

# ST MARY'S MULBERRY STREET THE HIDDEN GEM

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



SUNDAY 01 SEPTEMBER 2024

**TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## AN INVITATION TO ALL YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS OF THE PARISH



Our parish Young Catholic Adults Group has developed really well in the last twelve months and we would like to extend an invitation to any young adults in their 20s and 30s to join us on **Wednesday evenings for the celebration of Holy Mass at 6.00pm**, followed by **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, and an **evening of reflection, discussion, & social time together**.



We are a group of young Catholic adults, dedicated to regularly gathering to pray, learning about the Faith, and spreading God's word in Manchester and beyond.



**Our weekly Wednesday timetable is:**

- 6.00pm Holy Mass
- 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7.15pm Refreshments
- 7.30pm Talk / Reflection / or Discussion
- 8.30pm Conclude the meeting with the opportunity to socialise after in a local bar for those who wish to.



**Our programme of talks for September is:**

- Week 1 (Sep 4th): Sacred Scripture Part 1
- Week 2 (Sep 11th): Sacred Scripture Part 2
- Week 3 (Sep 18th): The Eucharist in Sacred Scripture
- Week 4 (Sep 25th): Holy Hour of Adoration and Social time

## ALL YOUNG ADULTS ARE WELCOME

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

# MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

MONDAY 02 September	TUESDAY 03 September	WEDNESDAY 04 September	THURSDAY 05 September	FRIDAY 06 September	SATURDAY 07 September	SUNDAY 08 September
Feria	St Gregory the Great Pope & Doctor	St Cuthbert	Feria	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	Votive Mass of Our Blessed Lady <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>	<b>TWENTY THIRD 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
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	12 noon Holy Rosary	12 noon Holy Rosary	12 noon Holy Rosary	12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction	11.30am Holy Rosary & Benediction	
12.30pm HOLY MASS	12.30pm HOLY MASS	12.30pm HOLY MASS	12.30pm HOLY MASS	12.30pm HOLY MASS	12 noon HOLY MASS	12 noon HOLY MASS
		After Mass Church Cleaning		After Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
		5.00pm - 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		2.30pm - 2.50pm Confessions		Church closes after Mass
4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	& 5.00pm - 5.45pm Confessions	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm - 5.00pm Confessions	
		6.00pm HOLY MASS			5.15pm VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY	
		7.30pm Church closes			Church closes after Mass	
		7.30pm - 8.30pm Young Catholic Adults Group				

## PARISH DIARY

Wednesday 04 September	<b>YOUNG ADULTS GROUP</b> <i>Theme: Sacred Scripture 1</i>	6.00pm Holy Mass 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30pm First meeting of the New Pastoral Year - Upper Room
Friday 06 September	<b>FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS</b>	11.00am Adoration and Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary, 12.30pm Holy Mass & Devotions
Saturday 07 September	<b>FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS</b>	10.30am Adoration 11.30am Holy Rosary 12noon Holy Mass & Devotions
Monday 09 September	<b>ADULTS' CATECHISM CLASS</b> <i>Theme: Introduction</i>	7.00pm - 8.00pm Introductory meeting in the Upper Room For adults wanting to explore the Catholic Faith through a structured series of Catechism Classes.
Wednesday 11 September	<b>YOUNG ADULTS GROUP</b> <i>Theme: Sacred Scripture 2</i>	6.00pm Holy Mass 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30pm Talk and Discussion
Sunday 15 September	<b>CHILDRENS' CATECHISM CLASS</b>  Preparation for <b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>  Preparation for <b>CONFIRMATION</b>  and Catechism for other Children of Primary School Age	Sundays 11.00am - 11.45am  On Sunday 15 September at 11.00am there will be an introductory meeting in the Upper Room for all children who want to attend Catechism Classes this year. This meeting is for all parents as well as the children.



ST MARY'S PARISH INSTAGRAM @rchiddengem  
YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS INSTAGRAM @youngcatholicadultsmanchester



**PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN**

Bishop John has sent a Pastoral Letter to the people of the Diocese, a copy of which is enclosed with this weekend's parish newsletter.

**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 any way.

**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: **Shower Gel, Shampoo, and Deodorant**

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 to Caritas.**

**CARITAS LALLEY CENTRE**

The Caritas Lalley Centre in Collyhurst offers a food bank twice a week - Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10.00am to 1.00pm. They are looking for volunteers to help sorting donations, stacking shelves and assisting clients. If you feel you could help on either morning or just from time to time please call The Lalley Centre on 0161 205 2754 and they will be pleased to hear from you.

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**

Please let me know by sending me an email if you would like to be added to our parish distribution list to receive the parish newsletter each week by email.



**CATECHISM CLASSES  
PASTORAL YEAR 2024 - 2025**

**CATECHISM CLASS FOR ADULTS  
Mondays 7.00pm - 8.00pm**

[ starting on Monday 9th September ]

**Catechism Classes for adults** who would like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist will begin with an **introductory evening on Monday 9th September at 7.00pm**. Classes will then take place each Monday evening in the Upper Room at 7pm - 8pm.

Any adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith are invited to join us for this series of Catechism classes. You may not have been baptised, or you have been baptised in a Christian church and would like to be received into Communion with the Catholic Church, or you may have been baptised as a Catholic but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation or Holy Communion.

If you are interested in learning more about Catholic Faith and preparing for reception of the Sacraments, and have not already done so, please have a word with Fr Anthony or send him an email for more details about the catechism classes and to register for the course.

**CATECHISM CLASS FOR CHILDREN**

**Sundays 11.00am - 11.45am**

[ starting on Sunday 15th September ]

Catechism Classes for children (preparing for the First Holy Communion and for Confirmation and for other children of Primary School age) will be starting on 15th September in the Upper Room with an introductory meeting for all parents and children. Any parents, who have not already done so, and who wish their children to be included in these classes and to prepare for the sacraments this year, should have a word with Fr Anthony as soon as possible.

**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:** Fr Colin Wright; Fr Michael Gallagher O.Praem; Roisin Kelly; Gary Melling; Bernard SB Capistrano; Juvana D'Silva; Gerry Pennell; Cheryl Bentley

**Anniversaries:** Hann Doona (01/09) Fr John McKeown (02/09); Winefride Darby (13/09)

**In remembrance:** The Holy Souls; Tommy Tiernan; Florence Marie Oates; Connor Massey; Mum, Clayton, Nana & Grandad, Dad, & Nathan.

**Special Intentions:** Kate Wynn; Donor's intentions; Margaret Burns; Frank Arthur; Margaret Tiernan; Cara Walsh; Christine; For prayers answered; Joan Yates; Bernard Fanning; Sarah & Damian; Angelica, Dominic, & Matthew; Loretta, Emma, & Pauline; Christina, Georgia, Rory, Rio, & Sonni Vernardakis;

**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] Elaine Carter
- [3] Margaret Tiernan & family
- [4] Beirne McCarthy
- [5] Bridie (SI)

**Tabernacle [Our Lady]**

- [1] Anne & Dominic McCullogh (SI)
- [2] In thanksgiving
- [3] Special Intention

**Tabernacle [Left side]:**

- [1] Kate Wynn (SI)

**Tabernacle [Right side]:**

- [1] John & Ruth Kay (SI)

**Tabernacle [St Joseph]:**

- [1] Scott family
- [2] For ongoing help
- [3] Matt & Phil

**Saint Anthony of Padua:**

- [1] Florence Marie Oates RIP
- [2] Joan Yates

**Saint Therese of Lisieux**

- [1] Janet (SI)
- [2] Christina's intention

**Our Lady of Manchester:**

- [1] Magdalena (SI)
- [2] The Arndt Family (S)
- [3] Marcin (SI)
- [4] Maire McAllister
- [5] K.S.
- [6] Arlo Philips
- [7] Gary Melling RIP (LD)
- [8] Irene & John Nestor RIP (BR 02/09)

# 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 have **1)** installed 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 we are **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 Upper Room 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 on 2nd 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**

**TO MAKE A DONATION  
TOWARDS THE  
RESTORATION FUND**

### 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**

**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**

