



SAINT MARY'S
CATHOLIC
CHURCH
MULBERRY ST

1794

2025

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25TH OCTOBER 2025

THE HIDDEN GEM

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SERVING THE PEOPLE OF MANCHESTER SINCE 1794

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THE APOSTLES CREED

Article III:

**"Who Was Conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary"**

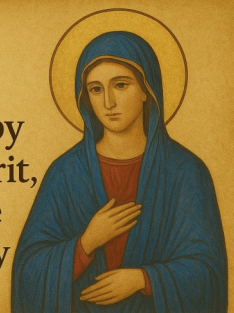
In this third article of the Creed, the Church proclaims the most wondrous event in human history: **the Incarnation** — the eternal Son of God taking flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Ghost. This is the mystery of divine love made visible, "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14).

"Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit" expresses that the conception of Jesus was entirely the work of God. No man was involved, for this was a miracle beyond nature. The Archangel Gabriel announced to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." (Lk 1:35). By this act, the Second Person of the Trinity assumed a true human nature from the pure flesh of His Mother, yet without ceasing to be God.

This divine conception shows the boundless mercy and wisdom of God. The same Spirit who moved upon the waters at creation now works a new creation — the humanity of Christ, in whom divinity and humanity are perfectly united. Thus begins the redemption of the world: not with a display of power, but in the hidden silence of Mary's womb.

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"Born of the Virgin Mary" affirms that the Mother of God conceived and bore her Son while remaining a virgin before, during, and after His birth — a truth solemnly taught by the Fathers and defended by the Church through the centuries. Her perpetual virginity proclaims both the divinity of Christ and the purity of the vessel chosen to bear Him. As the Ark of the Covenant held the tablets of the Law, so Mary bore within her the Word made flesh.

The Virgin Birth also signifies that our salvation is wholly the work of God's grace, not of human will or power. Mary's **"Fiat"** — "Be it done unto me according to thy word" — is the model of perfect faith and obedience. In her, creation gives its consent to the Creator, and the long exile of mankind begins to end.

To profess this article is to adore the mystery of the Incarnation: that the Almighty humbled Himself to become one of us, born of a Virgin, to lift us to Himself. In the quiet of Nazareth, Heaven touched earth, and the Word became our Brother."

WELCOME TO THE HIDDEN GEM

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 and 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 ST MARY'S

MONDAY 27 October	TUESDAY 28 October	WEDNESDAY 29 October	THURSDAY 30 October	FRIDAY 31 October	SATURDAY 01 November	SUNDAY 02 November
Feria	Ss Simon & Jude Apostles FEAST	Feria	Feria	Feria	Votive Mass of Our Blessed Lady FIRST SATURDAY	ALL SAINTS
9.30am Church opens	9.30am Church opens	09.30am Church opens	09.30am Church opens	09.30am 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 - 9.45am 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	
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	10.00am HOLY MASS
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 SOLEMN MASS
		After Mass Church Cleaning		After Mass Adoration Blessed Sacrament		
				2.30pm - 2.50pm Confessions		
				3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Benediction		
4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	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	
			7.00pm Adult Catechism		Church closes after Mass	Church closes after Mass

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 30 October	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. This class is for adults who wish to be baptised or to be received into Communion with the Catholic Church or for adult Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation for any reason.
Saturday 01 November	FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS		10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 11.30am Holy Rosary 12noon Holy Mass 12.30pm Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday 02 November	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS		5.15pm Saturday Vigil Mass 10am and 12 noon Sunday Masses
Sunday 02 November	CHILDRENS' CATECHISM CLASS for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION		11.00am - 11.45am [in the Upper Room] For children preparing for the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation
Monday 03 November	ALL SOULS DAY		Holy Mass 12.30pm Solemn Mass 6.00pm
Friday 07 November	FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS		11.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary 12.30pm Holy Mass 1.00pm Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday 21 — Sunday 23 November	QUARANT'ORE		Forty Hours of Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

PARISH NEWS

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Many thanks to all the parishioners who joined our parish pilgrimage to Walsingham, the Catholic National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady. We had a wonderful pilgrimage, full of prayer, friendship, and fun. Please be assured that we remembered you all in our prayers as we prayed to Our Blessed Mother for our intentions, and the intentions of our families, friends, and parish community.

Many participants asked us to organise future pilgrimages for the parish, so please watch this space!



Our Lady
of Walsingham,
pray for us.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Grace and Jonathan who celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage at St Mary's this weekend. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their married life together.

GETTING MARRIED NEXT YEAR?

If you are planning to get married in 2026 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 2026.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

It is traditional during the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls, to pray for our deceased loved ones. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. These will be placed before the Pietà altar throughout the month of November and Masses will be celebrated each day in the month of November for all

those whose names that are placed before the Lord. + Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Next Sunday, 2nd November, we will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints (transferred this year from Saturday 1st November). As usual next weekend, we will have three Masses for All Saints: on Saturday evening at 5.15pm and on Sunday morning at 10.00am and 12noon.

ALL SOULS DAYS

A week on Monday, 3rd November, is All Souls' Day, the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. Here at St Mary's, Requiem Mass will be offered for all the Faithful Departed at the usual time 12.30pm, and there will also be an evening Mass, a Solemn Mass at 6.00pm on this day. Please join us for one of these Masses to pray for all those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of Faith. May they rest in peace.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated for the following intentions:

Lately deceased: Anne Smith; Anthony Bentley; Brian Dale; Peter Passagno; John Smalley; Fransisca Okoti

Anniversaries: Margaret Rankin (13/10); Patrick McBride (27/10); James McBride (27/10); Ruth Stone (01/11); Fr Bernard Jackson (02/11); Canon Joseph Carter (05/11); Fr Denis Sheahan (05/11); Fr Martin Peyton (05/11); Fr Vincent Naylor (05/11); Fr Michael Walsh (07/11); Fr William Hunt (08/11); Louise Canavan

In remembrance: The Holy Souls; Sara, Pierina Gallo, Vito Marino, Sabina Rizzo, Carmelo Minafò, Felice Genovese, Grazia Lombardo, Francesca; Bridget O'Toole; John, Kevin, Regina and Gabriel Okiti; Ann Grogan Saunders; Paul Grogan; Ann Corbett; Pat McCormick; Denise Hunt; Cynthia, Papa Pedro, Soledad, Edgardo and all souls in purgatory;

Special Intentions: Special Intention (J); Kate Wynn; Gerloni and Lombardo's families, Cinzia Minafò, conversion of all souls; Colin Morrison; In thanksgiving (SW); Harry Chaloner; Anne and the Walker Family; In thanksgiving to St Jude and St Ecpedite for favours received; Financial help;

MASS OFFERINGS

If you wish to have a Mass celebrated at St Mary's, please place your Mass intentions and a donation for the Mass stipend in an envelope, with the Mass Intention clearly marked on the front of the envelope, and hand it into the church or presbytery.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

THE PIETA ALTAR

- [1] Karl (SI)
- [2] Eileen Fenton
- [3] Brian Fay RIP (A 25/10)

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

- [1] Christopher C Fitzpatrick RIP
- [2] Anna J. RIP
- [3] Shantha J.
- [4] The Varkeys
- [5] Ann Smith
- [6] Chris Smith

TABERNACLE (OUR LADY)

- [1] Holy Souls in purgatory
- [2] Scott family

TABERNACLE (LEFT SIDE)

- [1] John & Ruth Kay (SI)

TABERNACLE (RIGHT SIDE)

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

TABERNACLE (ST JOSEPH)

- [1] Emma and Baby
- [2] In thanksgiving (SW)

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

- [1] Kathleen & Michael Campbell

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

- [1] Kate Wynn (SI)

OUR LADY OF MANCHESTER

- [1] For my Nan
- [2] Magdalena (SI)
- [3] The Arndt Family (S)
- [4] Marcin (SI)
- [5] Rosalyn O'Connor
- [6] Lassara Lynch
- [7] Rita Brenna
- [8] R Simcox
- [9] Louise

If you would like to have a Seven day candle alight in the church 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 £6.00

CARITAS FOODBANK

We continue to welcome any donations to the **Foodbank Collection point** at the back of church.

The parish Caritas group makes fortnightly deliveries from the foodbank to Caritas. Also, all donations to the **Poor Box** at the back of church always go to support those in need.

Thank you for your generosity to Caritas

Can you help?
This week we are collecting



Breakfast
cereals
& porridge
oats

RESTORATION OF SAINT MARY'S CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY

2025 AND BEYOND

THE NEXT PHASES OF THE RESTORATION OF SAINT MARY'S

Thanks to your generosity to Saint Mary's over the last few years, and with the help of some successful bids for grants, we have been able to undertake and pay for some 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. This year we will continue our fundraising efforts, by appealing to the ongoing generosity of parishioners and visitors, and applying for grants where we can, so that we can move forward with the restoration of Saint Mary's Church & Presbytery.

We have been working with our parish architect over the last three or four years and we now have a very good idea of the works that need to be undertaken and we have had many of the necessary surveys done. The further works in the coming years will be needed to bring all the external fabric of the church up to a standard in order to preserve it for many years to come as well as restoring the interior of our beautiful church.

Further meetings are taking place to determine the next phase of works and we will update everyone in due course through the Parish Newsletter. Meanwhile, we are estimating that the next phase of works will cost in the region of £250,000.

For any donations you give to the Restoration Fund, please consider, if you pay income tax, gift aiding your donation so that the parish can claim a further 25% on your donation. This will make a real difference to our restoration project.

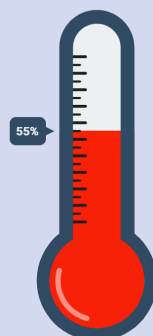
**Thank you for your generosity
towards the restoration of St Mary's**



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: into the **Parish Bank Account**, through the **QR Code**, the **Diocesan website**, the **Parish Website**, through the **Card Machines**, given to the **Votive Candle Boxes**, put in the **Window boxes** in church, as well as funds raised from the **Parish Piety Stall**, **Tax reclaimed** on Gift Aided Donations, and other **Personal Donations** by cash or cheque given for The Restoration Fund



THANK YOU

FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR THE NEXT PHASE £250,000

TO MAKE A DONATION TO 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

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ON THE FRONT
OF THE PARISH NEWSLETTER**

PHASE THREE [RAINWATER REDIRECTION & RE-ROOFING] £120,000 [COMPLETED 2024]

Phase Three of the Restoration works provided a significant first step towards the creation of a new drainage system that is entirely independent of the neighbouring pub. This phase also included other essential works, the re-roofing the front section of the old presbytery as the existing coverings were in poor condition & uninsulated, the re-making leaking lead-lined gutters and abutments, and improving the flashings and weatherproofing to the chimney.

PHASE TWO [FIRE DETECTION & CHURCH ORGAN] £80,000 [COMPLETED 2024]

Phase Two of the Restoration works was 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, after the analogue electronics of our church organ failed, had our thirty year old church organ rebuilt with new digital technology at a cost of **£45,000**.

PHASE ONE [ESSENTIAL WORKS] £250,000 [COMPLETED 2023]

Phase One of the Restoration works of St Mary's Church and Presbytery took place in the summer of 2023 and began a planned phasing of the Restoration of St Mary's Church and Presbytery. 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.