cost of the candle. The candle will be lit on Saturday morning, as soon as possible, in the order that they are received, and will burn throughout the following week, with the names appearing in the parish newsletter week, so we know the intention that the candle is burning for.

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