



ST MARY'S MULBERRY STREET THE HIDDEN GEM

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

SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISITATION

We warmly welcome Bishop John to St Mary's this weekend on his Pastoral Visitation to the Parish.



Bishop John Arnold was born in Sheffield on 12th June 1953. He is a graduate of the University of Oxford, where he studied Law at Trinity College. He was called to the bar in the Middle Temple in 1976 after studying at the Council of Legal Education.

After entering the novitiate of the Institute of Charity (Rosminians) and taking simple vows in 1978, he began his studies at the Gregorian

University in Rome. In 1981 Bishop John transferred to the Archdiocese of Westminster, continuing his studies at the Venerable English College Rome and completing both a licence and a doctorate in Canon Law. John Arnold was ordained Deacon by Cardinal Basil Hume on 27th November 1982, and Priest on 16th July 1983, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. He subsequently continued his studies in

Rome, returning to Westminster to be appointed as a Chaplain at Westminster Cathedral, with responsibilities for the Westminster Hospital. In 1989, Father John was appointed Sub-Administrator of Westminster Cathedral serving in that role until 1993, when he was appointed as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George in Enfield, serving also as Promoter of Justice.

In 2001 Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor appointed Father John as Chancellor and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Westminster, being named by Pope John Paul II as a Chaplain to the Papal Household in 2003. He was ordained Bishop on 2nd February 2006, assigned the Titular See of Lindisfarne and appointed as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Westminster.

Pope Francis appointed Bishop John Arnold as the Bishop of Salford on Tuesday, 30th September 2014. His installation at Salford Cathedral took place on Monday 8th December 2014, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

A PASTORAL VISITATION TO A PARISH BY THE DIOCESAN BISHOP

'The Bishop is bound to visit his diocese in whole or in part each year, so that at least every five years he will have visited the whole diocese, either personally or, if he is lawfully impeded, through the coadjutor or auxiliary Bishop, the Vicar General, an Episcopal Vicar or some other priest'

(Code of Canon Law 396 # 1)

'The pastoral visit is one of the ways, confirmed by centuries of experience, through which the Bishop maintains personal contact with the clergy and with other members of the People of God. It is an occasion to rejuvenate the energies of those engaged in evangelisation, to praise, encourage and reassure them. It is also an opportunity to invite the faithful to a renewal of Christian life and to an ever more intense apostolic activity. The pastoral visit helps the Bishop to evaluate the effectiveness of the structures and agencies designed for pastoral service, taking account of the circumstances and difficulties of the task of evangelisation, so as to determine more accurately the priorities and the means required for overall pastoral provision.'

Directory for the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops (2004) no. 220



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

MONDAY 22 April Easter Weekday	TUESDAY 23 April SAINT GEORGE MARTYR & PATRRON OF ENGLAND	WEDNESDAY 24 April Easter Weekday	THURSDAY 25 April SAINT MARK Evangelist	FRIDAY 26 April Easter Weekday	SATURDAY 27 April Easter Weekday	SUNDAY 28 April FIFTH 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
11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am - 11.50am Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction 12.30pm HOLY MASS	11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am - 11.50am Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction 12.30pm HOLY MASS	11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am - 11.50am Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction 12.30pm HOLY MASS <i>After Mass Church Cleaning</i> 5.00pm - 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & 5.00pm - 5.45pm Confessions 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	11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am - 11.50am Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction 12.30pm HOLY MASS	11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am - 11.50am Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction 12.30pm HOLY MASS <i>After Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 2.30pm - 2.50pm Confessions 3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Benediction	10.30am - 11.55pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - 11.15am Confessions 11.30am Holy Rosary & Benediction 12 noon HOLY MASS 4.00pm - 5.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm - 5.00pm Confessions 5.15pm VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY 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	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm - 5.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	

PARISH DIARY

Wednesday 24 April	YOUNG ADULTS GROUP	Weekly Mass, Adoration, and meeting at 6.00pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 25 April	ADULT CATECHISM CLASS	Weekly Catechism Class for adults at 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Thursday 25 April	SVP CONFERENCE	Meeting at 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Thursday 25 April	ADULT CATECHISM CLASS	Weekly Catechism Class for adults at 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Sunday 28 April	CHILDREN'S CATECHISM CLASS	Weekly Catechism Class for children at 11.00am - 11.45am
Friday 3 May	FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS	11.00am Adoration, 12 noon Rosary, 12.30pm Mass & Devotions
Saturday 4 May	FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS	10.30am Adoration, 11.30am Rosary, 12noon Mass & Devotions
Sunday 5 May	MAY SUNDAY and FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS	Sunday Masses at 10.00am and 12noon <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	PARISH SOCIAL	Organised by the SVP - Ape and Apple Pub 1.30pm

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: Ellen Sullivan; Mary O'Connell; Gabriel Kenny; Kath Laven; Joseph Bradley; Patricia Albrow; Fr John Johnson

Anniversaries: Ernesto B Quider, Sr (A21/04); Fr Patrick Keane (24/04); Fr Paul Dillon (24/04); Mike & Rosaleen Leonard; Patty Grogan; Patrick Flynn

In remembrance: The Holy Souls; Narcisa Tagalog; John Hitt; Jeanette Moores

Special Intentions: Kate Wynn; Sienna Lewis; Pat Mourik; Eodie Haughey; Miles Kofiowusu & family; In thanksgiving for a successful heart operation; Enzo Bozzarello; Special Intention; Raymond Simcox; Paul Mellor; Frank Kelly; Sally Setchell; Estefania Gonzalez Bonnett; Natalia Gonzalez Bonnett; Alfred Davies



PARISH INSTAGRAM @rchiddengem

CELEBRATING PARISH LIFE

Over the last twelve months or so a number of parish groups have begun to grow and flourish. This weekend, on the occasion of the Visitation of the Bishop to our parish, we would just like to highlight a few of them and celebrate their part in the life of our parish.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS

From small beginnings about eighteen months ago, the parish Young Adults group has gone from strength to strength. The group meets every Wednesday evening for the celebration of Holy Mass at 6pm, followed by a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, and then a talk or discussion on some aspect of the Catholic Faith. As well as this, the group have organised a number of pilgrimages, walks, and social evenings together. It is a joy to see so many young Catholic Adults getting involved in the life of the parish and helping to build up our parish community.



ALTAR SERVERS

Again, starting from small beginnings of just one adult altar server just over a year ago, we now have a growing team of adult altar servers, who now serve at the altar for most of the Masses during the week at St Mary's. We have an Master of Ceremonies, assistant MC, and fifteen other servers at this present time. This Easter, in particular, we received many positive comments from parishioners and visitors alike about how the servers made such a difference to the beautiful celebration of the Sacred Triduum. It is wonderful to see so many young men wanting to be involved with such dedication and commitment in this important ministry of serving at the altar of the Lord.

CATECHISM CLASSES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

In September last year we began a Catechism Class for Adults on Thursday evenings and a Catechism Class for children on Sunday mornings. A group of young adult parishioners, led by one of our parishioners who is an experienced catechist, are delivering the weekly Catechism classes. The Adult class primarily for those who are seeking to learn more about the Catholic Faith, with a view to being baptised or received into the Church, but the class has also welcomed members of the parish who also want to learn more about their Faith. The children's class is currently for those who are preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion and it is hoped to start a class soon for those teenagers who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



It was a particular joy to welcome Luke and Lawrence, who were baptised, and Adam, who was received into the Church, at the Easter Vigil this year. All three of them chose one of the catechism team to be their Godparent or sponsor. It will be a special grace for the parish this weekend when eight members of the group who attended the Catechism Class will have the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred on them by Bishop John at the 12noon Mass on Sunday during his Pastoral Visitation.

In the next few weeks, three of the children who attended the weekly Catechism Class for children will make their First Confession and receive their First Holy Communion. Another of our children will make hers a few weeks later.

OTHER PARISHIONERS ARE INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

We also give thanks for many more parishioners who are increasingly involved in the life of the parish. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for making a great contribution to the parish community. Particular thanks goes to our:

Guardians of the church, Welcomers, Sacristans, Catechists, Organists, Cantors, Gregorian Chant Group, Readers, CARITAS Group, SVP Conference, Piety Stall organisers, Cleaners, Counters, Flower arrangers.....

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] Anna J.
- [3] The Varkeys
- [4] Shantha J.

Sacred Heart of Jesus:

- [1] Katerina (SI)
- [2] Martha Gibbons (SI)

Tabernacle [Our Lady]:

- [1] Kieran Maguire (SI)

Tabernacle [Left side]:

- [1] Ernesto Quider SR RIP (A 21/04)

Tabernacle [Right side]:

- [1] John & Ruth Kay (SI)

Tabernacle [St Joseph]:

- [1] Stanislaw Kloszek RIP (A 21/04)

Saint Anthony of Padua:

- [1] Kate Wynn (SI)

Saint Therese of Lisieux

- [1] The Scott family

Our Lady of Manchester:

- [1] Holy Souls
- [2] Magdalena (SI)
- [3] The Arndt Family (S)
- [4] Kieran MaGuire (SI)
- [5] Maire McAlister
- [6] Daniel & Nelly McAtamney
- [7] Dorz McAtamney (B)

RESTORATION OF SAINT MARY'S CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY

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]

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**.

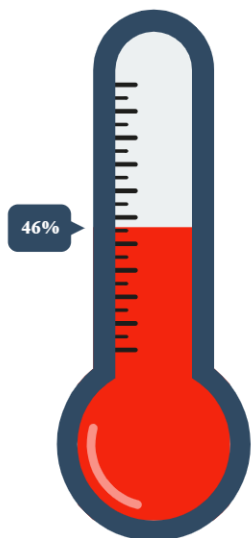
Thus we are starting with both elements of Phase Two now and we will move forward with Phase Three later in the year when it has been costed and as and when funding becomes available and the necessary permissions are sought and given.

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 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 Machines 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**