



SAINT MARY'S
CATHOLIC
CHURCH
MULBERRY ST

1794

2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
19TH JULY 2026

THE HIDDEN GEM

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

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF MANCHESTER SINCE 1794

PARISH PRIEST

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PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO YORK

We are organising a parish day pilgrimage to York on the August Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August. The Day Pilgrimage will be a lovely opportunity to have a day out together and to join in the Annual York Pilgrimage in honour of **St Margaret Clitherow**, one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, to attend Holy Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the Oratory Church, and to have a little time to visit the historic city of York. The cost of the day pilgrimage by coach is £20 for adults and £10 for children.

Booking forms are available at the back of the church. To book a place, please complete a booking form and place it in an envelope addressed to Fr Anthony, including with your booking form the payment for the pilgrimage.

We have one coach fully booked and so we have booked a second coach. If you are considering joining us, and to help in our planning, please book as soon as possible.

TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND



Please scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera.

Please enter the amount of your donation and then input your payment card details. If you are a tax payer, please remember to tick the Gift Aid box.

Thank you for your generosity

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

PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF SAINT MARGARET CLITHEROW

AND THE MARTYRS OF YORK

'I die for love of the Lord Jesu.'

Monday 31st August 2026



from 9.00 am at the
BAR CONVENT
Blossom Street, YO24 1AQ

- Chapel and Garden open
- Relic of St Margaret Clitherow's hand may be venerated
- Tea and coffee on sale

10.45 am Procession from
MICKLEGATE BAR
passing the sites of
St Margaret's life and death
and prayers at the
Shrine of St Margaret Clitherow
on the Shambles

12.00 Noon High Mass at the
YORK ORATORY
Duncombe Place, YO1 7EF
Music sung by the Oratory Choir

3.00 pm Benediction at the
YORK ORATORY

www.yorkoratory.com

St Margaret Clitherow

(1556-1586)
was an English
Catholic martyr
who lived during
the reign of Queen
Elizabeth I.

Born in York, she converted to Catholicism after her marriage to John Clitherow, a prosperous butcher. Despite laws banning the Catholic faith, she bravely sheltered priests in her home, risking her life to protect them.

Arrested for harbouring Catholic clergy, Margaret refused to plead in court, preventing her children from being forced to testify. She was sentenced to death by pressing and executed on 25 March 1586.

Canonised in 1970, she is remembered for her extraordinary courage, faith, and selfless devotion.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY’S

MONDAY 20 July Feria	TUESDAY 21 July Feria	WEDNESDAY 22 July St Mary Magdalene	THURSDAY 23 July St Bridget of Sweden	FRIDAY 24 July Feria	SATURDAY 25 July SAINT JAMES Apostle	SUNDAY 26 July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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
11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am - 11.50am Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction 12.30pm HOLY MASS	11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am - 11.50am Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction 12.30pm HOLY MASS	11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am - 11.50am Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction 12.30pm HOLY MASS 1.30pm Church Cleaning	11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am - 11.50am Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction 12.30pm HOLY MASS 2.00pm NUPTIAL MASS Richard and Anna	11.00am - 12.25pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am - 11.50am Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary & Benediction 12.30pm HOLY MASS <i>followed by</i> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction	10.30am - 11.55pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - 11.15am Confessions 11.30am Holy Rosary & Benediction 12 noon HOLY MASS 2.00pm NUPTIAL MASS Ciaran and Rose 4.00pm - 5.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm - 5.00pm Confessions 5.15pm VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY	09.00am - 9.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 10.00am HOLY MASS 12 noon SOLEMN MASS
4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm - 5.00pm Confessions	Church closes after Mass
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PARISH DIARY

Saturday 01 August	FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS 	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
Friday 07 August	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
Sunday 16th August	THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>(transferred from the 15th August)</i> PARISH FEAST DAY	5.15pm Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) 10.00am Holy Mass 12 noon Solemn Mass
Monday 31st August	PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO YORK 	8.00am Coach departs from John Dalton Street 10.45am Procession from Micklegate Bar, with prayers at the Shrine of St Margaret Clitherow on the Shambles 12noon High Mass at the York Oratory Time for lunch (bring your own or find somewhere to eat) and time to explore the Historic City of York and, for those who wish, at 3.00pm there is Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the Oratory. 3.00pm Benediction at the York Oratory 8.00pm Arrival back in Manchester

CATECHISM CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Catechism Classes for children (preparing for the First Holy Communion and for Confirmation) and a Catechism Class for Adults will begin in early September. Full details of the classes will be available soon but any parents, who have not already done so, and who wish their children to be included in these classes, or any adults who wish to be involved in these classes, should have a word with Fr Anthony as soon as possible.

GREGORIAN CHANT SCHOLA

Here at St Mary's, we have a **Gregorian Chant Schola** to help to support the singing of the Gregorian Chant at the 12noon Solemn Mass on Sundays. One of our parishioners, Dr Rosemarie Darby, is directing the Schola and teaching us the chant, supported by our organist, Nathan. Short practices take place on Sunday mornings at 11.15am, in preparation for the 12noon Mass. If you are interested in joining us, simply come along on Sundays and introduce yourself to Rosemarie or Nathan. No experience is necessary. It would be good to increase the numbers in our Chant Schola, so please think about joining us and learning the chant. It is truly making a huge difference to the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our warmest congratulations to two of our parishioners, **James and Gabrielle**, who celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage here at St Mary's this weekend. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their married life together.

CAUSE FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF PEDRO BALLESTER

The Diocese of Salford has formally opened the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation of Pedro Ballester, a young man from Manchester who died in 2018 aged just 21. For more information about the cause, please go to the diocesan website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/cause-for-beatification-of-pedro-ballester/>

As part of this process, the Diocese is inviting anyone who knew Pedro, or who has memories, testimonies or writings relating to him, to come forward to help build a fuller picture of his life and character. To contribute, please contact the Diocesan Tribunal.

Email: tribunal@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

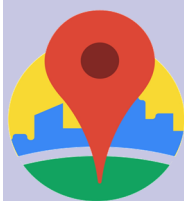
Post: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

PARISH FUNDRAISING - PIETY STALL

The parish piety stall is, hopefully, providing a little service in making cards and other items of devotion available for purchase; but the piety stall is also a way for the parish to raise funds to maintain St Mary's church. All sales raise funds to help us in our mission in the city-centre and to help towards the restoration works in the next few years.

So, if you are thinking of sending a card or buying a small religious gift for someone, or a looking for religious items, and gifts, please have a look at what we have available before you buy your gifts or cards elsewhere. Please let your friends know that these items are now available at St Mary's at the back of the church whenever the church is open. **Thank you for your support and generosity.**

HELP OTHERS TO FIND US AT ST MARY'S



Google Maps. We have received some great reviews on Google Maps and we are asking your help to help others find our church by giving us a positive review and a good rating (5*). The more positive reviews and the higher rating we get, the easier it is for people to find us.

To find us on Google Maps, one easy way is to scan the QR code provided here:

Or go to Google Maps and either:

- Put in the search - St Mary's church, Manchester
- Put in - Catholic church, Manchester
- Or put in the postcode - M2 6LN

Then just click on the map where you see **St Mary's Church** highlighted on Mulberry Street. We currently have a star rating of 4.8 out of 5, which is great, and we now have 703 reviews, many of them very good reviews. **Please leave us a 5* star rating and a positive review. Thank you.,**

The summary of all the reviews currently says:

"People say this Catholic church offers a peaceful place for prayer and reflection, and a beautiful Sunday Mass. They highlight the contemplative atmosphere, the welcoming community, and the daily Adoration. They also



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

It is good 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**



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Lately deceased: Ann Widdecombe; Sheila Williamson

Anniversaries: John Joseph Lyons (19/07); Fr Alfred Smith (20/07); Fr Timothy Gunn (21/07); Michael Lyons (23/07); Fr Bernard McGarry (24/07); Fr Denis Dwyer (25/07); Fr Peter Sheahan (25/07); Margaret Burns

In remembrance: The Holy Souls; Jeffrin; Tom Nolan (BR 16/07) Ernesto B Quider Sr; Mansueta N Quider; Simeon Milana; Jose B Quider; Godfredo Nistal; Glicerio Nistal; Frank Quider; Sulpicio Kibir; Maria Quider; Rafaela Nistal; Cecilia Nistal; Candido Nistal; Naomi M Bolatete; Melquades Dablo

Special Intentions: Kate Wynn; Mons. Michael Kujacz; McGuire family; Millward family; Dermot O'Brien; Sr Gabriel O'Brien; Philip Raymond; Donor's intentions; James; Sam; Fr Nathan Horne; Phyllis Doyle; John Martin; Claire Fallon;

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:



Tinned meat - tuna, corned beef, ham, meatballs, stews

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 raise **£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] Kathleen & Gerard Connolly
- [2] Peter H.T. (SI)

THE SACRED HEART

- [1] Christopher Fitzpatrick RIP

TABERNACLE (OUR LADY)

- [1] Kate Wynn (SI)

TABERNACLE (LEFT SIDE)

- [1] John & Ruth Kay (SI)

TABERNACLE (RIGHT SIDE)

- [1] Stone and Kay families RIP

TABERNACLE (ST JOSEPH)

- [1] Emma and Violet

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

- [1] Karl (SI)

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

- [1] Scott Family

OUR LADY OF MANCHESTER

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

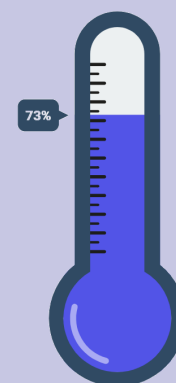
ST AMBROSE BARLOW

- [1] For mum (SI)



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