



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, Debbie Edwards, Barrie Fairbrother BA, Jim Harvey LD 3, Geoff Gillen, Andrew Maguire AV, Tom Sampey AV, Peter O’Hare LD, George and Mary Robinson AV, Helan McVeigh LD, Lucy Mallier LD, Michael Carr LD 2, Simon Hyland, Special intention David Entwistle, Joseph Carey AV, Jimmy McCauley LD, Catherine and Eugene O’Gara AV, James Campbell LD, Maureen Tetlock LD

the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

The Pope’s Regina Coeli, 14 April

Pope Francis invited the faithful to remember their personal encounters with the Lord and to consider how truly beautiful it is for us to share and transmit our faith, The Holy Father reflected on the day’s Gospel reading according to St. Luke, which takes place on the evening of Passover. The passage narrates when the Apostles are gathered in the Upper Room, and when the two disciples return from Emmaus and tell of their encounter with Jesus. The Pope went on to reflect on how this moment transformed their lives, and how likewise, encountering Jesus, changes everything for all faithful. The Pope said that despite how life changing our encounter with the Lord is, and how it is the most beautiful thing we have to tell, we still often struggle to talk about it. Each one of us could say so much about this, by sharing the unique moments in which we perceived the Lord alive and close, who kindled joy in our hearts or dried our tears, who transmitted confidence and consolation, strength and enthusiasm, or forgiveness, tenderness, peace. The Holy Father stressed how important it is to share this in the family, in the community, and with friends. He asked us to retrace our steps to the thoughts and feelings that arose when we placed ourselves in the presence of God, and also about our efforts and labours to understand and to progress along the way of faith. If we do this, Pope Francis said, Jesus, just as He did with the disciples on the evening of Passover, will surprise us and make our encounters and our environments even more beautiful. Everyone has had an encounter with the Lord, the Holy Father said, asking for everyone to think back to it. Let us take a moment of silence and think, the Pope invited, when did I find the Lord? When did the Lord become close to me?

Masses and Liturgies this week

| Time, church | | Liturgy |
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| Monday | 0900 STM | Mass |
| Tuesday | 0900 STM | Mass |
| Wednesday | 0900 STM | Mass |
| | 1200 SP | Funeral Patricia Curley |
| Thursday | 0900 SP | Mass |
| | 1030 SP | Funeral Peter O’Hare |
| 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

Parish Finance and March lucky envelope number 8

Last week £1’638 was banked for the parish. Thank you.

This week’s Gospel

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Gospel today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with

Ministry of Lector

| | Mass | 20-21 April | 27-28 April | 4-5 May |
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| Sat | 1830 | M O’Regan | A Kelly | J Sarpong |
| Sun | 0930 | D Walsh | M Sowerby | A Sowercy |
| Sun | 1100 | J Cannavan | J Duffin | P Martin |
| Sun | 1830 | M Gifford | M Hopkins | D Walsh |

Extra-ordinary Ministers of The Eucharist

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| Sun | 0930 | A Sowerby | C Millward | M Smith |
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St Peter & St Thomas More
CATHOLIC PARISH

21 April 2024

St Peter's church flowers

I would like to thank all the parishioners who donated money over Easter and for the donation I received at the Coffee Morning. I am over the moon about it. It will help to keep the Church looking lovely. Mary and myself are so grateful for all the help that we have received. God Bless and thanks once again. Pat and Mary.

Jim O'Connor – Caritas Great Manchester Run

I've decided to fundraise for Caritas Diocese of Salford, and I'd really appreciate your support. JustGiving sends your donation straight to Caritas Diocese of Salford and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer. You can donate to my JustGiving page at this address. Thank you for your support.

www.justgiving.com/page/james-oconnor-1712561305015?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fjames-oconnor-1712561305015&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=pfp-email

Livestream in St Peter's Church

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

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.

Jim Harvey RIP

The family of Jim Harvey would like to thank everyone for their support, kindness, sympathy, Mass cards and donations. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Coffee mornings

Thank you for all the donations received. £50 has been given to Fr Boniface for parish funds.

- Sunday 5 May after 0930 Mass in SP Hall
- Wednesday 8 May after 0900 Mass in STM church

'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.

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 Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood

The Vocations' team invites you to join our next Mass at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23 April, at St Catherine's Didsbury. All are very welcome to attend as we pray together for the future of the priesthood in our diocese.

Northern Dioceses' Environment Group

NDEG invites parishes and individuals to a workshop to find out more about how our food supply system links to our faith. The event, titled "Faith in Food - Thinking and acting both locally and globally about our food system" takes place on Saturday 18 May between 11am and 3.30pm at St Wilfrid's Church, Preston, PR1 8BU. To register, visit: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-in-food-tickets-879396337117

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday

As we mark this year in a special way, we're delighted to share with you a newsletter from our Vocations Team. Please scan the QR code for the latest updates on vocations to the priesthood and permanent diaconate in our diocese:

