



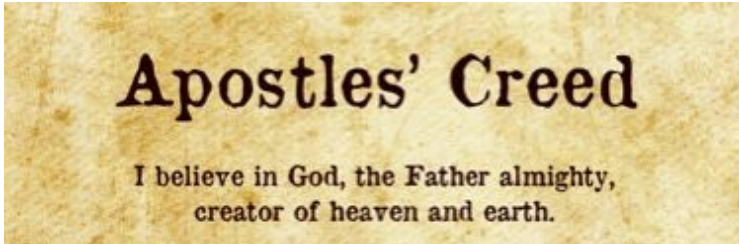
# ST MARY'S MULBERRY STREET THE HIDDEN GEM

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

SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED II



**The first article of the Creed is: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth."**

**What is God?** God is the supreme Spirit, who alone exists of Himself, and is infinite in all perfections. God is the highest and greatest spirit. He alone was never created; He has always existed and it is His very nature to exist. His perfections are absolutely without limit of any sort; He is all-powerful, all knowing, all-holy, all-merciful, and all-just. We are only imperfectly powerful, imperfectly holy, imperfectly wise, etc.

**Why is God called Almighty?** God is called Almighty because He can do all things; "With God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26). But God cannot do what is against reason, for instance, make a square circle. Nor can He commit a sin; to sin would be against His very nature since He is by nature all-holy.

**Why is God called Creator of heaven and earth?** God is called Creator of heaven and earth because He made heaven and earth, and all things, out of nothing, by His word. "Heaven and earth" is an expression taken from the Bible and it means "all things except God." There was a time, millions of years ago, when there was nothing but God. Then by an act of His all-powerful will, He commanded things to exist and they came into existence. He has told us Himself that He did this. See for instance, Psalm 134; Isaiah 11:26; Jeremiah 10:10; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; and especially the beginning of the first book of the Bible, Genesis, where the creation of the world is described. Moses in Genesis assigns the work of creation to six days. That he means ordinary days seems clear from the fact that each had an evening and a morning, and the six days of work are followed by a day of rest, like the Hebrew week.

**Had God any beginning?** God had no beginning; He always was, He is, and He always will be. There is, then, this infinite difference between God and us. He has always existed; we have come into existence by His power.

**Where is God?** God is everywhere. God is present in everything that He has made: in the farthest star, in the whole world and in every part of it, and in each of us wherever we are. Nor is He divided up so that part of Him is here and part there; but, since He is a Spirit, He is whole and complete everywhere. Every moment He upholds everything

in existence by His almighty power; and He rules and governs everything, both the great and the small, always.

**Does God know and see all things?** God knows and sees all things, even our most secret thoughts. He sees, not with bodily eyes, since, as the next question tells us, God has no body, but with the knowledge of His infinite Mind. There is, then, nothing hidden from Him. Even the darkest night is like full daylight to Him. Sometimes people commit sins in secret, but God can see them. Nor does He forget the sins we have forgotten; He remembers everything. There is no past or future with God. All past things and all future things are present to Him. He knows all that will happen till the end of the world and for all eternity; He sees it all before Him at this present moment.

**Has God a body?** God has no body; He is a Spirit.

**Is there only one God?** There is only one God. All Christians believe this fundamental truth. It is taught throughout the Bible; and reason tells us that there cannot be more than one infinite Being.

**Are there three Persons in God?** There are three Persons in God—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This truth was revealed to us by Jesus Christ. The clearest text is in Matthew (28:19), where our Lord commanded His apostles to make disciples of all nations, "baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". Here we have three persons; for Father and Son are personal names, and the Holy Spirit is set alongside the Father and the Son. They are distinct Persons; for the Father and the Son cannot be the same person, and all Three are given the distinctive, definite article: "the Father", "the Son", "the Holy Spirit."

**Are these three Persons three Gods?** These three Persons are not three Gods: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all one and the same God. God has made known to us that there is only one true, living God. In the text I have just quoted our Lord makes it clear that, though there are three distinct Persons, there are not three Gods. He says: "in the name of" (in the singular). Baptism makes us holy by God's power and sets us apart as God's children; and by using the singular our Lord shows that the three distinct Persons who are making us holy and to whom we are dedicated are one Being, one only God.

**What is the mystery of the three Persons in one God called?** The mystery of the three Persons in one God is called the mystery of the Blessed Trinity.

**What is meant by a mystery?** By a mystery we mean a truth which is above reason, but revealed by God. The Father is really God, the Son is really God, and the Holy Spirit is really God, but there are not three Gods, but only one God. This is something we cannot understand, it is beyond our reason. But it is nevertheless absolutely true, since God, who is the very Truth, has made it known to us. On His word we accept it, although we cannot see how it can be. Our minds are too small to grasp the wonders of God's infinite nature and life.

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.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MARY'S

## BISHOP'S VISITATION

MONDAY 15 April Easter Weekday	TUESDAY 16 April Easter Weekday	WEDNESDAY 17 April Easter Weekday	THURSDAY 18 April Easter Weekday	FRIDAY 19 April Easter Weekday	SATURDAY 20 April Easter Weekday	SUNDAY 21 April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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
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## PARISH DIARY

Wednesday 17 April	<b>YOUNG ADULTS GROUP</b>	Weekly Mass, Adoration, and meeting at 6.00pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 18 April	<b>ADULT CATECHISM CLASS</b>	Weekly Catechism Class for adults at 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Saturday 20 April <i>and</i> Sunday 21 April	<b>BISHOP JOHN'S PASTORAL VISITATION TO THE PARISH <i>and</i> ADULT CONFIRMATIONS</b>	<b>Vigil Mass of Sunday 5.15pm</b> <b>Sunday Masses at 10.00am and 12noon</b> <i>with the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults at the 12noon Mass</i>
Wednesday 24 April	<b>YOUNG ADULTS GROUP</b>	Weekly Mass, Adoration, and meeting at 6.00pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 25 April	<b>SVP CONFERENCE</b>	Meeting at 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Thursday 25 April	<b>ADULT CATECHISM CLASS</b>	Weekly Catechism Class for adults at 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Sunday 28 April	<b>CHILDREN'S CATECHISM CLASS</b>	Weekly Catechism Class for children at 11.00am - 11.45am
Friday 3 May	<b>FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS</b>	11.00am Adoration, 12 noon Rosary, <b>12.30pm Mass</b> & Devotions
Saturday 4 May	<b>FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS</b>	10.30am Adoration, 11.30am Rosary, <b>12noon Mass</b> & Devotions
Sunday 5 May	<b>MAY SUNDAY <i>and</i> FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS</b>	<b>Sunday Masses at 10.00am and 12noon</b> <i>First Holy Communions for children at the 10.00am Mass Crowning of Our Lady's Statue at 10.00am and 12noon Mass</i>
Sunday 5 May	<b>SVP PARISH SOCIAL</b>	Ape and Apple Pub 1.30pm



**BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISITATION TO THE PARISH**



**Bishop John** will be with us next weekend for a **Pastoral Visitation of the Parish**. He will celebrate the three Sunday Masses and will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon some adults of the parish who are currently being prepared to receive the sacraments by our parish catechists.

It isn't very often that a bishop does a formal visitation of a parish, and this is the first time that Bishop John has made a formal visitation to St Mary's. A visitation is an important moment in the life of any parish, so I ask you to please do all you can to be present for one of the Masses next weekend to welcome the bishop to St Mary's. Even if you only come to St Mary's occasionally, or only during the week, please make the extra effort to attend one of the Sunday Masses next weekend to welcome the bishop to our parish.

Bishop John will be available after all the Masses for you to chat with him and welcome him to the parish. It will also be an opportunity for you to share with him anything you wish to about the life of the parish.

**FOODBANK COLLECTION POINT**

We continue to welcome donations to the **Foodbank** at the back of church. The Caritas group makes fortnightly deliveries from the foodbank to The Lally Centre and Cornerstone Day Centre. Both organisations always welcome non-perishable goods including these items which are currently needed:

**Tinned tomatoes, 500g of pasta, 500g bags of rice, tinned sweetcorn, Ling Life Milk, tinned fish, tinned meats, Pot noodles/ noodle packets, pulses/legume tins (eg chickpeas, kidney beans, lentils), tinned fruit**

Donations to the **Poor Box** at the back of church always go to support those in need in our city. **Thank you for your ongoing generosity.**

**ELECTRICAL FAULT**

Some of you may be aware that on Wednesday, during the lunchtime Mass, there was an electrical fault in a small room near the sacristy in which are located the main electricity distribution boards. This fault caused a melting of a transformer, which caused some amount of smoke in the area. Thankfully, it was noticed by a parishioner, and was dealt with calmly and correctly by the volunteers present. The fire brigade attended, and isolated the electrics until everything could be checked by a qualified electrician. All our electrical systems and wiring are checked regularly, as required by our insurers and by the diocesan trustees, but this particular transformer, for whatever reason, came to the end of its life unexpectedly. I think this incident just shows us of the importance of getting the fire detection system installed, the first phase of which is due to be installed in May. I will be reviewing with the diocesan health and safety co-ordinator and diocesan property team about looking at installing the second phase of the fire detection system as soon as is practically possible.

**Thank you for all for your continued generosity** to Saint Mary's and to our Restoration Fund, which is enabling us to move forward with these important matters of safety and restoration at this time. Please continue to be as generous as you can in order that we may move onto the next phase as soon as possible.

**SVP PARISH SOCIAL**

The Parish SVP group is holding a social to raise funds. It has originally set on the date of Sunday 14th April at 1.30pm in the upper room at The Ape and Apple but, because of the Marathon taking place today, and potential difficulties with transport, it has been decided to postpone the event until Sunday 5th May. 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.

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

If you would like to have a 7-day candle lit for 7 days for a loved one or for a special intention, please put the name of the intention on an envelope, with a suggested minimum donation of £5.

**The Pietà Altar:**

- [1] Paul Grogan (SI)
- [2] Dean McGuire RIP (A 16/04)
- [3] Mae & Patrick Macnarmara RIP (A)
- [4] Anna J.
- [5] The Varkeys
- [6] Shantha J.
- [7] Michael Bramall RIP (A 10/04)

**Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

- [1] Katerina (SI)
- [2] Barbara White RIP (A)

**Tabernacle [Our Lady]:**

- [1] Vivien Kloszek RIP (A 18/04)
- [2] Kieran Maguire (SI)

**Tabernacle [Left side]:**

- [1] Kate Wynn (SI)

**Tabernacle [Right side]:**

- [1] John & Ruth Kay (SI)

**Tabernacle [St Joseph]:**

- [1] John Pipke RIP (A)
- [2] Elisabeth RIP (A)

**Saint Anthony of Padua:**

- [1] Mark M (SI)

**Saint Therese of Lisieux**

- [1] The Scott family

**Our Lady of Manchester:**

- [1] Magdalena (SI)
- [2] The Arndt Family (S)
- [3] Kieran McGuire (SI)
- [4] Carol Fell RIP (A)
- [5] Maire McAlister

**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:** Franic Flookes **Anniversaries:** Thomas Taylor (13/04); Michael O'Connell

**In remembrance:** The Holy Souls; Austin Queenan; Henry Lyons; Michael Lyons; Norah Lyons; Michael Ingham; Solange Borg; Vito Marino, Carmelo Minafò, Roz Ewart, Derek Beetham, Jane Kristen Marczewski, Francesco Manzella, Fabio Andreoletti, Stefano Porro, Alicia Cordero Hernández, Giovanna Pedretti, Derek Beetham, Vasco.

**Special Intentions:** Kate Wynn; Betty White; Sarah Richards; Dominic Richards; Frank Kelly; Apolonio Damill II Jr; Emily; Mark White; Ana Karla, Grazia Lombardo, Nicolò, Laura, Cinzia.



## 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. 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.

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

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, recently, 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 listed buildings (church and presbytery) have been obtained, we will begin the works, hopefully sometime in early May.

### 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. Earlier in the year, we 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**.

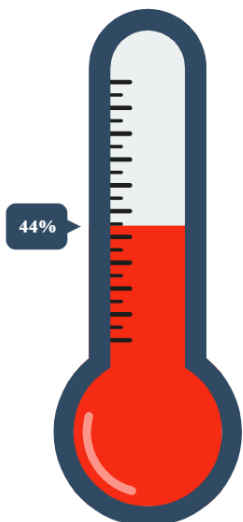
Thus we are starting with both elements of Phase Two now and we will move forward with Phase Three later in the year when it has been costed and as and when funding becomes available and the necessary permissions are sought and given.

## 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 lightning 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**