

ST MARY'S MULBERRY STREET THE HIDDEN GEM



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

Mon 27 March Lent Feria	Tues 28 March Lent Feria	Wed 29 March Lent Feria	Thurs 30 March Lent Feria	Fri 31 March Lent Feria	Sat 01 April Lent Feria	Sun 02 April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
9.30am Church opens	9.30am Church opens	9.30am Church opens	9.30am Church opens	9.30am Church opens	9.30am Church opens	8.30am 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	10.30am - 11.55pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	09.00am - 09.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
11.00am - 11.55am Confessions	11.00am - 11.55am Confessions	11.00am - 11.55am Confessions	11.00am - 11.55am Confessions	11.00am - 11.55am Confessions	10.30am - 11.15am Confessions	10.00am HOLY MASS
12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction	12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction	12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction	12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction	12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction	11.30am Holy Rosary & Benediction	
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1.00pm Stations of the Cross	1.00pm Stations of the Cross	1.00pm Stations of the Cross	1.00pm Stations of the Cross	1.00pm Stations of the Cross	12.30pm Stations of the Cross	
		1.30pm Church cleaning			After Stations Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church closes after Mass
		4.00pm - 5.10pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & 4.00pm - 5.00pm Confessions			2.30pm - 2.55pm Confessions	
	6.00pm HOLY MASS	5.15pm HOLY MASS			3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Benediction	
4.00pm Church closes	6.30pm - 6.50pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	6.00pm LENTEN MEDITATIONS	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm - 5.00pm Confessions
	7.00pm Church closes	7.00pm Church closes				5.15pm VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY
	7.00pm - 8.00pm Legion of Mary	7.00pm - 8.00pm Young Catholic Adults Group				Church closes after Mass

PASSIONTIDE

In the Catholic tradition, Passiontide calls for a heightened awareness of the Lenten sacrifice by covering the crucifixes, artwork, statues and other beautiful reflections of the Faith throughout the church. This time is a visual reminder of many important elements regarding Christ's ultimate sacrifice for humanity. Passiontide is the last two weeks of Lent, beginning on the 5th Sunday of Lent, what used to be called Passion Sunday, and during this time images in the church are covered in strict preparation for the Triduum, which consists of three days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil.

Artwork, statues and crucifixes are beautiful representations of the Catholic Faith. Similarly, the veiling of these images during Passiontide symbolizes the darkness without Faith. Without the invisible made visible, the Incarnation and Christ's Life, Passion, Death and

Resurrection, there would be no saints, no Mass, no Christmas, no Easter, no feasts or celebrations. By shrouding the sacred images for these couple weeks before Easter, we are encouraged to imagine the bleakness of a world without Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross and focus on the great gift of Life the Passion bestowed on humanity.

On Holy Saturday night, before the celebration of the Easter Vigil, the veils are removed and the sacred images revealed once again. New light and new life is brought into the church to inspire new hope. Like so many traditions, the veiling of the images represents a connection between the temporal and the eternal, life on earth, dim and clouded, versus life in heaven with God and the saints, which is bright and glorious.

Holy Week AT SAINT MARY'S

PALM SUNDAY		2nd APRIL	10.00am & 12 noon
HOLY THURSDAY		6th APRIL	6.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
GOOD FRIDAY		7th APRIL	12 noon Stations of the Cross 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord
HOLY SATURDAY		8th APRIL	7.30pm The Easter Vigil
EASTER SUNDAY		9th APRIL	10.00am & 12 noon

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Lately Deceased: Anthony Kevin Allen; Maura Gormley; Michael Marks; Sadie Kelliher; Bridie Martin; Pat Walters; Shane Gillen; Tom Ryan; **Anniversaries:** Fr John McNamara (26/03); Fr Patrick Bourke (27/03); Annie Hewiston (29/03); Annie Hewiston-Streeton; Edward Moore **In remembrance:** The Holy Souls; Winefride Darby **Special Intentions:** Kate Wynn; Streeton Family; Eileen Henry; Kathleen Wilson; Hannah & son; Anthonia & Anthony Medupin; Family; Private Intention (GC); Elizabeth Chapman & family; Millie Paul Lec **Easter Masses:** Susan Johnson; Fionnuala Murden; Marie Hardman; Lynne Thornton; Kathleen Mullan; Dermot O'Brien; Helen & Benny Gleeson & family

SANCTUARY CANDLES

During Passiontide, all the statues in the church are veiled and so we don't light candles in front of the statues. All requests for Sanctuary candles that are received in these two weeks will be fulfilled when the candles are lit on Easter night; They will be alight in the sanctuary throughout the Octave Days of Easter.

PARISH NEWS

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Church and the family of the parish **Elsie McGivney** who was baptised two Sundays ago. Congratulations to her parents Cormac and Jodie on the birth and baptism of their daughter. We also welcome **Gabriella Hunt** who is baptised this weekend, with congratulations to Keelan and Stephanie on the birth and baptism of the daughter. Both couples were married here in 2021 and it is a joy to welcome their first babies into the Church.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

On Saturday we will be having the First Saturday Devotions here at St Mary's. The First Saturday Devotions build on the now well established Saturday morning pattern of Devotions and Mass here at St Mary's. For this First Saturday Devotions, **Fr Tom Connolly**, will give the Spiritual Conference on the Seven Sorrows of Mary. **Everyone is welcome to join us for these devotions.**

- 1.30pm **Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Spiritual Conference followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Solemn Benediction**
- 3.00pm Devotions will have concluded by 3pm.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

Divine Mercy Devotions will be held here at St Mary's on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday 16th April. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 2.00pm, with the

opportunity to go to confession during this time. Devotions will begin at 2.30pm with the Holy Rosary, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3.00pm.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Please try to be conscious of the rhythm of congregational prayers at Holy Mass or the Holy Rosary, and try to tune yourself into the congregation gathered and to pray with one voice. It is important that when we gather to celebrate Holy Mass or the Holy Rosary, that we try to say congregational prayers with the same rhythm and pace as everyone else and not constantly to be one or two words ahead of everyone else.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

If any adult parishioners have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to prepare to receive it in the near future, please have a word with me. It is hoped that we will have a short course of catechesis after Easter to help prepare to receive the Sacrament.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN

If any parents of children in the parish (year 3 and above) would like their children to prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time on the Feast of Corpus Christi, please have a word with me. It is hoped that we will have a short course of catechesis after Easter to help the children to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion for the first time

RESTORATION OF SAINT MARY'S



The Catholic Church of St Mary's, Mulberry Street, is a Grade-II* listed building, with the Old Presbytery being separately listed as a Grade-II listed building. Recent surveys on the church and presbytery have revealed that there is work to do on restoring the fabric of the church, and so, as a parish, we are starting a programme of restoration works in order to preserve this well-loved church for future generations.

PHASE ONE - URGENT WORKS AT HIGH LEVEL

Our architect has put together a package of works classified as **urgent works** which primarily focus on preventing water ingress to the building. These proposed works are vital to the long-term future of the building, carried out in a manner in order to enhance and conserve the church building and ensure it remains a viable place of worship and a heritage asset of national importance. Phase One Restoration works will begin after Easter, on **Monday 17th April**. It is estimated, at this stage, that the works could take 3 to 4 months to complete. The anticipated

costs for Phase One of the works is in the region of **£250,000**. Although we are trying to apply for as many grants as we can it is likely that, as a parish, we will have to raise the funds for a substantial amount of works to our buildings.

The Government's **GIFT AID SCHEME** is a great way for charities to raise funds. If you don't do so already, then **please consider Gift Aiding your donations to St Mary's**. It will not cost you any more than you already give. If you pay income tax and give a donation to the parish by an offertory envelope or by standing order, then the Government will give us a further 25p for every pound you give. This will go a long way to help us to raise the necessary funds to undertake phase one of the restoration works and to start to plan for further phases of works. To Gift Aid your donations, please ask Fr Anthony for a Gift Aid Declaration Form, and please make your donations by offertory envelopes, which are available, or set up a monthly standing order.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY TO ST MARY'S

TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE PARISH OR CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT
(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

Cheques Payable to:
St Mary's, Manchester

SCAN THE QR CODE
(to make a donation)



USE THE NEWLY INSTALLED CARD MACHINE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH
(to make a contactless or PIN donation)

THANK YOU

