



SAINT MARY'S
CATHOLIC
CHURCH
MULBERRY ST

1794

2026

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
6TH SEPTEMBER 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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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 the city of
Manchester.

Welcome to St Mary's,
Mulberry Street



A GREAT PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO YORK

Thanks to all our parishioners who joined
us on our parish pilgrimage to York last
Monday in honour of **St Margaret
Clitherow, Martyr**. We had two coaches
full of pilgrims and we had a very enjoyable
and prayerful day together.



THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

MONDAY 07 September	TUESDAY 08 September	WEDNESDAY 09 September	THURSDAY 10 September	FRIDAY 11 September	SATURDAY 12 September	SUNDAY 13 September
Feria	Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feria	St Ambrose Barlow	Feria	The Most Holy Name of Mary	TWENTY FOURTH 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 - 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	12 noon SOLEMN MASS
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		1.30pm Church Cleaning		Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
				2.30pm Confessions		
				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 Confessions	
			7.00pm Catechism Class for Adults		5.15pm VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY	
					Church closes after Mass	

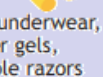
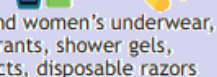
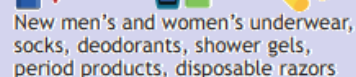
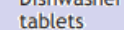
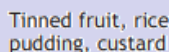
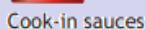
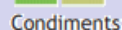
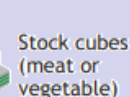
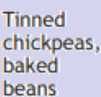
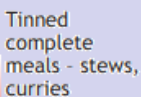
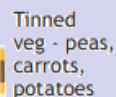
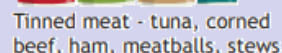
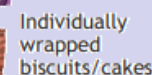
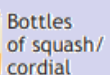
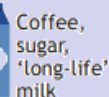
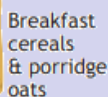
PARISH DIARY

Thursday 10 September	ADULTS' CATECHISM CLASS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH 2. AN INTRODUCTION to THE MASS	7.00pm - 8.00pm For adults wishing to explore the Catholic Faith through a structured series of Catechism Classes: For adults who wish to be baptised or to be received into Communion with the Catholic Church or for adult Catholics preparing for Sacrament of Confirmation.
Friday 02 October	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
Saturday 03 October	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

THE CARITAS FOOD BANK
is looking for the following items.

Can you help?
Please leave any donations at the back of church and we will pass on to Caritas.
Thank you.

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MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Nathaniel Ho**, one of our parishioners who died recently. Our deepest sympathy to his mother and father, Peter and Doris, on their loss. We support them with our prayers. May he rest in peace.

WELCOME

We welcome **Jachike**, the son of Ehimen and Amaechi, who was baptised here last weekend. Our warmest congratulations to the family on the birth and baptism of their son.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Fr Tom Connolly this weekend on the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. We give thanks to Almighty God for the fifty years of dedicated service that he has given to the Lord and the Church in service as a priest. We pray for him, asking that the Lord grant him many more years of health and service as a priest. Ad Multos Annos!

CATECHISM CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Catechism Classes for children (preparing for the First Holy Communion and for Confirmation) will be starting soon. If any parent of the parish has children of the age for preparation for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please contact Fr Anthony as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements for the Catechism Classes.

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. 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.

CATECHISM CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Catechism Classes for adults who would like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist began with an on Thursday 3rd September at 7.00pm. Classes will continue this Thursday with an **Introduction to the Mass** and classes will take place each Thursday evening in the Upper Room or in church at 7pm - 8.15pm.

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, please have a word with Fr Anthony or send him an email to register for the course. Due to large numbers last year, this class is only open to those who are preparing to receive the Sacraments.

A leaflet giving further details of the Catechism Course is available at the back of church.

HELP OTHERS TO FIND US AT ST MARY'S



Despite not being the easiest place to find in Manchester, given our location, I am always amazed at how many people manage to find our church each day. We get lots of regular visitors to St Mary's, but we also get lots of new people every day, particularly people who are visiting Manchester on holiday or business. Over the last while, we have found an increasing number of people finding St Mary's with the help of **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 like the historic architecture and the sense of solitude and peace."



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: Nathaniel Ho; Barbara Evans; Una Carey; Michael Moran; Nelly Mejorada; Deacon Gerry O'Reilly; Seamus Caine

Anniversaries: Paul Grogan (03/09); Mary Miskella (09/09); Kieran Miskella (16/09)

In remembrance: The Holy Souls;

Special Intentions: Fr Tom Connolly (50th Ordination Anniversary) Kate Wynn; Fabian Rogerson; Marcelo Punongbayan, Nimfa Punongbayan, & Ana; Helen & Grant Brehney; K & M Baker; Walker family; Marsh family; Kramp family; Hand family; Anna J & family; Imelda McGahran & family; Barbara Golijanek & family; Rose Wright & family; Petrina Montrose & family; In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the sins of abortion; Linda Barnwell; Mary & Roy Adamson; Chris & Val Mullins; Teresa Mullins; Rosemary Donohoe; Janet Donohoe; Matthew; Jessica & Georgina; Betty O'Neill; Fr Anthony Kay & Parishioners of St Mary's, the Hidden Gem; Patrick; Matthew; Uju; Marina Kieran; Kath Walsh; Kathleen Hughes; Ronald & Regina; Roxanna & Sheldon; Rebecca & Nikhil

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.

PARISH NEWSLETTER



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

SANCTUARY CANDLES



THE CALVARY ALTAR

- [1] Nathaniel Ho RIP (LD)
- [2] Shantha J.
- [3] The Varkeys
- [4] Nelly Mejorada
- [5] Lena Conneally RIP (A)
- [6] James Cong Lan Po RIP

THE SACRED HEART

- [1] Christopher Fitzpatrick RIP
- [2] Teresa Mullins
- [3] Kathleen & Michael Campbell
- [4] The Burke family

TABERNACLE (OUR LADY)

- [1] Elizabeth McManus
- [2] 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] Mary & Roy Adamson

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

- [1] Richard (SI)

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

- [1] Chris & Val Mullins

OUR LADY OF MANCHESTER

- [1] Kate Wynn (SI)
- [2] Vivien Ashton (SI)
- [3] Jen
- [4] MNJ (SI)
- [5] Barry (SI)

ST AMBROSE BARLOW

- [1] Karl and Don (SI)
- [2] David Booth (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

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.

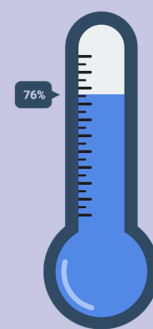
Our Fundraising Thermometer is updated from donations:

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



FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR THE NEXT PHASE £500,000



THANK YOU

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