ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, MULBERRY STREET

THE HIDDEN GEM

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

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th November 2026



THE MASS [5]: The Call to Holiness: Becoming Saints

Last Sunday, on the Feast of All Saints, the Church celebrated all those who have reached the glory of Heaven. Among them are the great saints whose names we know so well, such as St Peter, St Paul, St Anthony of Padua, and St Thérèse of Lisieux. But there are countless others known only to God: men and women who lived ordinary lives, often unnoticed by the world, but who remained faithful to God and loving towards their neighbour. Their example reminds us that holiness is not reserved for a select few. Every saint began as an ordinary person, with struggles, weaknesses and temptations. What made them saints was their willingness to respond to God's grace. We too are called to become saints.

The Holy Mass has a central place in this journey. At Holy Mass, Christ gathers us as His people, uniting us not only with one another but also with the saints in Heaven. We are part of the one Church, on earth and in Heaven, united in the worship of God.

At the altar, we encounter the one sacrifice of Christ, offered once for all on Calvary and made present sacramentally in the Mass. Through His death and Resurrection, Heaven has been opened to us. The saints attained eternal life not through their own efforts alone, but through the saving grace of Christ, to which they responded faithfully.

In Holy Communion, Christ gives Himself to us. We receive His true Body and Blood, not merely a symbol or a reminder of Him. He comes to nourish and strengthen us, helping us to grow in holiness and become more like the Lord we receive.

But our journey does not end when Mass finishes. We are sent out to live what we have celebrated. The saints became holy through the ordinary circumstances of their lives: through prayer, sacrifice, kindness, forgiveness, courage and love. We are called to do the same.

We may never be famous or accomplish anything that attracts the world's attention. But holiness is not about being famous; it is about being faithful: faithful to God, faithful in our daily duties and faithful in loving those He has placed in our lives.

Let us ask the saints to pray for us and inspire us by their example. Above all, let us allow Christ to work in us through the Holy Mass, so that one day we may share with them the everlasting glory of Heaven.

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

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**

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THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

MONDAY 09 November	TUESDAY 10 November	WEDNESDAY 11 November	THURSDAY 12 November	FRIDAY 13 November	SATURDAY 14 November	SUNDAY 15 November
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	**St Leo the Great**	**Saint Martin of Tours**	**St Josophat**	**Feria**	**Votive Mass of Our Blessed Lady**	**Thirty Third 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**	09.00 – 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**
12.30pm **HOLY MASS**	12.30pm **HOLY MASS**	12.30pm **HOLY MASS** 1.30pm **Church Cleaning**	12.30pm **HOLY MASS**	12.30pm **HOLY MASS** *After Mass* **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 2.30pm **Confessions**	12.30pm **HOLY MASS** 2.00pm **NUPTIAL MASS** Michael & Hetie	**Church closes** *after Mass*
4.00pm **Church closes**	4.00pm **Church closes**	4.00pm **Church closes**	4.00pm **Church closes** 7.00pm **Adult Catechism Class**	3.00pm **Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction** 4.00pm **Church closes**	4.00pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions** 5.15pm **Vigil Mass** **Church closes** *after Mass*	

PARISH DIARY

Thursday 12 November	**ADULTS' CATECHISM CLASS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH** 11. The Holy Sacrifice of 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 20 - **Sunday** 22 Nov.	**QUARANT'ORE**	**Forty Hours of Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
Tuesday 24 November	**VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA**	11.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 12 noon Holy Rosary 12.30pm **Holy Mass** After Mass - Opportunity to venerate the relics of St Gerard Majella All Afternoon - Visit the relics and venerate them on the hour 6.00pm **Holy Mass** and veneration of the relics.
Friday 04 December	**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 05 December	**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**	10.00am Adorations of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 11.30am Holy Rosary 12noon **Holy Mass** 12.30pm Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Tuesday 08 December	**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**	12.30pm **Holy Mass** 6.00pm **Solemn Mass**
Saturdays 05/12/19 December	**RORATE MASS**	8.30am A traditional **Advent Mass** in honour of Blessed Virgin Mary, characterised by the church being in darkness, lit only by candlelight, and as the dawn rises the church is gradually filled with light, symbolising the coming of Jesus Christ.
Sunday 20 December	**CAROLS BY CANDLEIGHT**	4.00pm A service of Readings and Carols by candlelight in preparation for the Solemn Feast of the Nativity of the Lord.

PARISH NEWS

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 Calvary 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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Today is Remembrance Sunday when we offer prayers for all the victims of war. We especially remember during Holy Mass all those who lost their lives or loved ones during the World Wars, and in conflicts since, and we pray for peace throughout the world. At each of the Sunday Masses we will remember those of this parish of St Mary's who served and lost their lives in the Two World Wars and remember those whose names are inscribed on the parish's Memorial to the Dead of the First World War. "They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Liam who was baptised last Saturday and who, with Samantha, celebrates the the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend. We welcome Liam into the Church and wish them both every happiness and blessings in the marriages.

THE CARITAS FOOD BANK

Thank you to all of you who regularly brings food items for our Caritas Foodbank collection box at the back of the church. We are deeply grateful for the increase in donations recently, which are desperately needed by the Caritas Foodbank at the Lalley Centre. Can you help this week? Please leave any donations at the back of the church and we will pass them on to Caritas. **Thank you for your generosity.**

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

To celebrate St Gerard Majella's 300th anniversary, the Redemptorists are taking his relics on pilgrimage around England and Wales. In November they will be in St Mary's for one day on Tuesday 24th November.

On this day, there will be the usual Mass at 12.30pm, followed by the opportunity for individual or family blessings with the relics. St Gerard is the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. The relics will remain in church all afternoon for quiet prayer and there will be the opportunity for individual or family blessings at 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, and 5pm. There will be confessions at 5pm and a Solemn Sung Mass at 6pm. After the Mass there will be the opportunity to receive a blessing with the relics and to venerate the relics.

QUARANT'ORE

The Quarant'ore Devotion, meaning "Forty Hours" in Italian, is a devotion centred on the continuous adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for forty hours. Originating in Milan during the 16th century, the devotion was later promoted by Saint Philip Neri and Pope Clement VIII as a means of spiritual renewal and reparation. The forty-hour period symbolises the time Christ's body lay in the tomb between His death and Resurrection. During this solemn observance, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed solemnly in a monstrance on the altar, accompanied by prayers and silent adoration. The Quarant'ore Devotion emphasises Christ's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament and invites us to deepen our faith through contemplation, repentance, and thanksgiving. Although we are not having a continuous forty hours at St Mary's, we are having an extended time of Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament over three days. You are warmly welcomed to join us for the celebrations of Holy Mass, Confessions, Evening, and Night Prayers, and SILENT ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament during this special time of prayer in our church.

Friday 20th November

8.00am **Holy Mass** [Mass of Exposition]
8.30am Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11.00am Confessions
12noon Holy Rosary
12.30pm **Holy Mass** [Mass for Peace]
1.00pm Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
4,00pm Sung **Vespers** [Evening Prayer of the Church]
5.00pm Confessions
6.00pm **Holy Mass** [Mass of the Sacred Heart]
6.30pm Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7.30pm Sung **Compline** [Night Prayer of the Church]

Saturday 21st November

8.30am Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10.30am Confessions
11.30am Holy Rosary
12noon **Holy Mass** [Mass of Our Blessed Lady]
12.30pm Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4,00pm Sung **Vespers** [Evening Prayer of the Church]
4.30pm Confessions
5.15pm **Holy Mass** [Vigil Mass of Sunday]
6.00pm Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7.30pm Sung **Compline** [Night Prayer of the Church]

Sunday 22nd November

8.30am Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00am Confessions
10.00am **Holy Mass** [Mass of Christ the King]
11.00am Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon **Solemn Mass**
[Mass of Christ the King and Deposition
followed by procession & Solemn Benediction

Please join us for
this special time of prayer and devotion
in St Mary's church

and please invite your family members and friends
to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament
during this time.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Lately deceased: Jim Canning; Sac. Giovanni Mandara; Jim Manning **Anniversaries:** George Grogan (02/11); Mary Ellen Dinan; Jim Doocey; Ann & Joe Devlin; Mary Gribbin **In remembrance:** The Holy Souls; Patrick Dinan; James Edeolovo; Martin Edeolovo; Dympna Mullins; Valetine Mullins; Havey & Mullins family; Bobelak family; Prypasniak family; Jean & John Webb; Maxine Webb; Olivia Atkinson; Oliver Cosson; Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the sins of Abortion **Special Intentions:** Kate Wynn; Sr K. Melia; Thomas Melia; Ian O'Brien; David Clayton; Katia Esoh; Teresa Mullins; Mary & Roy Adamson; Val & Chris Mullins; Annettte Allen; John Joe Moran; Katia; Terence Beirne; Marlina Corpuz; Jenoviva Garcia; Mary & Stephen Oliver; Walker familiy; Kramp family; Marsh family; Hand family; Anna J & family; Imelda McGahran & family; Basia Golijanek & family; Rose Wright & family; Petrina Montrose & family; Margaret Jameson; Patrick Halpin **Christmas Masses**: Wesley & Esme; Jean & John Webb RIP

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.

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. 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 P**arish 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
[3] Nathaniel Ho RIP
[4] Winefred Hammett RIP (A 22/11)
[5] Lewis Suesca family (SI)
[6] Gribbin & Ferguson family RIP
[7] A Juliet Eleanya (SI)
[8] Elizabeth Anne Keegan (BR 12/11)

THE SACRED HEART
[1] Val & Chris Mullins
[2] Elizabeth McManus
[3] Mary & Roy Adamson (SI)
[4] Kathleen & Michael Campbell RIP
[5] Christopher Fitzpatrick RIP

TABERNACLE (OUR LADY)
[1] Eileen, Catherine, Mary, & Brett
[2] Jackie Carter (SI)
[3] Alexandra Moores (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
[2] Pat, Sora, and Martin (SI)
[3] Mary & Margaret (SI)

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA
[1] Mary & Stephen Oliver
[2] Anette & Roy Allen
[3] Kathleen & Michael Campbell RIP

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX
[1] Kate Wynn (SI)
[2] Kathleen Simcox (SI)
[3] Teresa Bramhall (SI)

OUR LADY OF MANCHESTER
[1] Frank Maguire (SI)
[2] Teresa Mullins
[3] Mary & Roy Adamson
[4] Parry family
[5] Tricia McConway

ST AMBROSE BARLOW
[1] Kate Wynn

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 MAKE A DONATION ON THE CARD MACHINE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

