



St Peter & St Thomas More
CATHOLIC PARISH

10 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

instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and resurrection. The second part of today's Gospel is a reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. In these reflections, John elaborates on several themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation. In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

Pope Francis Angelus, 3 March

Pope Francis said that our Lenten journey beacons us to build a greater sense of home with God by strengthening our relationship through prayer, trust, and intimacy, while also building fellowship and fraternity with our brothers and sisters. The Pope reflected on the Sunday Gospel for the day that recounts when Jesus drove out the merchants from the temple, admonishing all by saying, "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace." The Pope examined how our approach to the Lord differs depending on whether we have a market or home-type mindset.



The market approach to temple worship recalls when it was enough to buy a lamb and consume it on the altar coals to be right with God, he explained, a process of purchasing, paying and consuming. The idea of the temple being understood as a home instead implies the opposite, where one goes there to meet the Lord, and draw close to Him as well as to our brothers and sisters as a community that shares joys and sorrows. The market approach requires doing calculations, negotiating prices, and seeking one's own interests, but the home approach is about mutual and free giving in love and fraternity without measuring it out. The action of Jesus recounted in the Gospel shows how the Lord does not accept the market-temple that takes the place of the house-temple, the Pope explained, adding that the market

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, Mary Jackson

Masses received

People of the Parish 2, Sick and Housebound, Sheila Welsby, Nora and Norman Brown, Special intention 2, Joan Hall, Imelda O'Hanlon, James Weinowski S, Eileen Needle B, Gerard McBride, Dean Shades AV 2, Shades family, John Buckley LD, Josephine Carey BA, Rob Warran LD, Florence Kaufman, Margaret Ramsay, Tony Coogan AV, Debbie Edwards LD, Anthony Richmond BA, Peter Hunt AV 2, Winifred Irene Jordan, Carolyn Bostock BA, Mark Robinson BA, Anne Chapman AV, John and Julia Smith BA

This week's Gospel

The first part of this gospel is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. In the conversation with Nicodemus Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament, when the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and



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approach creates a distant relationship with God, while the home understanding leads to a trusting rapport with the Lord as in a loving family. He underscored that the Lord came to bring communion with Him and among our brothers and sisters. Our Lenten journey calls on us to build a greater sense of home within ourselves and all around us, first towards God through prayer, like children who knock confidently at the Father's door without getting tired, and through building fraternity with our brothers and sisters.

Debbie Edwards (nee Owen) RIP

Maureen and Ken Owen, and all the family of Debbie, would like to thank everyone for their kindness and for attending the Requiem Mass. Sincere thanks to Fr Peter Tierney for his administrations and for all his help. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for you.

Parish finance, lucky envelope 92

Last week £1820 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.

Altar servers

Altar servers are required for both churches. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for a form or speak to one of the priests after Mass.

Ministry of Lector

	Mass	9-10 March	16-17 March	23-24 March
Sat	1830	A Kelly	J Sarpong	C McC-Taylor
Sun	0930	M Sowerby	A Sowerby	P Glittins
Sun	1100	C Tennant	J Cannavan	J Duffin
Sun	1830	M Gifford	M Hopkins	D Walsh
Extra-ordinary Ministers of The Eucharist				
Sun	0930	M Smith	C Halliwell	A Sowerby

Coffee mornings – all welcome!

- This Wednesday after 0900 Mass at STM
- Sunday 7 April after 0930 Mass in St Peter's Hall

'One In The Spirit' Prayer Group

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

Choir STM church

If you attend mass at STM church and would like to help with the singing, please see one of the priests or speak to Margaret Kelly before or after Mass.

St Patrick's social evening

Friday 15 March in STM hall at 7.00pm. 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.

Bishop John's message - Why Every Step Matters

Bishop John has recorded a special video message about Caritas Salford's 2024 campaign, which is asking us to do something this year that pushes us out of our comfort zone. You can watch the video by visiting www.caritassalford.org.uk/bishop-john-every-step/

Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walk

Taking place on Monday 27 May, the walk will begin at 10am from Manchester Cathedral Gardens, and the group will process to St Peter's Square for an Act of Worship.

'Pilgrims of Hope' Jubilee 2025

To find out more about the Jubilee and this preparatory Year of Prayer, please visit: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/

Stations of the Cross, Laudato Si' Centre, Sat 16 March

Experience a reflective journey through the Stations, contemplating the Passion of Christ in the serene setting of the Centre's beautiful woodland. For more information about timings and to book your place, please visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lsc-stations-2024/

Caritas Diocese of Salford 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 Diocese of Salford. The concert will take place on Friday 15th March, 7pm, at Thornleigh Salesian College. Tickets £12 and are available by emailing office@stcuthberts.org.uk

