

# ST MARY'S

# THE HIDDEN GEM

## MULBERRY ST



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### THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

Sunday Readings of the Mass

- ▶ Genesis 9:8-15
- ▶ 1 Peter 3:18-22
- ▶ **Mark 1:12-15**

**Jesus was tempted by Satan and the angels looked after him.**

We begin our Lenten journey at the decisive moment of the flood, when God establishes his first Covenant with man, in the person of Noah. Noah was saved from the waters, while we (as Saint Peter points out) are saved by the waters of Baptism. This is the Covenant we live in, thanks to Christ, who came to establish this "new and eternal Covenant in his blood". He is the only one who can do this, because he is without sin, despite "having been tempted in every way that we are".

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Violence Against Women: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

We pray for the people of the parish of the Holy Trinity, Worsley, with Mgr John Dale, their parish priest, for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph, the chaplaincy to St. Ann's Hospice, and for the parish primary schools.

May their journey with the Lord this Lent be richly blessed.

### HOLY MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

**In remembrance:** The Holy Souls; **Lately Deceased:** Maria Luisa Arroyo Fernandez; Raymond Barry; Rebecca Rothwell  
**Anniversaries:** Emma Hayes; Mike Rothwell; John & Mary Corcoran; Violet Harrison; Edmond Powell; Fr Thomas Bradley ; Mrs O'Brien. **Special Intentions:** Kate Wynne; Conchita; Mary Powell; Iris Mendis; Blessing for the Mendis family; Petition to the Sacred Heart; Mr Mannion; Geraldine Worth and family; Louise Kirkpatrick

### REQUESTING A MASS TO BE CELEBRATED FOR A PARTICULAR INTENTION

If you wish to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention please write the details on an envelope, indicating the name of the person for whom you want the Mass celebrating, whether it is for something particular (lately dead, anniversary, birthday remembrance, special intention, or some other occasion)

In including a donation, you are making an offering to support the priest who celebrates the Mass. Please include your offering in the envelope.

When someone requests a Mass intention, we always ensure that a Mass is said for that intention. Normally every Mass we offer has a specific intention in mind that has been given to us by parishioners, although we don't usually announce what that intention is.

All Mass intentions you hand in are recorded in our Parish Mass Register and noted in the parish newsletter in the week we receive the intention. If we accumulate more Masses than the Parish Priest here is able to say, then we send some of the intentions to other priests who are able to celebrate the Masses which ensures the Mass is said within a reasonable time of the request, as well as helping to support those priests.

### THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST MARY'S

### THE CHURCH IS OPEN EACH DAY FOR QUIET PRAYER

Mon 22 February	Tues 23 February	Wed 24 February	Thurs 25 February	Fri 26 February	Sat 27 February	Sun 28 February
<b>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER</b> Apostle	<b>Lent Weekday</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>				
1 Peter 5:1-14 Matthew 16:13-19	Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15	Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32	Ester 4:17 Matthew 7:7-12	Ezekiel 18:21-18 Matthew 7:7-12	Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Matthew 5:43-48	Genesis 22:1-2,9-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10
10.00am <b>Church opens</b>	9.00am <b>Church opens</b>					
10.30am - 12.25pm <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	10.30am - 11.45am <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	10.00am <b>HOLY MASS</b>				
12.10pm <b>Holy Rosary</b>	11.30am <b>Holy Rosary</b>					
12.30pm <b>HOLY MASS</b>	11.45am <b>Benediction</b>					
1.00pm <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	12 noon <b>HOLY MASS</b>	12 noon <b>HOLY MASS</b>				
		4.00pm - 5.10pm <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>		1.15pm - 3.15pm <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	12.30pm <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
1.30pm <b>Church closes</b>	1.30pm <b>Church closes</b>	5.15pm <b>HOLY MASS</b>	1.30pm <b>Church closes</b>	3.00pm <b>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b>	5.15pm <b>Vigil MASS of Sunday</b>	1.30pm <b>Church closes</b>
		6.00pm <b>Church closes</b>		3.30pm <b>Church closes</b>	6.00pm <b>Church closes</b>	

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**THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT**

I hope Lent has begun well for you. It was good to many of you attending Holy Mass on Ash Wednesday and again, I am grateful to all the parishioners who are acting as volunteers at this time to allow all who wish to come to Holy Mass to do so safely. Let us hope this good start to the beginning of Lent will be the promise of ever-growing numbers returning as Easter approaches and in all the months ahead.

The forty days' fast, which we call Lent, is the Church's preparation for Easter, and was instituted at the very commencement of Christianity. In most languages, the name given to this time of fasting expresses the number of days - forty, such as *Quadragesima* in Latin, or *Quaresima* in Italian; the English word *Lent* signifies the *Spring-fast*, for *Lenten-tide* in the ancient Anglo-Saxon language, was the season of Spring.

The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; he lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to him. At the end of this time Satan tempts him three times, seeking to compromise his filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, and the devil leaves him "until an opportune time".

The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfils Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: he "binds the strong man" to take back his plunder.

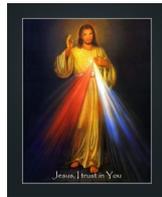
Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father. Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning."

By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 538-540

**WEDNESDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND EVENING MASS DURING LENT**

Throughout Lent there will be an additional 5.15pm Mass each Wednesday evening, particularly for those who wish to attend a weekday Mass during lent, but who are unable to make the one at lunchtime. From this week onwards we will also have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 4.00pm - 5.10pm



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

In addition to the current times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the mornings on Monday to Saturday, there will be an extended time of Adoration after the Stations of the Cross on **Friday afternoons**, until 3.00pm when we will pray **The Chaplet of Divine Mercy**.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

A brief Stations of the Cross will take place each weekday and Saturday after the lunchtime Mass, to which you are invited to join us for if you can.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

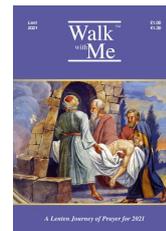
It is hoped that we will be able to safely reintroduce daily confessions once again in the very near future

**OPENING TIMES OF ST MARY'S DURING LOCKDOWN**

Because it is still a lot quieter in the city during these days, please note that the amended opening hours of the church, as per the front of this newsletter. The church will be open on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday afternoons until after the evening Masses and on Friday afternoons until after the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. It is hoped that, as restrictions are slowly lifted that we will be able to keep the church open for a little longer each day.

**LENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS**

There are a few Lent Walk with Me booklets still available at the back of Church. These little booklets are provided to help you in prayer each day throughout the season of Lent.



Thank you for your continued generosity and support at this time.  
With every prayer and blessing  
for the coming week.

Fr Anthony

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK - burning from Saturday morning onwards**

THE PIETÀ ALTAR	OUR BLESSED LADY	ST JOSEPH	OUR LADY OF MANCHESTER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anne Moran</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James, Catherine, Emilie &amp; Andrew</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iris Mendis and family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary Powell</li> <li>Violet Harrison RIP</li> <li>Marie, Rachel, and family</li> <li>Catherine Ryan and family</li> <li>Nelly McAtamney</li> <li>Paolo Romano</li> </ul>
	<p><b>TABERNACLE - OUR LADY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kate Wynn (Special Intention)</li> </ul>	<p><b>TABERNACLE - ST JOSEPH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malcom Kershaw</li> </ul>	

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 and indicate which Sanctuary Candle you wish to have lit  
 => A donation of £5 is suggested to cover the cost of the candle  
 => Pass the envelope to the Parish Priest or place it through the presbytery letter box.

The candles will be lit on Saturday morning, and will burn throughout the following week, with the names appearing in the parish newsletter each week, so we know the intention that the candle is burning for.



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