

# ST MARY'S MULBERRY STREET

# THE HIDDEN GEM

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



SUNDAY 28 JULY 2024

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS AT SAINT MARY'S

The First Saturday Devotion is a powerful spiritual practice rooted in the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. It is a direct response to Mary's plea for reparation to her Immaculate Heart, wounded by the sins of humanity.



In 1917, during the famous Marian apparitions at Fatima, Portugal, Our Lady revealed to three shepherd children the harrowing reality of hell and the immense suffering caused by human sin. She expressed a deep sorrow for the offenses committed against her Immaculate Heart and emphasized the urgent need for reparation. To address this spiritual crisis, Mary outlined a specific devotion to be practiced on the first Saturday of five consecutive months.

The devotion comprises four essential elements:

1. **Confession:** A sacramental confession within the eight days preceding the First Saturday, with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
2. **Holy Communion:** Reception of the Eucharist on the First Saturday itself.
3. **Rosary:** Recitation of five decades of the Rosary, meditating on the mysteries, with the intention of making reparation to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart.
4. **Fifteen Minutes of Meditation:** Spending fifteen minutes in contemplation of the mysteries of the Rosary, offering this time as reparation.

By faithfully fulfilling these conditions, the faithful make a tangible act of love and reparation to Mary, seeking to alleviate the sufferings caused by sin. In return, Our Lady promises extraordinary graces, including assistance at the hour of death and the gift of final perseverance.

The First Saturday Devotion is not merely a devotional practice but a profound spiritual journey. It invites individuals to delve deeper into their relationship with Mary, recognising her as a loving mother and Intercessor. By meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, devotees contemplate the life of Christ and His saving mission, fostering a deeper understanding of God's love and mercy.

Moreover, the devotion is a powerful tool for conversion and sanctification. The regular practice of confession and Holy Communion strengthens the soul and purifies the heart. As devotees offer their prayers and sacrifices in reparation for the sins of the world, they develop a greater sense of compassion and solidarity with their fellow human beings.

The First Saturday Devotion is a call to action in a world marked by division and indifference. By embracing this spiritual practice, individuals become agents of hope and reconciliation. It is a tangible way to participate in the Church's mission of evangelization and to contribute to the building of a more just and peaceful world.

While the devotion may seem demanding, it is important to remember that Mary's promises are equally extraordinary. The graces offered to those who faithfully practice the First Saturday Devotion are a testament to God's boundless love and mercy. It is an invitation to experience the transformative power of God's grace in one's own life and to share this gift with others.

### FIRST SATURDAY PROGRAMME

10.30am	<b>Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament</b>
10.30am	<b>Confessions</b>
11.30am	<b>Holy Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
12noon	<b>Holy Mass followed by First Saturday Devotions</b>


Everyone is welcome to join us for these devotions.

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 29 July	TUESDAY 30 July	WEDNESDAY 31 July	THURSDAY 01 August	FRIDAY 02 August	SATURDAY 03 August	SUNDAY 04 August
St Martha, St Mary, & St Lazarus	Feria	St Ignatius of Loyola Priest	St Alphonsus Liguori Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	Votive Mass of Our Blessed Lady <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
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 31 July	<b>YOUNG ADULTS GROUP</b>	6.00pm Mass 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30pm Social time [for the months of July and August)
Friday 02 August	<b>FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS</b>	11.00am Adoration and Confessions, 12 noon Rosary, 12.30pm Mass & Devotions
Saturday 03 August	<b>FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS</b>	10.30am Adoration, 11.30am Rosary, 12noon Mass & Devotions
Tuesday 06 August	<b>START OF THE NOVENA TO OUR LADY ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN</b>	<b>Our Lady Assumed into Heaven</b> is the Patron of the parish of St Mary's, Manchester In preparation for our Parish Patronal Feast Day a short Novena to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven will be prayed each day after Daily Mass for 9 days
Thursday 15 August	<b>FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>  Parish Patronal Feast Day	Vigil Mass of the Feast 6.00pm [Wednesday 14th] 11.00am Adoration, 12noon Rosary, 12.30pm Mass
Friday 06 September	<b>FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS</b>	11.00am Adoration and Confessions, 12 noon Rosary, 12.30pm Mass & Devotions
Saturday 07 September	<b>FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS</b>	10.30am Adoration, 11.30am Rosary, 12noon Mass & Devotions



## PARISH NEWS

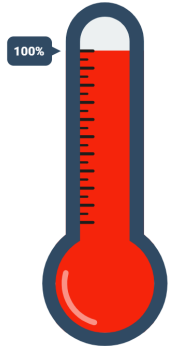
### VISITORS TO SAINT MARY'S

Thank you for the welcome you gave to my guests from Verona. They really enjoyed their visit to Manchester and to St Mary's parish and they were very impressed by the welcome they received from everyone they met. Thank you.

### 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. Please have a word with Fr Anthony if you are able to help in these important aspects of parish life.

### THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE RESTORATION FUND



Thanks to your ongoing generosity to the Church Restoration Fund, since January we have raised the £80,000 for Phase II works (a Fire Detection System, Emergency Lighting, and a rebuild of the church organ). It is hoped that the Fire Detection System will be fully installed and working in the next couple of weeks and our rebuilt organ will be ready to be installed sometime in September.

On the back of the parish newsletter you can read details of the next phase of works which will begin in September.

**Thanks to you all for your continued generosity to St Mary's church and its restoration.**

### PARISH INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS

If you use Social Media, you may be interested to know that we have parish Instagram accounts. If you have Instagram, please join us. Scan the image or search for our account names: **rchiddengem** and **youngcatholicadultsmanchester**



### SVP COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE SALE



#### BAKE A CAKE, BRING A CAKE, BUY A CAKE

Next Sunday, after both Sunday Masses, the SVP will be holding a coffee morning outside church to raise funds for their SVP work. There will also be a cake sale. If you can, please help them to raise funds by baking a cake and buying a cake.

### GREGORIAN CHANT GROUP

Here at St Mary's, we have started a **Gregorian Chant Group** to help to support the singing of the chant at the 12noon Solemn Mass on Sundays. One of our parishioners, Dr Rosemarie Darby, is helping us 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. All welcome. If you are interested in joining us, simply come along on Sundays and introduce yourself to Rosemarie or Nathan

### FOODBANK COLLECTION POINT

We continue to welcome donations to the **Foodbank** at the back of church. The parish 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.**

## 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:** Lily Fay; Joyce Kavanagh Mottham; Ose Dibua-Nnani; Peggy Mitchell

**Anniversaries:** John Joseph Joyce (17/07); Catherine Ward (25/07); Nellie O'Dowd (28/07); Fr Emmett Dagens (02/08); Mons. Tom Devany (03/08); Annie Bardsley

**In remembrance:** The Holy Souls; Lucy & Michael John Gordon

**Special Intentions:** Kate Wynn; Michael McGirr; Intentions of the Lawlor family; Margaret; Phil O'Connor; Dymrna & Val Mullis; Barbara Johnson; Anne Stapleton; Successful outcome of tests

## 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] Chris Unsworth RIP (A 28/07)
- [3] Margaret (SI)
- [4] John And Jean Webb RIP
- [5] Anna J.
- [6] The Varkeys
- [7] Shantha J.
- [8] Thanks to St Jude Thaddeus & St Expedite for favour received

### Sacred Heart of Jesus:

- [1] Katerina (SI)
- [2] Catherine Ward RIP (A25/07)
- [3] Intentions of Br Chris
- [4] The Holy Souls
- [5] For my children and family

### [6] Special Intention

- [7] Teresa & Val Mullins
- [8] Mary and Roy Adamson
- [9] Kathleen & Michael Campbell RIP

### Tabernacle [Our Lady]:

- [1] Baby Brett & family

### Tabernacle [Left side]:

- [1] Kate Wynn (SI)

### Tabernacle [Right side]:

- [1] John & Ruth Kay (SI)

### Tabernacle [St Joseph]:

- [1] Alison Donald (SI)
- [2] Elizabeth McManus (SI)
- [3] For ongoing help

### Saint Anthony of Padua:

- [1] Annie Bardsley RIP (A)
- [2] Dymrna and Val Mullins

### Saint Therese of Lisieux

- [1] Annie Bardsley RIP (A)
- [2] Scott family

### Our Lady of Manchester:

- [1] Magdalena (SI)
- [2] The Arndt Family (S)
- [3] Marcin (SI)
- [4] Nellie O'Dowd RIP (A 28/07)
- [5] Maire McAllister
- [6] Catherine Ward RIP (A25/07)
- [7] The Vernardakis family

# RESTORATION OF SAINT MARY'S CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY



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

The **Phase One** Restoration works, which began on Monday 17th April 2023, were completed at cost of £250,000. Thanks to your generosity to Saint Mary's over the last few years, and in particular this past year or so, 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 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 Detection System & Church Organ £80,000 [IN PROGRESS]

In **Phase Two** of the Restoration works we are currently: **1)** Installing the first part of a Fire Detection Alarm system and an Emergency Lighting System in the church and the presbytery at the cost of **£35,000**, and **2)** Rebuilding our thirty year old church organ (which failed twelve months ago) with new digital technology at a cost of **£45,000**

## PHASE THREE Presbytery Rainwater Redirection & Re-roofing £120,000 [AUTUMN 2024]

Recent investigations have established that the majority of rainwater from the church & presbytery roofs is carried through the interior of the buildings, from front to rear. Water is collected in a pipe that passes through the rear wall of the site and into the courtyard of the neighbouring pub. Increased rainfall, particularly downpours of large amounts of water in a short period of time, means that this arrangement is not sustainable any longer. A blockage of the pipe in the cellar of the pub last year resulted in a major flood in the church and presbytery which caused a fair amount of damage to the fabric of the church and the presbytery.

**Phase Three** of the Restoration works provides a significant first step towards the creation of a new drainage system that is entirely independent of the neighbouring pub, the works having been informed by a detailed drainage survey. Naturally, we are anxious to undertake the works as soon as possible in order to improve the resilience of the buildings ahead of the coming winter.

The works in this phase of the restoration comprise of:

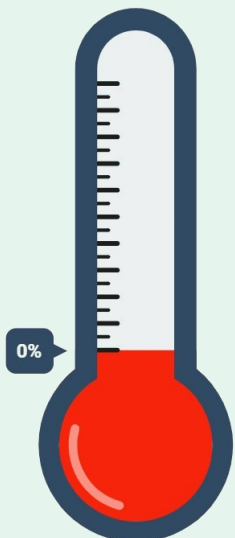
- New rainwater pipes and associated below-ground drainage, connecting to existing drains at the front of the buildings
- Redirection of water from the front roofs of the old presbytery to eliminate internal pipes;

As well as other essential works on the old presbytery roof:

- Re-roofing the front section of the old presbytery as the existing coverings are in poor condition & uninsulated;
- Re-making leaking lead-lined gutters and abutments;
- Improving the flashings and weatherproofing to the presbytery chimney.

Permission has been granted by the diocesan trustees to proceed and, having tendered for the works, we have now appointed a contractor who will begin the works on site in September, taking twelve weeks to complete. The works will cost **£120,000** to undertake. **Thank you for your continued generosity for restoration of St Mary's.**

**FUNDRAISING TARGET  
FOR PHASE THREE  
£120,000**



**FUNDRAISING  
FOR PHASE THREE**

**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**