



# 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.



## Fr John Johnson - Requiescat in Pace Parish Priest of St Mary's 1991 – 2024

Fr Johnson was taken to his final resting place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April with the children of St Mary's and St John's School lining the way from the church.

His body was received into the St Mary's at a Vigil Mass on Thursday, welcomed by the Canons of the Cathedral Chapter who sang the Evening Prayer Service for the Dead from the Divine Office. It remained there safe in the presence of his Lord until the Requiem Mass on Friday.

The beautiful flower filled church was gloriously packed with loving family, fellow priests, parishioners and representatives from the Syro Malabar Community as a tremendous, sad but joyful tribute to this good priest and the Catholic Faith he has served with passion for 57 years.

*In paradisum deducant angeli  
In tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres  
Et perducant te  
In civitatem sanctam Jerusalem  
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat  
Et cum Lazaro, quondam paupere  
Aeternam habeas requiem*

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Many, many thanks to everyone for your invaluable help organising and for your donations to the flowers.

**FOURTH of EASTER YR B**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

Sunday	21.4	10.30am: Mass ( <i>ICKSP: Traditional Rite - Usus Antiquior</i> ): Jan Robson	
Monday	22.4	Church open	
Tuesday	23.4	Church open	
Wednesday	24.4	10.30am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Hour and Confessions</i> 12.00pm: Mass ( <i>ICKSP: Low Mass</i> ): Private Intention <span style="float: right;"><i>Rosary after Mass</i></span>	
Thursday	25.4		
Friday	26.4	Church open	
Saturday	27.4		
Sunday	28.4	10.30am: Mass: ( <i>Traditional Rite – Usus Antiquior</i> )	

### A Message from Sister Reginal of the Rosa Mystica Home

*I am very much saddened to hear the news that Fr. Johnson reached the Heavenly abode on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. We are praying for his soul to rest in peace. My heartfelt condolences to you all. Condolences from the children of Rosa Mystica Home. They are also saddened to hear the news. It is shocking news to each & every one here. We offer Holy masses and prayers for the repose of his soul. His help is very great to Rosa Mystics Home. His great heart had overcome all the obstacles put forward by our government and reached the heart of Rosa Mystica.*

*May God give him eternal rest in his heavenly kingdom.*

*Kindly give my heartfelt condolences to each & everyone in the parish. Thank you.*

*Yours sincerely in Christ,*

*Sr. Reginal, SAT Superior General, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

**Feasts & Memorials this week**

*Tuesday:* **THE SOLEMNITY of ST GEORGE**

*Wednesday:* **St Adalbert, St Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

*Thursday:* **THE FEAST of ST MARK, EVANGELIST**

*Friday:* **Blessed Robert Anderton of Euxton**

*Saturday:* **St Maughold – Isle of Man**

... 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.**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Day of Prayer for Vocations and Priests’ Training Fund Second Collection**

**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 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.

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

**ICKSP:** For all information about the ‘Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest’, please visit the website: [icksp.org.uk](http://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. (<https://salesianliterature.wixsite.com> )

Try an examination based on either the 10 Commandments, 7 capital sins or Faith, Hope and Charity:

<https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/examination-of-conscience>.

**PRAY IN MAY Mary’s Meal’s Appeal**

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)

**ETHIOPIA CRISIS: MARY’S MEALS invite you** to attend a special online event on this Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup> April) 7.00 – 8.00pm to hear live from MM founder Magnus Macfarlane-Barrow and his colleague Shona Shea about the people they met in Tigray, where currently 4.5 million people need emergency food aid. They outline the needs in the region and the ways that Mary’s Meals hopes to urgently expand their programme. You can register for the event by going to [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) and scroll down to the event details