



# ST MARY'S MULBERRY STREET THE HIDDEN GEM

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

SUNDAY 05 APRIL 2024  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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## THE MONTH OF OUR BLESSED LADY

On this first Sunday in May, at the end of the Sunday morning Masses, we will dedicate the Month of May to Our Blessed Lady, and crown a statue in her honour. In the month of May, we traditionally renew our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. Our Blessed Lady always draws us closer to her Son Jesus our Lord, and helps us on our journey through this life as our spiritual mother.

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1).

The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy ([Mediator Dei](#)) characterised it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops" (no. 182).

Paul VI wrote his short encyclical in 1965 using the Month of Mary devotion as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. He urged the faithful to make use of this practice which is "gladdening and consoling" and by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is honoured, and the Christian people are enriched with spiritual gifts" (no. 2).

In May of 2002 Pope Saint John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favourite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical, and pastoral initiatives!"

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, as Pope Leo XIII reminded us, is the soul of the Church: All the activity and service of the members of the

Church, beginning with the supreme participation of the Blessed Mother in the work of the Church, is vivified by the Holy Spirit as the body, in all its activities, is vivified by its soul. The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, Advocate, and Comforter which Christ Himself sent to be our consolation in the sorrowful mysteries of life, our source of moderation in the joyful mysteries of life, our added principle of exaltation in the glorious mysteries of life.



So He was for the Blessed Mother; so also He is for the least of us; so also He is for the rest of the Church, even for those who are its unconscious but conscientious members.

Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us....

If piety is the virtue which binds us to the sources of all life, to God, to our parents, to the Church, to Christ, then certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary — or our acceptance of Christ and of the mystery of our kinship with Him is imperfect, partial, and unfulfilled.

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 06 May Easter Weekday	TUESDAY 07 May Easter Weekday	WEDNESDAY 08 May Easter Weekday	THURSDAY 09 May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	FRIDAY 10 May Easter Weekday	SATURDAY 11 May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	SUNDAY 12 May SEVENTH 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	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	09.00am - 09.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 10.00am HOLY MASS  12 noon HOLY MASS  <b>Church closes after Mass</b>
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	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm - 5.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm - 5.00pm Confessions 5.15pm VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY  <b>Church closes after Mass</b>	

## PARISH DIARY

Sunday 05 May	<b>MAY SUNDAY and 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 05 May	<b>PARISH SOCIAL</b>	Organised by the SVP - Ape and Apple Pub 1.30pm
Wednesday 08 May	<b>YOUNG ADULTS GROUP</b>	Weekly Mass, Adoration, and meeting at 6.00pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 09 May	<b>ASCENSION THURSDAY</b>	<b>Masses at 6.00pm</b> (Vigil Mass Wednesday evening) and <b>12.30pm</b>
Thursday 09 May	<b>ADULT CATECHISM CLASS</b>	Weekly Catechism Class for adults at 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Sunday 10 May	<b>CHILDREN'S CATECHISM CLASS</b>	Weekly Catechism Class for children at 11.00am - 11.45am
Saturday 18 May	<b>PENTECOST NIGHTLIGHT</b>	Outreach and inviting people into the church 6.30pm
Sunday 19 May	<b>FEAST OF PENTECOST</b>	<b>Sunday Masses at 10.00am and 12noon</b>
Saturday 01 June	<b>FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS</b>	10.30am Adoration, 11.30am Rosary, <b>12noon Mass</b> & Devotions
Sunday 02 June	<b>FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	<b>Sunday Masses at 10.00am and 12noon</b>
Friday 07 June	<b>FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS</b>	11.00am Adoration, 12 noon Rosary, <b>12.30pm Mass</b> & Devotions

## 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:** Stuart Roberts; John Mahony; Catherine McCusker; Catherine Dooley

**Anniversaries:** Honora Kirwin (01/05); Fr John Dugdale (05/01); Ellie McDermott (05/05); Fr Francis Occleston (08/01); Fr Peter Gooden (09/01)

**In remembrance:** The Holy Souls; Alice & Edward's Birthdays

**Special Intentions:** Kate Wynn; Matt McCaffrey; Victor McCaffrey; The Hälsmann family Ann; Walker family; Anna J & family; Ann Smith & family; Marsh family; Kramp family; Hand family; Joe Mason; Kathleen Walker; Rose; Robin; Natalia; Joanne; Anna's relatives; Millie Jackson; Margaret Burns; Solomone



PARISH INSTAGRAM @rchiddengem

## PARISH NEWS

### FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Masses here at St Mary's will be celebrated at **6.00pm** (Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening), and **12.30pm on Ascension Thursday**. All are welcome to join us to celebrate this Feast of Our Blessed Lord.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to three of our children, Victor, Yeswell, and Cynthia, who receive Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday. Many thanks to their parents in supporting in the Faith to this day, and to the parish catechists who have prepared them to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion.

### 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 Lalley 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.**

### FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AND EMERGENCY LIGHTING

Phase One of the works started this week, with the beginning of the installation of wiring in the presbytery, and will take a few weeks to complete the installation in the presbytery and the church. The second phase of works will follow at a later date, tied in with other works on the buildings, when funding allows. **Thank you for your ongoing generosity to St Mary's.**

### SVP PARISH SOCIAL

The Parish SVP group is holding a social this Sunday afternoon, 5th May, to raise funds to help those in most need in our city. The cost of tickets is £5, and it is possible to pay on the door. 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.

### NIGHTLIGHT AT PENTECOST [ Saturday 18th May ]



Following the great success of 'Nativity Nightlight', we invite you to take part in our next outreach event 'Nightlight at Pentecost' on Saturday 18th May, at 6.30pm.

Nightlight is an evening of invitation and encounter, where passers-by are invited into St. Mary's to light a candle in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession will also be available. No prior experience is necessary and all ages (+18yrs) and stages in life are welcome to go forth onto the streets of Manchester, inviting people to encounter Love itself. Be not afraid!

If you are interested in joining this outreach event, please arrive at St. Mary's at 6.30pm on Saturday, 18th May.



### 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.
- [5] Angela Elizabeth (SI)
- [6] Special Intention

#### Sacred Heart of Jesus:

- [1] Katerina (SI)
- [2] Intentions of Maria Grey
- [3] Intentions of Mat & Mary
- [4] Intentions of Mary Fox

#### Tabernacle [Our Lady]:

- [1] Kieran Maguire (SI)
- [2] Intentions of Eileen Brett & family

#### Tabernacle [Left side]:

- [1] Teresa Bramall (90th B)

#### Tabernacle [Right side]:

- [1] John & Ruth Kay (SI)

#### Tabernacle [St Joseph]:

- [1] Ellie McDermott RIP (A 05/05)
- [2] Frank Kelly

#### Saint Anthony of Padua:

- [1] Kate Wynn (SI)

#### Saint Therese of Lisieux

- [1] The Scott family
- [2] Uju Okwusogu

#### Our Lady of Manchester:

- [1] Magdalena (SI)
- [2] The Arndt Family (S)
- [3] Daniel & Nelly McAtamney
- [4] Dorz McAtamney (B)
- [5] Stella Dwyer RIP
- [6] Matt & Jen
- [7] Carole Travis
- [8] Maire McIister
- [9] Groarke & Cleveland family



## 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**. **All the permissions have now been obtained, and work on the installation began on Thursday.**

**Thanks to your generosity, we now have the funds to pay for fire alarm system and are well on the way to raising the funds for the new church organ**

#### 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**.

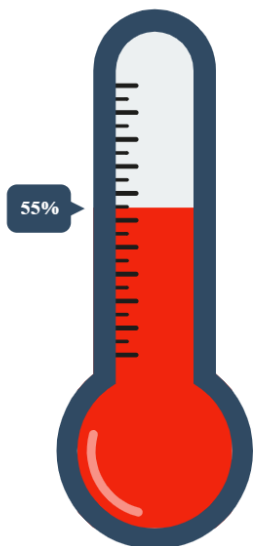
Thus we are starting with both elements of Phase Two now and we will move forward with Phase Three later in the year when it has been costed and as and when funding becomes available and the necessary permissions are sought and given.

### 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 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**