



St Peter & St Thomas More
CATHOLIC PARISH

14 April 2024

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, Paul Tamburro, James Weinowski, Liane Clegg, Mary Jackson

Masses received

People of the Parish, Sick and Housebound, Sheila Welsby, Nora and Norman Brown, Special intention, Joan Hall, Imelda O'Hanlon, Pat O'Hanlon, Debbie Edwards, Doris Cunningham AV, John Albert Peters BA, Jim Harvey LD, Madeline Hamilton, Elisabeth Pipka AV, Gabriel Carney LD, Anthony Malone, Maureen and Joseph Carey AV, Maureen Forbes AV 2, Denise June Turner B, Mass in thanksgiving, Peter O'Hare LD, Martin Patrick Grimes, John Loran, Special intention David Entwistle

Masses and Liturgies this week

Time, church		Liturgy
Monday	0900 STM	Mass
Tuesday	0900 STM	Mass
Wednesday	0900 STM	Mass
	1000 SP	Requiem Michael Carr
Thursday	0900 SP	Mass
Friday	1230 SP	Mass
Saturday	1000 SP	Reconciliation
	1100 SP	Mass, then Novena
	1830 STM	Mass
Sunday	0930 SP	Mass
	1100 STM	Mass
	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

Meeting for Summer Fair

We will have our first meeting to discuss the summer fair announced last weekend on Friday 19 April at 6pm in the meeting room at St Peter's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend to share their ideas.

Canon McBride's Golden Jubilee

We will be celebrating the 50 Anniversary of his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood with Mass at St Thomas More church on Sunday 23 June at 3pm. Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

Over 50s Wednesday Club

Begins again on 17 April at 2pm in SP Hall. New members are very welcome. For further information phone Kath Felton on 643 8739.

Altar servers

There will be a practice session for altar servers on Friday 19 April at 6pm in St Peter's Church. All those serving or wish to serve are welcome to attend.

Parish Finance and lucky envelope number 8

Last week £1823 was banked for the parish. Thank you.

Livestream in St Peter's Church

A reminder that the livestream begin 5 minutes before the advertised time of the Mass or liturgy.

This week's Gospel

We continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. In the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement. As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

The Pope's Regina Coeli, 7 April

The Pope emphasised the transformative power of encountering the risen Jesus, urging believers to embrace faith, prayer, and love and spread Easter joy. He opened his Regina Coeli address by noting that the second Sunday of Easter, was dedicated by Saint John Paul II to Divine Mercy. On this occasion, he said, the Gospel tells us that, by believing in Jesus, Son of God, we can have life in His name. What does it mean to have life, asked the Pope. The Holy Father explained that each of us wants to have life, but that there are various ways of doing so. There are those who reduce existence to a frenetic race to enjoy and possess many things, said the Pope, describing this as a road that at first seems pleasurable, but does not satiate the heart. This is not the correct path to take to have life as it does not lead



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to happiness. The Gospel says that this fullness of life, to which every one of us is called, is realised in Jesus. But how can one gain access to it, how can one experience it, the Pope asked. Having life, the Pope continued, means fixing one's eyes on the crucified and the risen Jesus, encountering Him in the Sacraments and in prayer, recognising that He is present, believing in Him, letting oneself be touched by His grace and guided by His example, experiencing the joy of loving like Him. Every living encounter with Jesus enables us to have more life. The Pope invited the faithful to ask themselves: Do I believe in the power of the resurrection of Jesus, in His victory over sin, fear and death? Do I let myself be drawn into a relationship with Him? And do I let myself be prompted by Him to love my brothers and sisters, and to hope every day? He concluded by asking the Virgin Mary to give us faith in the risen Jesus, to have life and to spread the joy of Easter.

Ministry of Lector				
	Mass	13-14 April	20-21 April	27-28 April
Sat	1830	C Williams	M O'Regan	A Kelly
Sun	0930	J Kelleher	D Walsh	M Sowerby
Sun	1100	C Tennant	J Cannavan	J Duffin
Sun	1830	D Walsh	M Gifford	M Hopkins
Extra-ordinary Ministers of The Eucharist				
Sun	0930	C Halliwell	A Sowerby	C Millward

'One In the Spirit' Prayer Group

Meet for praise, worship and spiritual support on Tuesday evenings 8pm-10pm in the sacristy of STM. All welcome.

Talks on the Four Constitutions of Vatican II

In response to Pope Francis' invitation to revisit the Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council, the Diocese of Salford is holding a series of four evening talks after Easter. The first talk takes place on Wednesday 10 April when Bishop John will explore a little more about *Lumen Gentium*. The talk begins at 7pm at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP.

Local Nature Reserve Survey

As part of the preparation of the Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy, GMCA have launched a survey to engage the public, local community groups and organisations, with the strategy. Please visit: www.gmconsult.org/environment-team-policy-and-strategy/greater-manchester-s-plan-for-nature/

Pilgrimage to Lourdes in our Centenary Year

The Launch Mass for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes - marking our centenary year - will be taking place at 7pm on Tuesday 16 April at St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, M4 5HF.

Diocese of Salford's Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham

There are still a few places available taking place on Saturday 4 May. Please contact 0161 817 2214, online at dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-2024, mail walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

St Thomas More AODS "Murder on Cue"

By Robin Jennifer Miller. Friday 31 May and Saturday 1 June at 7.30pm

This is a murder mystery which you are invited to solve Tickets are now available at seaty.co.uk/murderoncue or stmaods@gmail.com or phone 0161 643 8932

Seating will be at tables, so if you want a group table, please book early.

A licensed bar will be available from 7-11pm

Diocesan Day Retreat: The Cloud of Unknowing

Our day retreat programme continues in May with a closer look at this mystical text that dates back to the 14th century, The retreat runs 11.30am - 3pm on Monday 13th May at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella's, Lostock Hall. £20. Please see: dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-may-2024/



Outdoor Cemetery Mass

A Mass will take place at St Joseph's Cemetery, Moston, on Monday 27 May at 11am. An additional Mass is also due to take place at the cemetery on Monday 26 August, 11am. In the event of wet weather, Mass will take place at St Dunstan's church.

'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you. Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'