



St Peter & St Thomas More
CATHOLIC PARISH

28 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, Mass in thanksgiving, Joan Hall, Imelda O'Hanlon, James Campbell LD 3, Maureen Tetlock LD, George Kevin Igoe AV, Bryan Slater BA, Dorothy Slater B, Wilfrid Slater AV, Gabrielle (Gabby) Jones LD, Teresa Carroll BA, Alan Ryan LD, Elizabeth Godden LD, Anne Kipling AV, Neville Hargreaves, Arthur Taylor LD 2, Dorothy Stott LD, Peter O'Hare LD, Peter Nugent LD 2, Special intention David Entwistle, Niki Winnard LD, Simon Okeke, Deriek B

Masses and Liturgies this week		
Time, church	Liturgy	
Monday	0900 STM	Mass
Tuesday	0900 STM	Mass
	1015 STM	Requiem Maureen Tetlock
Wednesday	0900 STM	Mass
	1100 SP	Requiem James Campbell
Thursday	0900 SP	Mass
Friday	1230 SP	Mass
Saturday	1000 SP	Reconciliation
	1100 SP	Mass, then Novena
	1200 STM	Wedding John & Niamh
	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. If you are resident in the parish, parents are warmly invited to register their child after that Mass

Parish Finance

Last week £1520 was banked for the parish. Thank you.

This week's Gospel

In this week's Gospel, Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the

basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began. Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

The Pope's Regina Coeli, 21 April

The Lord repeats three times that "the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep," the Pope said, underscoring that He loves each one of us without limit and sacrificed his life for us. A shepherd during Christ's time required spending entire days and nights caring for the sheep, not just a few hours a day, the Pope explained. The good shepherd knows each one of his sheep, looking out for them, searching for them if they are lost, ensuring their safety and needs are met by living in symbiosis with them. Jesus not only shares the life of the flock, knowing each person by name, searching for us when we go astray until He finds us, but is the Good Shepherd who has sacrificed His life for us and has given us His Spirit through His resurrection, the Pope said. The Lord sees each of us as important, irreplaceable, worth the infinite price of His life. The Lord gave His life for us, He died and rose again for us, because He loves us. Many people see themselves as inadequate or wrong, basing their value on what they achieve, how the world sees them, or the judgements of others, the Pope observed. But Jesus tells us we are worth so much to Him, always. To truly find ourselves and happiness, we must seek to be in the Lord's presence, allowing ourselves to be welcomed and lifted up by the loving arms of our Good Shepherd. He recommended that we examine our own lives and consider whether we really accept the assurance of the Lord's boundless love that gives value and meaning to our lives. This can be done through moments of prayer, adoration, praise, striving to remember and be in the Lord's loving presence. If we endeavour to do this in our lives, we will rediscover life's secret, the Pope concluded. We will remember that He gave His life for all of us, and that for Him, we are all important, each and every one of us.

Ministry of Lector				
	Mass	27-28 April	4-5 May	11-12 May
Sat	1830	A Kelly	J Sarpong	CL M-Taylor
Sun	0930	M Sowerby	A Sowerby	P Gittins
Sun	1100	J Duffin	P Martin	M Kelly
Sun	1830	M Hopkins	D Walsh	M Gifford

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STM Church flowers

Thank you for the recent donation for church flowers. It is very much appreciated.

Offertory envelopes

There are still a few offertory envelopes not collected from St Peter's, please see Andy after 0930 Mass. STM offertory envelopes are still available at the back of church.

Livestream in St Peter's Church

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

Jim O'Connor - Caritas Great Manchester Run

I've decided to fundraise for Caritas Diocese of Salford, and I'd really appreciate your support. Donating through JustGiving sends your donation straight to Caritas Diocese of Salford and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer. Alternatively, if you would like to bring a donation to church, please place in an envelope marked 'Jim O'Connor Caritas' and leave it in the baskets. My JustGiving page is:

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

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.

Coffee mornings

Sunday 5 May after 0930 Mass in SP Hall and 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 £8 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

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse

Bishop John will celebrate the Mass at St. Patrick's, Livesey Street, at 6pm on 30 April. This is the Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse. Celebrated each year on the

Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter, it is a day on which the Catholic Church in England and Wales holds in particular prayer all who have been abused, in whatever way, by another, whether within the Church or any other setting. It is a day not only to recommit ourselves as Church to learn from past mistakes and make the Church a safe setting for all but also a day to reflect on the Church's ministry of healing and welcome to Survivors/Victims.

Volunteer registrations for Lourdes closing soon

Please register at www.salfordlourdes.co.uk or email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk before 30 April for those aged 18-35.



Our Parish Summer Fair Saturday 22 June from 12 noon. This week's update

As announced by Fr Boniface and Fr Damian, we will hold our first parish summer fair since the pandemic in a few weeks' time. We need your help to make it a success!

Donations are needed for the bottle tombola and bric-a-brac stalls. Please leave in the boxes at both churches.

Raffle Tickets will be on sale after each Mass this weekend. We have managed to get great prizes from local shops and businesses. Please buy a ticket (every week!)

Cakes will be needed on the day, so if you are a keen baker, think about what delights you can surprise us with!



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