

ST MARY'S MULBERRY STREET THE HIDDEN GEM

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



SUNDAY 03 NOVEMBER 2024

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.



MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is a month dedicated to remembering and praying for the souls of the faithful departed, the month of the Holy Souls. In the Catholic Church, this period begins with All Saints' Day on November 1st, a celebration of all the saints, known and unknown. The following day, All Souls' Day, is a solemn commemoration of all the faithful departed.

During this month, Catholics are encouraged to offer prayers, Masses, and good works for the souls in purgatory. Purgatory is a state of purification after death for those who die in God's grace but have not yet been fully purified. The Church teaches that our prayers and sacrifices can help alleviate the suffering of these souls and hasten their entry into heaven.

The month of November provides an opportunity for us to reflect on our own mortality and the importance of living a virtuous life. It also reminds us of the power of prayer and the interconnectedness of all souls, both living and departed. By offering prayers for the Holy Souls, we not only help them but also deepen our own faith and hope in the resurrection.

Throughout the month of November the Masses here at St Mary's will be celebrated each day for the Holy Souls, and in particular for all those whose names that are placed before the Altar of the Pietà. If you wish your loved ones to be included in these celebrations of Holy Mass, please put their names and a Mass offering in the envelopes at the back of the church.

+ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

QUARANT'ORE SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



You are invited to join us at St Mary's at the end of November for a special time of prayer - Forty Hours of Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The 12 noon Solemn Sung Mass of the Feast of Christ the King will be followed by a short Blessed Sacrament Procession in church and Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday 23rd November

8.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00am	Morning Prayer and Office of Readings
10.30am	Confessions
11.30am	Holy Rosary
12noon	Holy Mass [Mass of Our Blessed Lady]
12.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
4.00pm	Confessions
5.15pm	Holy Mass [Vigil Mass of Sunday]
6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8.00pm	Compline [Night Prayer of the Church]

Friday 22nd November

8.00am	Holy Mass [Mass of Exposition]
8.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00am	Morning Prayer and Office of Readings
11.00am	Confessions
12noon	Holy Rosary
12.30pm	Holy Mass [Mass for Peace]
1.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3.00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
5.00pm	Confessions
6.00pm	Holy Mass [Mass of the Sacred Heart]
6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8.00pm	Compline [Night Prayer of the Church]

Sunday 24th November

8.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00am	Confessions
10.00am	Holy Mass [Mass of Christ the King]
11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon	Holy Mass [Mass of Christ the King and Deposition followed by procession & Solemn Benediction]

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT MARY'S

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

MONDAY 04 November	TUESDAY 05 November	WEDNESDAY 06 November	THURSDAY 07 November	FRIDAY 08 November	SATURDAY 09 November	SUNDAY 10 November
St Charles Borromeo Bishop	Feria	Feria	Feria	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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	10.00am - 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	10.00am - 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	11.00am Children's Catechism [in the Upper Room]
12.30pm HOLY MASS	12.30pm HOLY MASS	12.30pm HOLY MASS After Mass Church Cleaning	12.30pm HOLY MASS	12.30pm HOLY MASS After Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	12 noon HOLY MASS	12 noon HOLY 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		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 Confessions	
		7.30pm Church closes			5.15pm VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY	
7.00pm Adult Catechism [in the Upper Room]		7.30pm - 8.30pm Young Catholic Adults Group [in the Upper Room]			Church closes after Mass	

PARISH DIARY

Monday 04 November	ADULTS' CATECHISM CLASS	7.00pm - 8.00pm in the Upper Room For adults wanting to explore the Catholic Faith through a structured series of Catechism Classes.
Wednesday 06 November	YOUNG ADULTS GROUP	6.00pm Holy Mass 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30pm Tea and Talk
Sunday 10 November	CHILDRENS' CATECHISM CLASS	Sundays 11.00am - 11.45am This meeting is for children with their parents.
Friday 22 November Saturday 23 November Sunday 24 November	QUARANT'ORE Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	8.30am - 8.30pm Friday Holy Mass 8.00am, 12.30pm, & 6.00pm 8.30am - 8.30pm Saturday Holy Mass 12 noon & 5.15pm 8.30am - 1.30pm Sunday Holy Mass 10am and 12 noon
Sunday 22 December	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT	4.00pm A service of Readings and Carols in preparation for the Solemn Feast of the Nativity of the Lord at Christmas.
Tuesday 24 December	CHRISTMAS EVE	6.00pm Blessing of the Crib & First Mass of Christmas 11.30pm Readings & Carols 12.00am Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25 December	CHRISTMAS DAY	11.00am Christmas Mass

CARITAS 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 most 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 generosity to Caritas.**

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Of your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Fr Brendan Curley**, Parish Priest of St Cuthbert's, Withington, and **Monsignor John Chaloner**, a retired priest of our diocese, who have both died recently. May they rest in peace.

Of your charity please also pray for the happy response of the souls of **Margaret Lawton**, a parishioner of St Mary's, who has died recently, and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 12th November at 10am, and **Bryan Fisher**, a parishioner of St Mary's who has died recently, and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 19th November at 1.30pm. May they rest in peace.

GIFT AID DECLARATIONS

Thank you to the fourteen parishioners who have signed a Gift Aid Declaration after last week's appeal. The extra income that we receive from HMRC, from the taxes you have already paid on your donations, makes a real difference to the finances of the parish. If you have not already done so, PLEASE consider signing a Gift Aid Declaration and setting up a Standing Order or taking a box of offertory envelopes. From all our parishioners who pay Income Tax, It would be great to add twenty five new members to the parish Gift Aid scheme this time.

GETTING MARRIED NEXT YEAR?

If you are planning to get married in 2025 and are hoping to do so here at St Mary's, please have a word with me as soon as possible. Six months notice is always required, but the Pre-Marriage course for next year's wedding couples takes place early in 2025.

GREGORIAN CHANT GROUP

Here at St Mary's, we have 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.

NEW LECTIONARIES

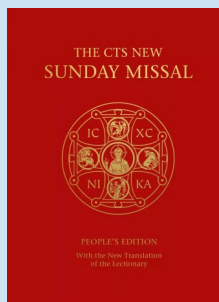
On the First Sunday of Advent, a new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Holy Mass, will come into use in England and Wales.



With the new edition of the Lectionary for Mass coming into use soon, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has signposted us to some useful resources introducing the new edition, what changes have been made, and why. Find out more at

www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/

With the introduction of new Lectionary, our copies of the Parish Mass Book will no longer be able to be used at Mass. If you like a copy of the readings and prayers for the Mass, may I suggest that you obtain a copy of the CTS New Sunday Missal, which is available for purchase from the Parish Piety Stall, and bring it with you to Mass each Sunday.



THANK YOU FROM CARTIAS SALFORD

As we head towards the end of the year, our diocesan charity Caritas Salford would like to share a message of thanks to everyone who has supported their work so far this year. To find out more about how your generosity has impacted those in our diocesan community, go to: www.caritassalford.org.uk/your-stories/

ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS

The Advent Walk with me booklets are on sale on the Piety Stall. These little booklets are available to help you in prayer each day throughout the Season of Advent.

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.



The Pietà Altar:

- [1] Paul Grogan (SI)
- [2] David Jackson (SI)
- [3] Kathleen & Michael Campbell
- [4] Simon Kirrane RIP (A 05/11)

Sacred Heart of Jesus:

- [1] Katerina (SI)
- [2] Henry Armenta RIP (BR)
- [3] Lee Wild (SI)
- [4] Thanksgiving for kidney donor

Tabernacle [Our Lady]

- [1] Anna J.
- [2] The Varkeys
- [3] Shantha J.

Tabernacle [Left side]:

- [1] Ruth Stone RIP (A 01/11)

Tabernacle [Right side]:

- [1] John & Ruth Kay (SI)

Tabernacle [St Joseph]:

- [1] Scott family
- [2] Paul & Lec (SI)
- [3] Family Special Intention

Saint Anthony of Padua:

- [1] Me, Christina, & my children

Saint Therese of Lisieux

- [1] Kate Wynn (SI)

Our Lady of Manchester:

- [1] Magdalena (SI)
- [2] The Arndt Family (S)
- [3] Marcin (SI)
- [4] Maire McAllister

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 £5.00



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: Liliana McCabe; Ray Moss

Anniversaries: Ruth Stone (01/11); Catherine Doona (01/11); Canon Joseph Carter (05/11); Fr Denis Sheahan (05/11); Fr Martin Peyton (05/11); Fr Michael Walsh (07/11); Mary Raymond

In remembrance: The Holy Souls;

Special Intentions: Kate Wynn; Thomas Melia (B); Sean Melia; Walker family; Anna J & family; Krystyna Golijanek; Hand family; Kramp family; Marsh family; Ann Smith & family; Margaert; Mary O'Boyle



RESTORATION OF SAINT MARY'S CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY

PLEASE HELP IN OUR FUNDRAISING FOR THE RESTORATION WORKS

There are various ways that you can help in the parish fundraising efforts.

We will update our Fundraising Thermometer from donations:

1. into the **Parish Bank Account**
2. through the **QR Code**
3. through the **Diocesan website**
4. through the **Parish Website**
5. through the **Card Machines**
6. given to the **Votive Candle Boxes**
7. put in the **Window boxes** in church
8. Funds raised from the **Parish Piety Stall**
9. **Tax reclaimed** on Gift Aided Donations
10. Other **Personal Donations** by cash or cheque given specifically for The Restoration Fund



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

Phase One of the Restoration works of St Mary's Church and Presbytery took place last summer and 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.

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

PHASE TWO Fire Detection System & Church Organ £80,000 [COMPLETED 2024]

Phase Two of the Restoration works has been the installation of 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**. We have also had our thirty year old church organ rebuilt with new digital technology at a cost of **£45,000**.

PHASE THREE Rainwater Redirection & Re-roofing £120,000 [In Progress 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 which passes through the rear wall of the Upper Room and into 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. A blockage of the pipe in the cellar of the pub last year resulted in a major flood in the church and presbytery causing 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.

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; and the 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 were in poor condition & uninsulated; re-making leaking lead-lined gutters and abutments; and improving the flashings and weather-proofing to the presbytery chimney.

With this photo, you can see the excellent standard of new lead work on the roof.

The contractor for this phase of the restoration works, Heritage Conservation, **began the works on site on 2nd September**, which will take twelve weeks to complete.

These works will cost **£120,000** to undertake. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**



FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR PHASE THREE £120,000

