

# ST MARY'S

# THE HIDDEN GEM

# MULBERRY ST



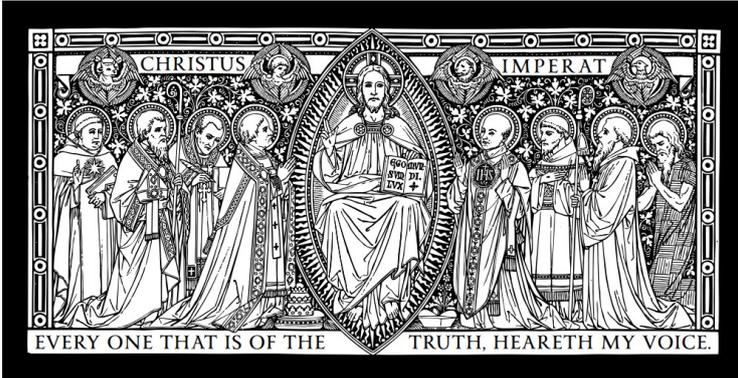
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**THE WORD THIS SUNDAY**

[Sunday Readings](#) of the Mass

► Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 ► 1 Cor. 15:20-26,28; ► Matt. 25:31-46



Shepherd-King o'er mountain steep, homeward guide thy wand'ring sheep. This hymn which we will sing today captures the readings perfectly: our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who would (and did) give his life for them. Love for the flock means that he will have to judge them, separating the sheep from those who do not belong to him. Coming to the end of the Church's year leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming the hymn speaks of. The judgement of the end of time we do not view as a trial or a terror, but as a coming home: look back to the Isaiah reading on the 28th Sunday to see what a homecoming party is offered. All we do is put our lives in order, living just and holy lives, longing for the day of the lord to come.

**THE WORD THIS WEEK**

[Weekday readings](#) of the Mass

John sees the harvesting of God's children, and the triumph of the faithful over the "great enemy" Babylon. A new heaven and earth are seen, with the Holy City in their midst. We end Luke's Gospel with Jesus prophesying the destruction of the Temple and similar dark warnings of the time of trial to come. His warning is to be ready, and to hold firm to what we believe when the signs in the heavens and on the earth are upon us.

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER**

Artificial Intelligence: We pray for that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

We join the whole Diocese in praying for the people of the parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the Guardian Angels, Bury, and the parish of St. Hilda, Tottington, with Father Paul Cannon, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools

**THE SAINTS THIS WEEK**

**Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and companions, martyrs**

The 117 Vietnamese martyrs. Between 1820 and 1862 these 117 martyrs were killed in a brutal persecution. Andrew was a parish priest; the group includes eight bishops, fifty priests and fifty-nine laymen and women.



Mass Intentions

**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; Edith Findlater (LD); James Bentley (A); Ann Knox (A); John Murphy (A); Stephen Knox (A); Margaret Vinter (A); Maisie Harrington (A); Michael Cooklin (A); Bishop John Jukes (A); Jean Hall (A); Winifred Hunstone (BR); Philomena Gittings-Broughton (BR); Stella Hall (BR); Richard Hall (BR)

[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 23 November	Tues 24 November	Wed 25 November	Thurs 26 November	Fri 27 November	Sat 28 November	Sun 29 November
<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest And companions, Martyrs</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 1 Cor. 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31:46	Apocalypse 14:1-5 Luke 21:5-11	Apocalypse 14:14-19 Luke 21:5-11	Apocalypse 15:1-4 Luke 21:12-19	Apoc. 20:1-4,11-21:1 Luke 21:20-28	Apocalypse 22:1-7 Luke 21:34-36	Is. 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37
10.00am Church opens	10.00am Church opens	10.00am Church opens	10.00am Church opens	10.00am Church opens	10.00am Church opens	10.00am Church opens
10.30am - 12.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am - 12.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am - 12.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am - 12.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.30am - 12.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am - 12.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	10.00am - 12.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11.00am - 12noon Confessions	11.00am - 12noon Confessions	11.00am - 12noon Confessions	11.00am - 12noon Confessions	11.00am - 12noon Confessions	11.00am - 12 noon Confessions	11.00am - 12noon Confessions
3.30pm Church closes	3.30pm Church closes	3.30pm Church closes	3.30pm Church closes	3.30pm Church closes	3.30pm Church closes	2.00pm 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

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

**PASTORAL LETTER**

Bishop John has written a Pastoral Letter to the Diocese for this Sunday: copies will be sent to everyone on the parish email list, or you will be able to find it on the [diocesan website](#).

**THE GOD WHO SPEAKS**

The final talk in this series will take place digitally this Wednesday 25th November on "The God who speaks in the Gospel of John", by Father Michael Winstanley, SDB, Salesian priest and Scripture Scholar. He is based at the Salesian community in Bolton. The evening will begin at 7.00 p.m. and will include time for questions. To book a place and be sent a Zoom link on the morning of the talk, please send a quick email to [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN EACH DAY**

During this time we will try to keep St Mary's open for private prayer as much as possible **and this week the church will be open 10am - 3.30pm pm each day.** In the mornings there will be time for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** (10.30am-12.30pm) and the opportunity to go to **Confession** (11am-12noon)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

I would again 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.

**DONATIONS**

If you would normally have attended St Mary's each week, and have been unable to do so since March and, if you are in a position to do so, please consider making a one-off donation to the parish to support St Mary's at this time.

Just to remind you that it is possible to donate online on our [parish website](#) or a donation by cheque can be sent to the presbytery.

**Thank you** for your continued generosity to our parish.

**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.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS**

Given the current restrictions, and not knowing what is going to happen at the end of this national lockdown, I hope to be in a position next weekend to have a better idea of how we will be able to continue to celebrate the Season of Advent and Christmas at St Mary's.

**CARITAS ADVENT APPEAL**

For the last few years here at St Mary's we have organised an Advent and Christmas appeal for Caritas, and in particular to raise funds for the Cornerstone Day Centre and the Lalley Centre. This year, given the current situation, we are not in a position to organise this in the same way, but we encourage you to continue to support our diocesan charity at this time of the year.

At this time of year, Caritas Salford traditionally begins a winter appeal for donations of food, sleeping bags and other materials. The restrictions affecting the public celebration of Mass means they are unable to accept physical donations this year or tell parishioners about the positive impact of their donations on the lives of those in need.

Please visit the Caritas Salford [website](#) to watch a short film about how Caritas helped Rochelle, Quinton and Nikki and to make a small donation by debit or credit card if you are able or please remember the Poor Box at the back of church and we will pass on your donation. Please continue to remember in your prayers all the staff, volunteers and beneficiaries of Caritas services this winter.



With every prayer and blessing for the coming week. Keep safe.

*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
Susan, Rebecca, Lauren & Grace  Catherine & Harry Ward RIP	Agnes and John Riley	Fr David Featherstone	Anne & Bill Fielding Nelly McAtamney Catherine & family Holy Souls

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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