



# ST MARY'S MULBERRY STREET THE HIDDEN GEM

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

SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

**PENTECOST**

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PENTECOST, a vibrant feast celebrated on the 50th day after Easter Sunday, holds immense significance within the Catholic Church. Often referred to as the "birthday of the Church," it commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Our Blessed Lady and the Apostles, marking the birth of the Christian community. This pivotal event, described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31), empowered the disciples to embark on their mission of spreading the Gospel message to the whole world.

Understanding Pentecost necessitates delving into its historical and biblical roots. The word "Pentecost" derives from the Greek word "pentekostē," meaning "fiftieth." In the Old Testament, Pentecost coincided with Shavuot, a Jewish harvest festival celebrating the giving of the Torah (Law) to Moses on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19-20). Early Christians, many of whom were Jewish, adopted this existing feast day and imbued it with a new meaning – the descent of the Holy Spirit.

The Acts of the Apostles provides a vivid narrative of the Pentecost event. Fearful after Jesus' ascension, the disciples gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. Suddenly, a powerful wind filled the place, followed by tongues of fire appearing above their heads. These flames, symbolic of the Holy Spirit's purifying power and transformation, empowered the disciples to speak in various languages they had never learned before. This miraculous ability, known as glossolalia, enabled them to communicate with the diverse pilgrims who had flocked to Jerusalem for the Jewish feast.

Peter, emboldened by the Holy Spirit, addressed the astonished crowd. He

proclaimed Jesus' resurrection and explained that the descent of the Holy Spirit fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament (Joel 2:28-29). This event marked a turning point in the history of Christianity. The fear and insecurity that gripped the disciples after Jesus' death were replaced by courage and conviction. They were no longer a small group of frightened men, but a unified community equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit to spread the message of salvation.



The Catholic Church celebrates Pentecost with a joyous liturgy filled with symbolism. The colour red, representing the tongues of fire, is used in vestments and decorations. The readings and homily focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers. The celebration also incorporates special chant and hymns that evoke the themes

of unity, empowerment, and the spread of the Gospel.

Pentecost's significance extends beyond its historical commemoration. It serves as a reminder of the ongoing presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the Church. We believe that the Spirit continues to guide and inspire the Church, empowering its members to live out their faith and contribute to the mission of evangelisation.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit, traditionally listed as wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2-3), are bestowed upon believers through the sacraments, particularly Confirmation. These gifts enable individuals to grow in their faith and use their talents to build up the Church.

Pentecost also serves as a celebration of the Church's universality. The miracle of speaking in tongues symbolises the breaking down of barriers and the Church's embrace of all nations and cultures. The Catholic Church, with its diverse ethnicities, languages, and traditions, is a testament to the unifying power of the Holy Spirit.

In conclusion, Pentecost is much more than just a historical event. It is a vibrant feast that continues to shape the life and mission of the Catholic Church. It reminds us of the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, the ongoing guidance of God, and the call to share the Gospel message with the world. As the Church celebrates its birthday on Pentecost, it recommits itself to the mission entrusted to it by Jesus: to go forth and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19).

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 20 May Mary, Mother of the Church	TUESDAY 21 May Weekday	WEDNESDAY 22 May Weekday	THURSDAY 23 May Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	FRIDAY 24 May Weekday	SATURDAY 25 May St Bede the Venerable	SUNDAY 26 May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
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 - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am - 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 and Confessions
11.00am - 11.50am Confessions	11.00am - 11.50am Confessions	11.00am - 11.50am Confessions	11.00am - 11.50am Confessions	11.00am - 11.50am 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	12 noon HOLY MASS
12.30pm HOLY MASS	12.30pm HOLY MASS	12.30pm HOLY MASS  <i>After Mass</i> Church Cleaning	12.30pm HOLY MASS	12.30pm HOLY MASS  <i>After Mass</i> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	12 noon HOLY MASS	Church closes after Mass
		5.00pm - 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & 5.00pm - 5.45pm Confessions		2.30pm - 2.50pm Confessions 3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Benediction	4.00pm - 5.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	6.00pm HOLY MASS	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm - 5.00pm Confessions	
		6.30pm - 7.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction			5.15pm VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY	
		7.15pm Church closes			Church closes after Mass	
		7.15pm - 8.30pm Young Catholic Adults Group	7.00pm Adult Catechism Class			

## PARISH DIARY

Wednesday 22 May	<b>YOUNG ADULTS GROUP</b>	Weekly Mass, Adoration, and meeting at 6.00pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 23 May	<b>ADULT CATECHISM CLASS</b>	Weekly Catechism Class for adults at 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Sunday 26 May	<b>FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY</b>	<b>Sunday Masses at 10.00am and 12noon</b>
Sunday 26 May	<b>CHILDREN'S CATECHISM CLASS</b>	Weekly Catechism Class for children at 11.00am - 11.45am
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> <i>with a short Blessed Sacrament Procession and Benediction of Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 12 noon Mass</i>
Tuesday 04 June	<b>START OF THE NOVENA To Saint Anthony of Padua</b>	A short Novena to St Anthony of Padua at the end of the morning Devotions each day for 9 days
Friday 07 June	<b>THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS and FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS</b>	11.00am Adoration, 12 noon Rosary, <b>12.30pm Mass</b> & Devotions
Thursday 13 June	<b>FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA</b>	11.00am Adoration, 12 noon Rosary, <b>12.30pm Mass</b> & Devotions
Sunday 07 July	<b>MADONNA DEL ROSARIO PROCESSION</b>	Starting at the Former St Michael's church, Ancoats, 1.15pm  A parish group will be walking in the procession. Please put the date in your diary and join us this year.



**FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AND EMERGENCY LIGHTING**

Phase One of the works started two weeks ago, with the beginning of the installation of wiring in the presbytery, and will take a few weeks to complete the installation in both 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.**

**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.**

**GREGORIAN CHANT GROUP**

We have started a **Gregorian Chant Group** to help to support the singing of the Gregorian Chant at the 12noon Solemn Mass on Sundays. One of our parishioners, Dr Rosemarie Darby, is helping to establish this group and in teaching us the chant, supported by our organist, Nathan. Short practices will take place on Sunday mornings at 11.30am, in preparation for the 12noon Mass. If you are interested in joining us, simply come along on Sundays and introduce yourself to Rosemarie or Nathan. Everyone is welcome to join us and to learn the Gregorian Chant for Holy Mass.



**MADONNA DEL ROSARIO PROCESSION**

This year's Madonna del Rosario Procession will take place on the afternoon of Sunday 7th July, departing from St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats, at 1.15pm. Last year we had a great turnout of 100 parishioners and, it is hoped that, this year, we will be even stronger in number. Please make a note of the date in your diary, and more details about participating in our parish group will be given soon.

**VOLUNTEERING AT SAINT MARY'S**

Could you give a couple of hours a week to help to volunteer at St Mary's, either looking after the church during the day or assisting with the cleaning of church? We are in need of a few extra volunteers, particularly with the summer months coming up and parishioners going away on holiday.

The church is open every day and gets lots of people coming for Holy Mass, Confessions, Devotions, and quiet prayer during the day and is appreciated by so many of us. Could you help by being a Guardian of the church or helping to keep it clean? Please have a word with Fr Anthony if you are able to help in these important aspects of our parish life. Please don't just leave it to a few parishioners, but please help out if you can.



**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:

**Latently deceased:** Nora Madden; Roseanna Brady; Kathleen & Shirley Meehan; Patricia Stapleton; Ann McDermott; Felice Genovese

**Anniversary:** Canon William Byrne (21/05); Fr Peter Sheehan (25/05); Fr John Rigby (25/05); Frank Griffin; Joesph Malone

**In remembrance:** The Holy Souls; Vito Marino, Carmelo Minafò, Roz Ewart, Derek Beetham, Francesco Manzella, Fabio Andreoletti, Stefano Porro, Alicia Cordero Hernández, Giovanna Pedretti, Vasco, George; Jean & John Webb; George Mohan; Justine Mohan

**Special Intentions:** Kate Wynn; Ana Karla; Grazia Lombardo; Nicolò; Laura; Cinzia; Genovese Family; Marino Family; All people burdened with sickness; Schofeld family; Eddie Moran; Vivian Wave; Roisin Kerrigan; Thomas Hogan; Kevin Hogan; Prasila; Arlo Phillips; Kathy Spencer; In thanksgiving for favours received; Barry John Langford; Chloe & Laura; Jerry Brindle; Elizabeth Cerda; Rose and family



**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] Margaret Maddocks
- [3] Maximillian Mulholland
- [4] Maire McAlister
- [5] Derek Lees RIP (A)
- [6] Christopher Smith

**Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

- [1] Katerina (SI)
- [2] Michelle, Kiana, & Kai (SI)

**Tabernacle [Our Lady]:**

- [1] Frank Kelly

**Tabernacle [Left side]:**

- [1] Kate Wynn (SI)

**Tabernacle [Right side]:**

- [1] John & Ruth Kay (SI)

**Tabernacle [St Joseph]:**

- [1] NM (SI)
- [2] Anna J.
- [3] The Varkeys
- [4] Shantha J.

**Saint Anthony of Padua:**

- [1] Val & Teresa Mullins
- [2] Val & Dymyna Mullins
- [3] Lily McManus

**Saint Therese of Lisieux**

- [1] Michael McManus RIP (A)
- [2] Sister Brenda

**Our Lady of Manchester:**

- [1] Mark Latham RIP (A 17/05)
- [2] Magdalena (SI)
- [3] The Arndt Family (S)
- [4] Daniel & Nelly McAtamney
- [5] Dorz McAtamney (B)
- [6] Arlow Phillips (SI)
- [7] Mary & Roy Adamson
- [8] Theresa Adams RIP
- [9] Matt & Phil

# 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 we 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**.

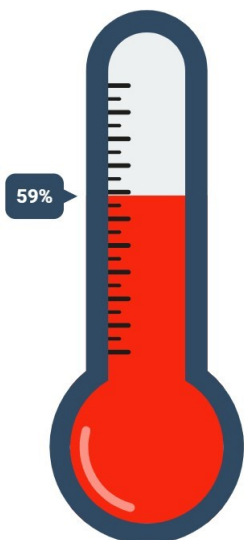
Thus we are starting with both elements of Phase Two now and we will move forward with Phase Three later in the year when it has been costed and as and when funding becomes available and the necessary permissions are sought and given.

## 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**