

# The Parish & Church of St Mary

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



FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER YR B

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**"You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly."**

Sunday	28.4	Confessions before Mass 10.30am: Mass ( <i>ICKSP: Traditional Rite - Usus Antiquior</i> ): Private Intention	
Monday	29.4	Church open	
Tuesday	30.4	Church open	
Wednesday	1.5	10.30am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>Holy Hour and Confessions</i> 12.00pm: Mass ( <i>ICKSP: Low Mass</i> ): Albert Mearns RIP	<i>Rosary after Mass</i>
Thursday	2.5	Church open	
Friday	3.5	Church open	
Saturday	4.5		
Sunday	5.5	Confessions before Mass 10.30am: Mass: ( <i>Traditional Rite - Usus Antiquior</i> ): Albert Mearns RIP	

### Feasts & Memorials this week

Monday: THE FEAST of ST CATHERINE of SIENNA

Tuesday: St Pius V

Wednesday: St Joseph the Worker

Thursday: St Athanasius

Friday: THE FEAST of ST PHILIP & ST JAMES

Saturday: THE FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

**THE SOLEMNITY of THE ASCENSION of THE LORD: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

*Holy Day of Obligation*

... PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

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

**All the sick:** Fr Kevin Foulkes, Archbishop Emeritus, the Most Reverend Patrick Kelly, 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:** Fr John Johnson, Fr Barry McAllister, Audrey Loughnane. *All who have died recently. All whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS** for the children of St Mary and St John's Primary School  
St John's Church Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am.

**MAY PROCESSION AND CROWNING OF OUR LADY'S STATUE:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
after 11.00am Mass at St John's Church.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

**NB: ALL Offertory Collections, GA Envelopes and donations to the Parish continue to go to St Mary's.**

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**MISSIO RED BOXES:** Many thanks to all those who hold a Red Box in their home and to those who donate directly to Missio. St Mary's church raised £1471.02 during 2023. Your donations are greatly appreciated by everyone at Missio and the people who benefit from your generosity.

**REFRESHMENTS after SUNDAY MASS:** Volunteers are needed to help with setting up and serving in the presbytery or St Mary's Parish Hall. Please leave your name and contact details with St Mary's office, or email to the address on the front of the newsletter. Thank you.

**ALTAR LINEN:** Would anyone be interested in taking the purificators, corporals, towels (all white cotton) etc. to wash and iron? Please speak to the Canon.

**ST MARY'S REPOSITORY** has new stocks of First Holy Communion cards and more.

**'THE HOSPICE—Its Work & Ideals'** a talk by Chris Swinton. Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2.00pm St John's Campbell Room.

**PILGRIMAGE to LADYEWELL:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May in remembrance of Fr Barry McAllister and Fr John Johnson. May they rest in peace. The Holy Mass will be offered by Fr Hugh at the Shrine at 4.30pm for both Fr McAllister and Fr Johnson. Everyone is invited to make their way to the shrine for this Mass and there is a list at the back of St John's church for those wishing to come to Ladyewell. **If you are able to offer a lift to others** please indicate this on the sheet as it is too expensive to hire a coach for just an hour's stay at the Shrine, The staff at the Shrine would like to know numbers so that they can prepare for our arrival and would like to offer tea and coffee.

**If you would like to walk to Ladyewell on that day please contact Chris Higgins on 07712552410 to book a place.**

**PRAY IN MAY Mary's Meal's Appeal ETHIOPIA CRISIS: MARY'S MEALS**

Since their humble beginnings, Mary's Meals – named after Mary, the mother of Jesus – has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support them. Mary's Meals is now providing life-changing school meals to more than 2.4 million of the world's poorest children.

Throughout the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, we are invited to pray with Mary's Meals, that their work continues to flourish and grow, and that more children will see their lives transformed by receiving their nutritious school meals.

We are asked to pray particularly for families facing extreme food insecurity and hunger in Ethiopia.

There are a range of resources available to help you get involved on the website too. [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

**CAFOD: SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL**

Due to the extremely worrying emergency situation in Sudan, we are launching an [emergency appeal](#) for donations to get aid to the people of Sudan and we need your support. The situation in Sudan is dire, where huge numbers of people have been forced to leave their home areas are going hungry. When the war started there over a year ago, most international aid agencies left. Our partners are part of the population Caritas Sudan and with their Catholic communities are still reaching out and we must do all we can to help. Thank you, as ever, for your generous support for our brothers and sisters in poverty. We are so grateful for all you can do.

Best wishes, Ged Edwards, Community Participation Coordinator CAFOD: Liverpool Archdiocese.

Donate to [cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal](http://cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal)

*All Appeal donations, cash or cheques can be left at the presbytery and will be sent to the charities*

**ST MARIA GORETTI - Special Works Conference – Appeal for New Members:** An amazing group of just five members have helped hundreds of women fleeing persecution and violence in their birth countries to find a better life. This small Liverpool team (who are linked to the SVP) help women living in Liverpool and are now hoping to recruit new members to support them in their work. Support is particularly required with visiting individuals who have been referred and/or transporting household items across the Liverpool region. If you are interested in finding out more about the valuable work this group undertake or would like to get involved, then please contact Cath Bradley on: **07534 780 731 or 284 1866** or email: [chattymc6@gmail.com](mailto:chattymc6@gmail.com)

**ICKSP:** For all information about the 'Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest', please visit the website: [icksp.org.uk](http://icksp.org.uk). Rector Canon Montjean: 07972128097 [canon.montjean@icksp.org.uk](mailto:canon.montjean@icksp.org.uk)

*"My Jesus, give me the grace to be very faithful to the examination of conscience. Every day, I will come before You and look at You and see what I should be. And I will look at myself and see what I am not. Please, give me the light to know my faults and the courage to overcome them."* St Francis de Sales. \