



St Peter & St Thomas More
CATHOLIC PARISH

3 March 2024

Masses and Liturgies		
Time, church		Liturgy
Monday	0900 STM	Mass
Tuesday	0900 STM	Mass
Wednesday	0900 STM	Mass
	1900 SP	Stations of The Cross
Thursday	0900 SP	Mass
Friday	1230 SP	Mass
Saturday	1000 SP	Reconciliation
	1100 SP	Mass, then Novena
	1800 STM	Reconciliation
	1830 STM	Mass
Sunday	0930 SP	Mass
	1100 STM	Mass
	1500 STM	Stations of The Cross
	1830 SP	Mass

Baptisms Registration takes place at STM after 1100 Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Parents are warmly invited to register their child after that Mass

Pray for those who are sick

Mary Welsby, Colette Ogden, Denis Bardsley, Roy Smethurst, Eileen Gill, Clare Hadlow, Jean O'Loughlin, Ellen (Nell) Orry, Austin Fagan, Anne Edge, Madeleine Sale, Fiona Jones, Paul Brierley, Margaret Murray, Danny Duignan, Irene Woolrich, Christine Cowen, Gordon Jackson, Mary Upton, John Kirby, Anna Beisty, Kathleen Mastin, Denis Fitzpatrick, Martin Brennan, Peggy Connarty, Jean Woolley, John Loran, Donald Adamson, Paul Tamburro, James Weinowski, Liane Clegg

Masses received

People of the Parish, Sick and Housebound, Sheila Welsby, Nora and Norman Brown, Joan Hall, Imelda O'Hanlon, Special intention, Bert Atkinson AV, Pieter Mourik AV, May McHugh AV, Mass for a successful operation 3, Annie Sampey AV, Joe Walter LD, Joanna Anderson LD, James Weinowski S, Caroline Womack AV, Norma Coyle LD, Grazia Kluczek AV, Ashley Taylor BA, Chloe Briggs, Joan Farraker AV, Elizabeth McLoughlin LD and Anne Emmerson sick, John Buckley LD

Parish finance, lucky envelope 92

Last week £2048 was banked for the parish. Thank you.

Church piety stalls

Mother's Day cards and gifts, St Patrick's Day cards and Easter cards are now available.

This week's Gospel

Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the money changers in the Temple at Jerusalem. Jesus' action at the Temple is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the money changers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and resurrection through the metaphor of destroying and rebuilding the temple in three days. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the eminent sign will be Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world, and we take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives.

Pope Francis Angelus, 25 February

Pope Francis reflected on the day's Gospel reading according to St. Mark, which tells of the Transfiguration. After announcing to his disciples his Passion, Jesus takes with him Peter, James, and John, ascends a high mountain, and there he physically manifests himself in all his glory, showing the light that is Jesus. From this light, the Holy Father said, the disciples must never again divert their eyes, especially in moments of trial, such as those close to the Passion. The message, the Pope pointed out, is – 'Never divert your eyes from the light of Jesus'. The Pope compared this act to what farmers used to do when ploughing fields, focusing their gaze on a specific point ahead of them, keeping their eyes fixed on the goal, to trace straight furrows. This is what we Christians are called to do in the journey of life, always keep before our eyes the radiant face of Christ. Calling on everyone to welcome the Lord's light, the Pope said, He is love and endless life that accompanies, in every way, our existence. To help us do this, the Pope encouraged regular prayer, listening to the Word, and the Sacraments. The Pope offered a Lenten resolution to the faithful, namely to open their gaze to become seekers of light, seekers of the light of Jesus, in prayer and in people. He urged us to ask ourselves, Do I keep my eyes fixed on Christ, who accompanies me? He concluded by praying that our mother Mary, radiant with the light of God, might help us to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, and to look at each other with trust and love.

Bishop Brain

Dear brothers and sisters, I would like to express my warmest thanks to you all for your support, kindness, well wishes, and generous cards and gifts in celebration of my jubilee. A Novena of Masses will be offered for your intentions. God bless.

The Parish of St Peter and St Thomas More, Middleton, served by The Missionaries of The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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Ministry of Lector				
		2-3 March	9-10 March	16-17 March
Sat	1830	M O'Regan	A Kelly	J Sarpong
Sun	0930	J Kelleher	M Sowerby	A Sowerby
Sun	1100	M Kelly	C Tennant	J Cannavan
Sun	1830	D Walsh	M Gifford	M Hopkins
Extra-ordinary Ministers of The Eucharist				
Sun	0930	C Millward	M Smith	C Halliwell

Manchester Ladies' Choir

The staff at Francis House have sent us a certificate and letter of thanks for the £800 that was raised when the Choir sang carols last December. These are on the STM notice board.

Coffee morning

The next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 13 March after 0900 Mass at STM.

'One In The Spirit' Prayer Group

We meet for praise, worship and spiritual support on Tuesday evenings 8-10pm in the sacristy at STM.

Deadline for newsletter items

The deadlines date for all items is 1pm on a Wednesday. Items after this time will go in the following week's newsletter.

St Patrick's Day Caritas Fundraiser

Clergy band The Mercy Brothers will be joining forces with the parish folk group from St Cuthbert's for a fun-filled evening of music making to raise money for Caritas, taking place on Friday 15 March at 7pm at Thornleigh College. Tickets £12 each (food will be included) available from office@stcuthberts.org.uk

St Patrick's social evening

Friday 15 March in STM hall at 7.00pm. Come along and join in a fun filled night of music, lighted hearted quizzes and entertainment for all the family as we celebrate the feast day of St Patrick. Remember to bring your own drinks and snacks, though tea and coffee will be provided for a donation. The cost of entry is £3.00.

Knock Pilgrimage

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 7 April 2024. £899.00pps. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bookings are now being taken for this year's diocesan pilgrimage which will take place between 26 July and 1

August. Find out more at www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/travel-accommodation

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

This takes place on Saturday 4 May, for both overnight and day options. We welcome applications for individuals and groups and would be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to volunteer. Please fill out a booking form, at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-2024, phone 0161 817 2214.

Caritas Diocese of Salford Appeal for Volunteers

Find out more about these and other volunteering roles with Caritas Salford. See www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer

John Stainer's The Crucifixion

At St Patrick's, Collyhurst. Taking place on Saturday 23 March at 4pm, this poignant piece will be performed by Salford Cathedral Choir, Salford Cathedral Girls' Choir and the Cambiata Boys' Choir. All welcome.

Young Adults Mass and Stations of the Cross

At 4pm on Sunday 10 March. The Stations will be followed with time for private prayer and opportunities for confession, before Mass begins at 5.30pm. A relaxed social afterwards!

Make a change to change a life

By remembering Caritas Salford during Lent, your donations and prayers will make a real difference to the lives of the local people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire they support. Find out more about how you can get involved or make a donation now: www.caritassalford.org.uk/SJP

Care for Creation: Commitments, Actions, Participation

Bishop John has been invited to speak at an environment conference hosted by the Archdiocese of Liverpool and the Justice and Peace Commission this spring taking place between 10am-3.30pm on Saturday 9 March at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School in Wigan. Find out more at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/pastoral-development/environment

