



SAINT MARY'S
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

MULBERRY ST

1794

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OF DIVINE MERCY
12TH APRIL 2026


THE HIDDEN GEM

A SANCTUARY OF SILENCE AND PRAYER
AT THE HEART OF THE CITY
SERVING THE PEOPLE OF MANCHESTER SINCE 1794

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LUMEN
CHRISTI

Deo Gratias

THE
LIGHT
OF CHRIST

Thanks
be to God



A HAPPY & HOLY, EASTER TO YOU ALL

TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

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AND THE WARMEST OF WELCOMES

Our warmest congratulations and welcome into the Church goes to **Shawn, Brian, Rohin, Gary, Jason, and Wiliam**, who were baptised and confirmed, and **Isabel, Fiona, Maximilian, and Laura**, who were received into communion with the Church and confirmed at the Easter Vigil.
Deo Gratias et Mariae.

With thanks
to those who serve
at the altar of the Lord

And all those who prepared in any way whatsoever for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum.



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.



Welcome to St Mary's, Mulberry Street

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

| MONDAY 13 April | TUESDAY 14 April | WEDNESDAY 15 April | THURSDAY 16 April | FRIDAY 17 April | SATURDAY 18 April | SUNDAY 19 April |
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| Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | Third Sunday of Easter |

| 09.30am Church opens | 09.30am Church opens | 09.30am Church opens | 09.30am Church opens | 09.30am Church opens | 09.30am Church opens | 8.30am Church opens |
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| 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 - 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 | 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 |
| 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 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | 1.30pm BAPTISM of Esme | Church closes after Mass |
| | | | | 3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy and 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 | |
| | | | 6.00pm SVP Conference | | 4.00pm - 5.00pm Confessions | |
| | | | 7.00pm ADULT'S CATECHIMS | | 5.15pm VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY | |
| | | | | | Church closes after Mass | |

PARISH DIARY

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| Sunday 12 April | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | <p>Masses at 10.00am and 12noon</p> <p>Divine Mercy Devotions beginning at 2.00pm 2.00pm Adoration, Confessions 3.00pm Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</p> |
| Friday 01 May | FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS  | <p>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</p> |
| Saturday 02 May | FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS  | <p>10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 11.30am Holy Rosary 12 noon Holy Mass 12.30pm Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary</p> |
| Thursday 14 May | FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> | <p>11.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary 12.30pm Holy Mass 6.00pm Solemn Mass</p> |
| Sunday 24 May | FEAST OF PENTECOST | <p>5.15pm Vigil Mass of Pentecost 10.00am Holy Mass 12noon Solemn Mass</p> |
| Sunday 07 June | FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI | <p>5.15pm Vigil Mass of Pentecost 10.00am Holy Mass 12noon Solemn Mass</p> |

PARISH NEWS

Many thanks to those of you who joined us on Easter Monday for the Celebration of Holy Mass on the occasion of the Centenary of the Consecration of St Mary's Church. It was a wonderful occasion to celebrate a milestone in our history.

Bishop Thomas Henshaw came to St Mary's on Easter Monday 1926 to consecrate St Mary's church and it was good to have Bishop John Arnold, Bishop of Salford, with us for the celebration of Mass to mark the centenary of Bishop Henshaw's visit.

Thanks also to the large number of you who joined us for lunch afterwards. It was a most pleasant afternoon in great company and a wonderful atmosphere. Thank you.



PARISH NEWS

A PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

Divine Mercy Devotions will be held here at St Mary's this Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday 12th April. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 2.00pm, with the opportunity to go to confession during this time. Devotions will begin at 3.00pm with the Holy Rosary, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome to join us for these devotions.

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

It is great to see that we have a growing following on our parish Instagram account. Instagram is a great way to keep up with news from the parish and also a great way to share the life of our vibrant parish with others. If you are on Instagram, please follow us and like and share our posts. @rchiddengem

This year we are organising a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes. Following a very successful parish pilgrimage to Walsingham last October, after which many of the participants asked that we organise a parish pilgrimage this year as well, so we have decided to organise a **5 day Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes** in the summer. We are using the services of a local travel agent, Northern Star Travel, who is used to organising pilgrimages to Lourdes all year round.

The dates of the pilgrimage are:

Tuesday 16th June - Saturday 20th June 2026

The cost for the five day pilgrimage is:

£699 per person [sharing a Twin Room]

All the single rooms have now been booked

which includes:

Return Flights from Manchester to Carcassonne
Airport Duty and Passenger Taxes - One 20 kg suitcase per person

Coach transfer from Carcassonne to Lourdes

4 nights full board in the 4* Hotel Eliseo

Services of a Northern Star Travel Rep

Full Pilgrimage Programme

Further details and booking forms are available at the back of church

Please ask Fr Anthony for more information or if you have any questions



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Lately deceased: Patricia Mahoney, Michael O'Connell

Anniversaries: Michael Glynn (13/04); Mary Bernadette O'Rourke (26/05);

In remembrance: The Holy Souls; Scott & Washington families; Cynthia, Pedro, Soledad, & Edgardo Sonico, my deceased family relatives; Dawn Doherty

Special Intentions: Kate Wynn; Thanks to St Jude & St Expedite for favour received; Special Intention; Kathleen Simcox; Lomax family & friends; My favourable results

Easter Masses: Fr Tom Connolly

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.

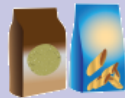
CARITAS FOODBANK

We continue to welcome any donations to the **Foodbank Collection point** at the back of church. The parish Caritas group makes regular deliveries to Caritas. Also, all donations to the **Poor Box** go to support those in need.

Thank you for your generosity to Caritas

Can you help?

This month we are collecting:



Rice and pasta

RESTORATION OF SAINT MARY'S CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY

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 **£450,000** worth of essential works to preserve the fabric of the church and presbytery. This year we are continuing 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 four or five 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 at this time to determine the next phase of works and, whilst it was envisaged that the next phase might take place this year, following discussions with the Property Department of the diocese, it has been decided that we try to do a larger package of works next year. Doing more works at the same time will, in the long run, be more cost effective. Once we have more details, we will update everyone in due course through the Parish Newsletter. Meanwhile, we are trying to **£500,000** towards the costs of these works.

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.

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

Our Fundraising Thermometer is updated 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 for your generosity towards the restoration of St Mary's

SANCTUARY CANDLES



THE CALVARY ALTAR

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

THE SACRED HEART

- [1] Christopher Fitzpatrick RIP
- [2] Kathleen & Michael Campbell

TABERNACLE (OUR LADY)

- [1] Scott family

TABERNACLE (LEFT SIDE)

- [1] John & Ruth Kay (SI)

TABERNACLE (RIGHT SIDE)

- [1] Stone and Kay families RIP

TABERNACLE (ST JOSEPH)

- [1] Emma and Violet
- [2] Support in sickness

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

- [1] Special Intention

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

- [1] Karl (SI)

OUR LADY OF MANCHESTER

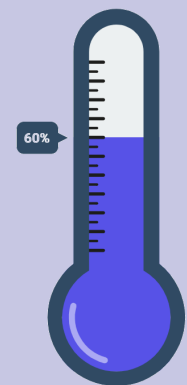
- [1] Kate Wynn (SI)

ST AMBROSE BARLOW



If you would like to have a Sanctuary candle alight in the church for seven 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**. Candles are lit on Saturdays

FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR THE NEXT PHASE £500,000



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

OR SCAN THE QR CODE ON THE FRONT OF THE PARISH NEWSLETTER