

ST MARY'S MULBERRY STREET THE HIDDEN GEM



SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2024
PALM SUNDAY
of the **PASSION OF THE LORD**

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HOLY WEEK AND THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Week is the most solemn and glorious week in the Church, the pinnacle of the liturgical year. It's more sacred than Christmas! This is because Holy Week commemorates the final week of Our Lord's life, the very purpose for which Christmas happened. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (when Jesus made his final entrance into Jerusalem) and culminates with Easter Sunday. As Holy Week progresses to its final days the solemnity heightens.

Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This three-day period is referred to as the Sacred Triduum, also known as the Easter Triduum, or Paschal Triduum. The word "triduum" comes from the Latin word triduum, which comes from tris ("three") + dies ("day"). In fact, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfilment of the ancient Jewish Passover (or Pasch), which itself was a recollection of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed - that same night the destroying angel "passed over" the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and those covered by the Blood were saved. This was the Old Testament prefigurement of Jesus' work at the Last Supper - where he inserted himself as the Paschal Lamb - and Calvary, where the

sacrifice was offered to save us from our slavery to sin. With the Holy Eucharist, we consume the victim that died for our sins.

The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the passion, death, and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ. It is one marvellous event stretched out over three days.

CONFESSIONS THIS HOLY WEEK

Lent and Holy Week are the perfect time to renew and restore your relationship with Jesus and with the Church as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) is available this Holy Week at the times below:

Monday	10.30am - 11.55am
Tuesday	10.30am - 11.55am
Wednesday	10.30am - 11.55am & 5.00pm - 5.45pm

Please note that there are no confessions on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday this week.

To help you make a good confession, a leaflet is available at the back of the church throughout the season of Lent.

*Please join us at St Mary's this
Holy Week and for the celebration
of the Sacred Triduum.*

Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum

PALM SUNDAY		24 MARCH	10.00am & 12 noon
HOLY THURSDAY		28 MARCH	6.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
GOOD FRIDAY		29 MARCH	12 noon Stations of the Cross 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord
HOLY SATURDAY		30 MARCH	7.30pm The Easter Vigil
EASTER SUNDAY		31 MARCH	10.00am & 12 noon

St. Mary's, Mulberry Street, 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 INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS  @rchiddengem  @youngcatholicadultsmanchester

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MARY'S

MONDAY 25 March Monday of Holy Week	TUESDAY 26 March Tuesday of Holy Week	WEDNESDAY 27 March Wednesday of Holy Week	THURSDAY 28 March MAUNDY THURSDAY	FRIDAY 29 March GOOD FRIDAY	SATURDAY 30 March HOLY SATURDAY	SUNDAY 31 March EASTER SUNDAY
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 - 11.50am Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction 12.30pm HOLY MASS After Mass Stations of the Cross	10.30am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - 11.50am Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction 12.30pm HOLY MASS After Mass Stations of the Cross	10.30am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - 11.50am Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction 12.30pm HOLY MASS After Mass Stations of the Cross After Stations Church Cleaning 5.00pm - 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & 5.00pm - 5.45pm Confessions	The Church is open all day for quiet prayer. There are no confessions today The only Mass today is the evening Mass 6.00pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 9.00pm 9.00pm Church closes	The Church is open all day for quiet prayer. There are no confessions today 12 noon STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3.00pm SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 5.00pm Church closes	The Church is open all day for quiet prayer. There are no confessions today 7.30pm EASTER VIGIL OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION Church closes after Mass	09.00am - 09.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 10.00am HOLY MASS 12 noon HOLY MASS Church closes after Mass
4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	6.00pm HOLY MASS 6.45pm - 7.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 7.15pm Church closes 7.15pm - 8.30pm Young Catholic Adults Group				

PARISH DIARY

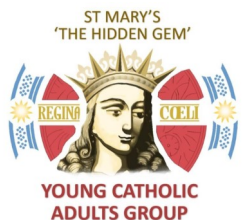
Sunday 23 March	PALM SUNDAY	Vigil Mass at 5.15pm [Saturday] Masses at 10.00am and 12noon
Wednesday 27 March	YOUNG ADULTS GROUP	Weekly Mass, Adoration, and meeting at 6.00pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 28 March	MAUNDY THURSDAY	Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.00pm and Watching at the Altar of Repose until 9pm
Friday 29 March	GOOD FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross 12noon Passion of the Lord 3.00pm
Saturday 30 March	HOLY SATURDAY	Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection and First Mass of Easter 7.30pm
Sunday 31 March	EASTER SUNDAY	Easter Masses at 10.00am and 12noon
Friday 5 April	FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS	11.00am Adoration, 12 noon Rosary, 12.30pm Mass & Devotions
Saturday 6 April	FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS	10.30am Adoration, 11.30am Rosary, 12noon Mass & Devotions
Sunday 7 April	CHILDREN'S CATECHISM CLASS	Weekly Catechism Class for children at 11.00am - 11.45am
Thursday 10 April	ADULT CATECHISM CLASS	Weekly Catechism Class for adults at 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Sunday 7 April	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	Masses at 10.00am and 12noon Divine Mercy Devotions at 2.00pm Adoration, Confessions, Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 20 April and Sunday 21 April	BISHOP JOHN'S PASTORAL VISITATION TO THE PARISH and ADULT CONFIRMATIONS	Vigil Mass of Sunday 5.15pm Sunday Masses at 10.00am and 12noon with the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults at the 12noon Mass
Sunday 5 May	MAY SUNDAY and FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS	Sunday Masses at 10.00am and 12noon First Holy Communions for children at the 10.00am Mass Crowning of Our Lady's Statue at 10.00am and 12noon Mass

BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISITATION TO THE PARISH



I am pleased to say that **Bishop John** will be with us on the weekend of 20th and 21st April for a **Pastoral Visitation of the Parish**. He will celebrate the three Sunday Masses and will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for some adults of the parish who are currently being prepared to receive the sacraments. More details about the Bishop's visitation will be made after Easter.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS GROUP



On Wednesday evenings we have a very well established Young Catholic Adults Group. The simple format is:

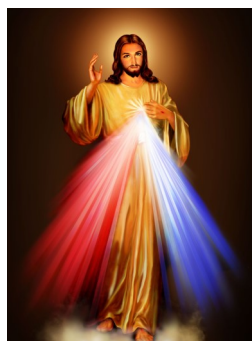
6.00pm **Holy Mass**

6.30pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

7.15pm **Tea and Talk**

We offer an open invitation to all Young Catholic Adults to join us on Wednesday evenings for prayer, reflection, and social time together. Even if you can't join us for everything or every week, come along to whichever part or whenever you are able. **All Young Adults of the parish are most welcome to attend. Please join us each Wednesday evening.**

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 7th 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. Everyone is welcome to join us for these devotions.

SVP SOCIAL



The Parish SVP group is holding a social to raise funds on Sunday 14th April in the upper room at The Ape and Apple. The cost of tickets is £5, and all funds raised will go the work of the SVP. There will be a buffet lunch and you will have the opportunity to buy drinks at the bar. There will be a short quiz and maybe some bingo. There will be a free raffle as tickets will be numbered.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

As is the custom on Good Friday, a special collection is taken for the Holy Land. The collection was born from the desire of the Popes to maintain a strong link between all the faithful and the Holy Places. The funds collected are the main source of material support for Christian life in the Holy Land. The Franciscan Custody uses the collection to carry out its important mission of preserving the Sacred Places, the stones of memory, and promoting the Christian presence, the living stones, through many pastoral, educational, welfare, health and social structures. If you are not attending on Friday, you can place any donation in an envelope marked 'Holy Land' and bring to church at another time or post through the presbytery letterbox.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH FOR EASTER

One of the joys of Easter is to see the church adorned once more with beautiful flowers. Donations are welcome towards the Easter Flowers (please place donation in an envelope with Church Flowers and the intention written clearly on the front or place any donations in the wall box near the Side Exit Door of the Church.



SOME LITTLE THINGS TO REMEMBER

KEEPING THE SILENCE OF THE CHURCH

One of the things I would like to encourage is to try to keep silence in St Mary's church at all times: before, during, and after the celebrations of Holy Mass and other services. Many people, including ourselves as parishioners, seek out St Mary's because it is a sanctuary of silence and prayer at the heart of city.

SWITCHING OFF MOBILE PHONES

Please try your best to remember to switch off your mobile phone as you enter the church. If we get into the habit of checking our phones as we enter church, it is less likely that we will leave our phones on and thus risk disturbing everyone in church when our phone rings. Thank you.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Please try, when praying the prayers of the Holy Rosary, or the prayers and responses at Holy Mass, to do so in unison, that is, with everyone else and not at one's own speed. If we all sang hymns and songs at our own preferred speed, it wouldn't sound very harmonious; it is the same with prayers. Please be conscious of the rhythm of the prayers we say together.

USE OF THE TOILET DURING HOLY MASS

We have noticed an increasing number of people going to the toilet at all different times during Holy Mass. Please avoid using the church toilet during the celebration of Holy Mass unless, of course, it is absolutely necessary. Please either go before Mass begins, or wait until after Mass. One should never, on any occasion, go straight from receiving Holy

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Please place Mass intentions and the donation in a envelope with the Mass Intention clearly marked on the front of the envelope and hand it into the church or presbytery.



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated for the following intentions:

Lately deceased: John Cassell; Tin Siang Wah; Joe Eastwood; John Bertie; Helen Byrne

Anniversaries: Fr John McNamara (26/03); Annie Hewiston (29/03); Joseph Malone; Helen Monro;

In remembrance: The Holy Souls; Andy Mulleagne; Deceased members of the Hurley family;

Special Intentions: Kate Wynn; Bardsley and Davey Family and Friends; Daniel Greer; Fr Kujacz; Seamus Gribbon; Mary Killeen; John Potter; Paul Collins; Kathleen Eltanal; Frank Kelly; Frank Arthur; Briget Cooper; In thanksgiving to St Padre Pio for favours asked; Martin Welsh; Anthony Malone

Easter Masses: Angela Reilly; Paul Cooper and family; P J & Cecilia Ryan; Maureen & Paddy Cronin; Mary Ward; Vicky Sullivan; Maureen Devanney; Fionnuala Murden; Susan Johnson

PHASE ONE 2023 Essential Works [COMPLETED] £250,000



The Phase One Restoration works, which began on Monday 17th April 2023, are now complete at cost of £250,000. Thanks to your generosity to Saint Mary's over the last few years, and in particular this past year, and with the help of some successful bids for grants, we have been able to undertake and pay for these essential works to preserve the fabric of the church and presbytery. We offer particular thanks to those who have made specific donations towards these works. The Phase One *Essential Works* mainly consisted in stopping the ingress of water, particularly when there were heavy downpours of rain, and making the church water tight.

PHASE TWO Fire Alarm System & rebuild of the Church Organ [EARLY 2024] £80,000

This year we will continue our fundraising efforts, by appealing for to the generosity of parishioners and visitors, and applying for grants where can, so that we can move forward with the restoration project of Saint Mary's Church and Presbytery.

In this second phase of the development plan we will be installing:

1. A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AND EMERGENCY LIGHTING

The absence of an appropriate fire alarm & emergency lighting in the church and presbytery was first identified as a significant risk in a **Fire Risk Assessment** prepared in November 2020. Recently, we have engaged a specialist consultant who has drawn up a scheme for a **Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting System** for the church and the presbytery. The scheme will be implemented in different phases, as we continue to undertake works on the restoration of the church and the presbytery. The first part, fire detection and emergency lighting in the church and fire detection in the stairwell of the presbytery, will be implemented immediately. The whole scheme has been approved by the Diocesan Trustees and, in the last few weeks, we have appointed a contractor to install the first part of the scheme, the cost of which will be **£35,000**. Once all the permissions to install a Fire Alarm System on a listed building have been obtained, we will begin the works, hopefully sometime soon after Easter.

2. A REBUILD OF THE CHURCH ORGAN

As some of you will be aware, our church organ met an untimely demise at Pentecost last year. Recently, we have appointed Viscount Classical Organs to rebuild our organ. The cost to have the organ rebuilt, using our own case, pedalboard, and stops, but replacing everything else with modern digital technology, will be **£45,000**.

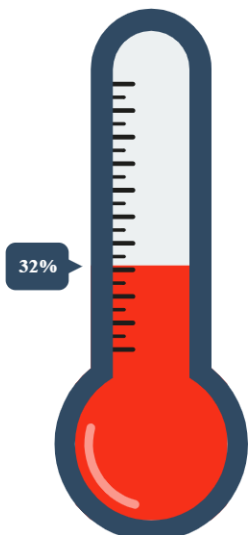
Thus we are starting with both elements of Phase Two now and we will move forward with Phase Three later in the year when it has been costed and as and when funding becomes available and the necessary permissions are sought and given.

PHASE THREE [2024 - 2025]

In Phase Three of the development plan we will be looking at:

1. Replacement of the presbytery roof and insulation (including the potential of PV solar panels on some of the roof tops)
2. Modifications to the gutters and downspouts to improve management of rainwater
3. Modifications to improve access for ongoing maintenance of the roof
4. Repairs to the church tower, including the installation of a lightening conductor
5. Repairs to the Upper Room timber work and glazing

FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR PHASE TWO £80,000



FUNDRAISING FOR PHASE TWO

PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE RESTORATION OF SAINT MARY'S

There are various ways that you can help in the parish fundraising efforts.

We will update our Fundraising Thermometer from:

1. Donations given directly into the **Parish Bank Account**
2. Donations given through the **QR Code**
3. Donations given through the **Diocesan and Parish Website**
4. Donations given through the **Card Machine in church**
5. Donations given to the **Votive Candle Boxes in church**
6. Donations put in the **Window box** at the back of church
7. Funds raised from the **Parish Piety Stall**
8. **Tax reclaimed from HMRC** on Gift Aided Donations
9. Other **Personal Donations** by cash or cheque given specifically for The Restoration Fund

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO SAINT MARY'S RESTORATION FUND

TO MAKE A DONATION TOWARDS THE RESTORATION FUND

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

The Salford Diocesan Trust
Sort Code: 20 55 34
Account number: 00915025

Cheques Payable to:
St Mary's, Manchester

SCAN THE QR CODE



USE THE CARD MACHINE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH