



SAINT MARY'S
CATHOLIC
CHURCH
MULBERRY ST

1794

2026

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

THE HIDDEN GEM

A SANCTUARY OF SILENCE AND PRAYER
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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 be-
loved institutions
in the city of Manchester.



Welcome to
St Mary's,
Mulberry Street



THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is traditionally known as
the Month of the Holy Rosary, a time
when the Church particularly
encourages us to take up the Rosary
and contemplate, with Our Lady, the
mysteries of the life, death and glory of
her Divine Son, Jesus Christ.

The Rosary is much more than simply
the repetition of prayers. It is a school
of prayer and contemplation. As we
say the Our Fathers, Hail Marys and
Glory Bes, we are invited to turn our
minds and hearts towards the great
mysteries of our Faith. Through the
Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious
Mysteries, we accompany Our
Blessed Lord from His Incarnation and
birth, through His Passion and Death,
to His Resurrection and Ascension
and the glory of Heaven.

At the centre of every Hail Mary is the
name of Jesus. Mary never draws
attention away from her Son; rather,
she always leads us towards Him. The
Rosary therefore helps us to see the
life of Christ through the eyes of His
Mother and to learn from her humility,
faith, obedience and love.

The Rosary also has a long and
honoured place in the life of the
Church. Tradition particularly
associates its development with St
Dominic, while the victory at the Battle
of Lepanto in 1571 became closely
associated with the praying of the
Rosary and with Our Lady's
intercession. Pope St Pius V
subsequently established the Feast of
Our Lady of Victory, later known as the
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, cele-
brated on 7 October.

In a busy world, the Rosary offers us
something precious: time to be still
with God. It can be prayed in church,
at home, while walking, or during a
quiet journey. It does not require
elaborate preparation. Even when our
minds wander, we can gently return to
the mystery before us and continue.

Perhaps this October we could make a
renewed commitment to pray the
Rosary each day. For those who
already pray it regularly, it can become
an opportunity to deepen our
devotion; for those who have fallen out
of the habit, it is never too late to begin
again.

Let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to
pray for us and to lead us ever more
faithfully to her Son. Our Lady of the
Rosary, pray for us.

POPE LEO'S INVITATION IN HIS MESSAGE LAST SUNDAY IN LOURDES

Dear brothers and sisters, We will now pray the Angelus together, that simple
and beautiful prayer which helps us each day to live in faithful obedience to
God's will, following the example of the Virgin Mary.

Before we do so, I would like to make an appeal that is particularly close to my
heart, here in this place. It was here that the Immaculate Virgin appeared to
Saint Bernadette with the rosary and, as it were, guided her in prayer. For this
reason, today I invite **all the faithful and all Christian communities to pray
the holy rosary throughout the coming month of October, with the
particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be
established among peoples in conflict.** Let us accompany this prayer with
concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering
dialogue and reconciliation.

May our most holy Mother intercede for us!

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

MONDAY 05 October Feria	TUESDAY 06 October Feria	WEDNESDAY 07 October Our Lady of the Rosary	THURSDAY 08 October Feria	FRIDAY 09 October St John Henry Newman	SATURDAY 10 October Votive Mass of Our Blessed Lady	SUNDAY 11 October TWENTY EIGHTH 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
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4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes	4.00pm Church closes 7.00pm Catechism Class for Adults	4.00pm Church closes		

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 08 October	ADULTS' CATECHISM CLASS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH 6. Christ has died, Christ has risen	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 05 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
Saturday 06 November	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.



Breakfast cereals & porridge oats



Coffee, sugar, 'long-life' milk



Bottles of squash/ cordial



Individually wrapped biscuits/cakes



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



Tinned veg - peas, carrots, potatoes



Tinned complete meals - stews, curries



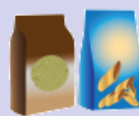
Tinned chickpeas, baked beans



Stock cubes (meat or vegetable)



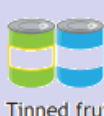
Condiments



Rice and pasta



Cook-in sauces



Tinned fruit, rice pudding, custard



Washing powder



Dishwasher tablets



New men's and women's underwear, socks, deodorants, shower gels, period products, disposable razors



CATECHISM CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Catechism Classes for children (preparing for the First Holy Communion and for Confirmation) started last Sunday after the 10am Sunday Mass. If any parent of the parish has children of the age for preparation for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please speak to Louie Pereira or Fr Anthony after Sunday Mass today.

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.

KEEPING ST MARY'S CHURCH CLEAN

Many thanks to those who come every week to help to clean the church, with just a reminder that every Wednesday afternoon a small team of faithful parishioners give the church a good clean, and that all are invited to help. The number of helpers has dwindled in recent months, and I would ask you please not to leave the cleaning of our church and toilet to just a few people. The church gets a lot of use in a week and it benefits from being kept on top of on a regular weekly basis. If you are willing and able to help us in this way please come along any Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm, even if you can only come now and then.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

The following Mass intentions have been received over the last few weeks:

Latently deceased: Roy Burnham; Peter Walsh; Martin Sammon; Maura McNulty; Teresa Nealon; Joan Jones; Harry Barlow; Bridie Morgan; Wojcieh Pieta; Maureen Allan; Barbara Evans; Baby Freddy;

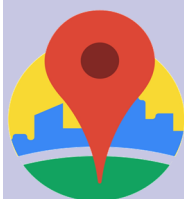
Anniversaries: John Kenneth Booth (A 18/09); John McCusker (08/10); Fr Patrick Early (08/10); Hannah Whitworth; Patrick Garrett; Mary Hopkins

In remembrance: The Holy Souls; Thomas Taylor; Jett Gallenero; Andrew Sadowski; Melisa Jones; John Barry Longford; Valentine Mullins; Halvey & Mullins families; Gerard Griffiths; Nazzareno di Benico Scalamandre; Joan Louise Canavan; Sean O'Brien; Winefride Darby

Special Intentions: Vincent D'Souza; Christine Raymond; John Flinter; Leah Baby & Aljo Pius; Margaret Tiernan; Sr Mary Immaculata; Nancy Devine; Angela Flynn; Cecilia S; Juliet Eleanya; Thomas Murphy; Doris & Peter Ho; The Gallagher family; Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the sins of abortion; Barbara Golijanek & family; Rose Wright & family; Petrina Montrose & family; Krystyna Szereda & family; Rob Hathaway & family; Walker family; Marsh family; Kramp family; Hand family; Anna J. & family; Imelda McGahran & family; Roseline Oye; Francesca Okiti; Val & Chris Mullins; Anisha Nyamgoma Mugemuzi; Ainess Kahasha Mugemuzi; Angelica, Dominic, & Matthew; Jason, Loretta, & Pauline; Stewart Jones

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.

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 simply 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**



SANCTUARY CANDLES



THE CALVARY ALTAR

- [1] Nathaniel Ho
- [2] Roselyn B Escalante (SI)
- [3] Holy Souls
- [4] Loretta & Obiesie Okosieme RIP
- [5] Obi Okwusogu RIP
- [6] UU & Melanie

THE SACRED HEART

- [1] The Groarke family intentions
- [2] Kathleen & Michael Campbel
- [3] Claire McKenn RIP (A 29/09)
- [4] Patricia (SI)

TABERNACLE (OUR LADY)

- [1] Dympna Mullins RIP
- [2] Valentine Mullins RIP

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] Scott family

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

- [1] Karl and Don (SI)
- [2] Lily McManus (SI)

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

- [1] Uju Okwusogu (SI)
- [2] Teresa Mullins (SI)

OUR LADY OF MANCHESTER

- [1] Monica Smith & family
- [2] Margaretha Murray
- [3] Frank Maguire (SI)
- [4] Joan Louise Canavan
- [5] Mary & Roy Adamson (SI)
- [6] Val & Chris Mullins (SI)

ST AMBROSE BARLOW

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

CANDLES THAT WERE LIT OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS

- [1] Jett Gallenero RIP
- [2] Anna and Anton Robinson (SI)
- [3] Elaine Carter RIP
- [4] Gribbin and Ferguson family RIP
- [5] Ehiza (SI)
- [6] Family Special Intention

- [7] John & Ruth Kay (SI)
- [8] Stone and Kay families RIP
- [9] Nathaniel Ho RIP
- [10] Sheila Holden RIP (A 02/10)
- [11] Private Intention
- [12] Karl and Don (SI)
- [13] Frank Maguire (SI)
- [14] Andrea Kelly (SI)
- [15] Shantha J.
- [16] The Varkeys
- [17] Bridie Brown
- [18] Chris Hayes (SI)
- [19] The Holy Souls
- [20] Scott family
- [21] Success of my conference
- [22] Christopher Fitzpatrick RIP
- [23] Nathaniel Ho RIP
- [24] Karl and Don
- [25] Private Intention
- [26] Joe and Susan Barrett
- [27] Scott family
- [28] Gribbin and Ferguson family
- [29] James and Bridget Murray
- [30] Anna and Anton Robinson (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.

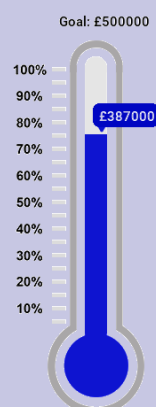
Our Fundraising Thermometer is updated from donations:

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
FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY**

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**