



The Parish & Church of St Mary

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St Mary's Church is open for Mass & services
& private prayer during the day.

Sunday 24th March 2024 HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY of THE PASSION of THE LORD YR B

"My God, my God why have you forsaken me?"

Saturday	23.3	5.00pm: Vigil Mass: Parishioners
Sunday	24.3	9.00am: Alice Arrowsmith & Connie Havard 6.30pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Monday	25.3	12.00am: Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	26.3	8.30am: Angela Clarke
Wednesday	27.3	12.00pm: Phyllis Edwards <i>Rosary after Mass</i>
Thursday	28.3	Church closed
Friday	29.3	Church closed
Saturday	30.3	Church closed
Sunday	31.3	9.00am: EASTER MASS: Parishioners

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... PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

The People of Israel & Palestine; the people of Ukraine and Russia.

All the sick: Fr John Johnson, Fr Kevin Foulkes, Archbishop Emeritus, the Most Reverend Patrick Kelly, Audrey Loughnane, Angela Parkinson, Lisa Burke, Norah Fenton, Doreen Edwards, George, Margaret Connelly, Margaret Ashall; *all those close to us and who ask for prayers.*

Lately Dead: Harry Leyland, Jean Webster. *All who have died recently.*

Anniversaries: Angela Clarke. *All whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

St Mary's Repository has new stocks of Easter, First Holy Communion cards and more.

PALM SUNDAY at ST MARY'S 24TH MARCH.

The Reading of the Gospel of St Mark: The Passion of the Lord

Palms will be blessed and distributed at the evening Vigil Mass 5.00pm and the morning Mass 9.00am.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS: 9.00am.

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COLLECTION for FR JOHNSON: donations can be given in the envelopes marked: 'Fr Johnson' and returned to St Mary's Presbytery

THANKSGIVING MASS at ST MARY'S (English)

for the Ministry of Fr John Johnson and for the Parish.

Saturday 6th April, 12noon.

All welcome. Refreshments in the Hall after Mass.

Confessions 10.45-11.45am before Mass.

Fr Johnson is in very poor health. Please pray for him.

At present only close family and friends are visiting him. They will keep us updated.

ST MARY'S CLEANING TEAM: Tuesday 2nd April after 8.30am Mass. Thank you.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES are at the back of church. This arrangement will be subject to change in the next months. If you no longer want to receive envelopes or would like to change your method of donating please let St Mary's office know by 'phone, email or post. Thank you for your generosity.
*It is not easy to find out more about this at present but answers will be provided as soon as possible.***

Message from Fr Inch Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Organisation.

On Saturday 9th March it was announced to the parishioners of St Mary's that from the 2nd Sunday of Easter a priest of the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest (ICKSP) will be coming to St Mary's to celebrate Mass. It is the intention of the Archbishop and of the Institute to see if creating a "Shrine Church" is a possible solution to ensure the future of St Mary's.

And so there will be a time of consultation. During this period there will be Mass and devotions on Wednesday at 12 noon and on Sunday at 10.30am.

These Masses will be in Latin using the 1962 Rite of the Mass. (The 5.00pm Saturday Mass at St Mary's will be celebrated at St John's as will other services.)

This time of consultation will enable everyone to know what the proposed "Shrine Church" will look and feel like. It is hoped that this will provide an enrichment in the life of the local church.

The parish of St Mary's will come under the pastoral care of Fr Ian O'Shea, as parochial Administrator, pro tempore. At the end of June there will be a further meeting for the parishioners of St Mary's so that they can be consulted on the way forward. Please keep this in your prayers.

Message from the Fr Abbs, Dean.

And in line with this the Archbishop has expressed a desire for St Mary's Parishioners to support the forthcoming Triduum services during Holy Week in St William's Parish. Consequently, there will not be Mass on Holy Thursday evening, the Good Friday Passion nor an Easter Vigil at St Mary's. There will be mass as usual at 9.00am on Easter Sunday morning at St Mary's.

Please send questions about the Triduum and other changes to:

Fr Inch, Fr Gordon Abbs, or Archbishop McMahon.

HOLY WEEK ST MARY'S 24 TH - 31 ST MARCH						
Palm Sunday 24th Mass 9.00am Stations of the Cross 6.30pm	Monday 25th E. Service 12.00pm	Tuesday 26th Mass 8.30am	Wednesday 27th Mass 12.00pm	Maundy Thursday 28th 7.30pm Evening Mass (St John's)	Good Friday 29th 3.00pm Liturgy (St John's)	Holy Saturday 30th 8.00pm Easter Vigil (St John's)
Easter Sunday 31st Mass 9.00am	Please note: These Masses are in English as usual. Please note the changes to the usual programme for Holy Week at St Mary's. Please note the hour goes forward at 2.00am on Easter Sunday. Please note English Masses continue to Saturday 6th April at St Mary's.					

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES (Red Boxes)

Anyone who would like to have a Red Box at home can contact: **Mary Sharkey 07808 889775. Donations can be brought to church for Mary to collect. Please leave your name and address with the money.**

CHRISM MASS 2024 - Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm.

The Annual Chrism Mass takes place the Metropolitan Cathedral and is usually the largest annual gathering of Archdiocesan clergy and faithful throughout the year.

THE BIG CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ: Friday 24th May starting at 7.30pm, Greenall's Social Club, Alder Hey Rd, St. Helens. **Contact: Janice Watkins - 01744 27425 / 07947743219 Andy Watkins: watkinsa@edgehill.ac.uk**

MASS INTENTIONS, NEWSLETTER REQUESTS, BAPTISM ENQUIRIES Please to St William's Parish. Email address: stwilliam@rcaol.org.uk.