

SUNDAY 15th MAY 2022

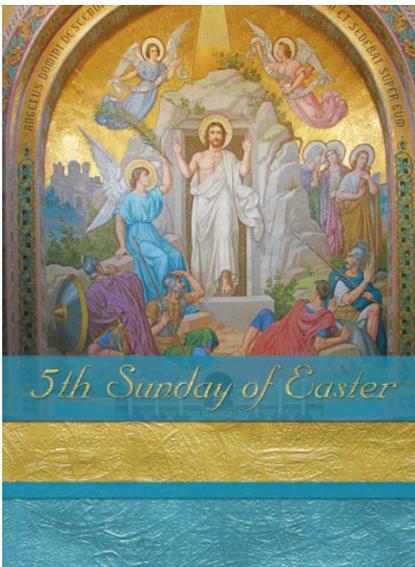
ST MARY'S THE HIDDEN GEM MULBERRY STREET

Serving the people of Manchester since 1794

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A PLACE OF SILENCE AND PRAYER AT THE HEART OF THE CITY



Mon 16 May Easter Weekday	Tues 17 May Easter Weekday	Wed 18 May Easter Weekday	Thurs 19 May Easter Weekday	Fri 20 May Easter Weekday	Sat 21 May Easter Weekday	Sun 22 May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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St Mary's, the Hidden Gem, relies totally on the generosity of parishioners and visitors to support its mission here in the city centre of Manchester. The church has been well looked after over the years and it is now well over twenty five years since any major works were undertaken. However, following a recent inspection of the church and presbytery by a Conservation Architect, it is clear that, in the next few years, some works to the fabric of the church and presbytery will need to be undertaken, starting this summer with some urgent works at high level.

To help in the ongoing costs of the running of the church and for us to be able to undertake some necessary repairs and refurbishments in the coming years, please consider making a one-off or a regular standing order donation directly to our parish bank account by using the Parish Bank Details or using the QR Code opposite.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY; Please remember to Gift Aid any donations to St Mary's to help us in our Mission. Gift Aid Declaration Forms are available from Fr Anthony

THANK YOU for your support

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(to make a donation)



PARISH
BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

(to make a donation by BACS or to set up a Standing Order)

TSDT St Mary Manchester
Sort Code: 20 55 34
Account number: 00915025

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St Mary's, Manchester

St. Mary's, The Hidden Gem, was founded in 1794 in the centre of what was then the poorest quarter of Manchester.

It is now thought to be one of the oldest post Reformation Catholic churches founded *as a church* in England.

The Relief Act allowing Catholic churches to be built again *as churches* was passed in 1791. The building of St. Mary's was begun in 1792.

The church's vital connection with the most ancient Christian traditions of Manchester, and its uninterrupted service to the city since its foundation, make it one of the most beloved institutions in Manchester.

PARISH NEWS

RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST

An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.”

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. “Virtual viewing” of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord’s Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

HOLY MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Lately Dead: John Crompton; Jack Hogan; Ray Kelly; Mark Burns
Anniversaries: Mark Latham (15/05); Fr Patrick Sanfey (21/05)
In remembrance: The Holy Souls

Special Intentions: Peace in Ukraine; Cardinal Joseph Zen (Hong Kong); Kate Wynn; Yvonne Ngok; Denis Cooper; Vincent Adaba; Felix Ohaegbu; Ocholi Umanmeh; Chandala family; Private Intention; Anne Stapleton; Mr M J Walsh; Ian James; Deidra Cottrill; Anne Connolly-Tring; Patricia Connolly; Francesca Cottrill; James Patrick Connolly-Tring; Sick child; Daniel John Connolly-Tring; Margaret Connolly; Christy & Mona Devine; Mary & Mattie Crehan; Marcella Geoghan; The Burns family; John Vasey; Tommy Galvin; Ian James; Catherine; Fr Peter; Patricia; Maria; Minda; Vincente; Maria Elena; Alma; Peace in Ukraine & Russia; Peace for my family; Healing for Anne, Fiona, Mark, Peter, Margaret, Gloria; Sister Kevin Byrne

DAILY CONFESSIONS AT THE HIDDEN GEM

One of the great blessings that our parish has received has been the number of people who take the opportunity to come to St Mary’s to go to confession and to receive the Sacrament of Penance. I very much see that giving people as much opportunity as possible to receive the Sacrament, and to be able spend time in quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, are central to the mission of the Hidden Gem. And so, as we celebrate the great fifty days of Easter, we will continue the current times for confession:

Monday	11.00am - 11.55am
Tuesday	11.00am - 11.55am
Wednesday	11.00am - 11.55am & 4pm - 5pm
Thursday	11.00am - 11.55am
Friday	11.00am - 11.55am & 2.30pm - 2.55pm
Saturday	10.30am - 11.15am & 4pm - 5pm
Sunday	9.00am - 9.45am

To help you make a good confession, a leaflet is available at the back of the church. **The Light is ON for YOU.**

ADVANCED NOTICE

As part of the survey works on the fabric of the church building, **on Tuesday, 31st May**, an inspection of the dome of the church will be undertaken. This will necessitate a cherry picker inside the church to enable the high level inspection. Therefore, on this day, there will be no confessions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and, for reasons of safety, the church will only be open between 12 noon and 1pm, with the 12.30pm lunchtime Mass taking place as normal.

With every good wish and blessing for the coming week Fr Anthony

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<u>THE PIETÀ ALTAR</u>	<u>OUR BLESSED LADY</u>	<u>ST JOSEPH</u>	<u>OUR LADY OF MANCHESTER</u>
Anna and Shantha J. Mark Latham RIP (A 15/05)			Kate Wynn [Special Intention] Pauline Holland (Special Intention) Liz and Peter Anne Barnes RIP Mary Patricia Howley Maureen Makin (Special Intention) Joyce Victoria Lyamuya (Special Int.)
<u>SACRED HEART OF JESUS</u>	<u>TABERNACLE - OUR LADY</u>	<u>TABERNACLE - ST JOSEPH</u>	
Scott family	For Pat’s Intentions	For Pat’s Intentions	



If you would like to have a 7-day 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 Friday afternoon, and will burn throughout the following week, with the names appearing in the parish newsletter each week.

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