



Parish Bulletin

3rd Sunday of Lent

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday March 9

Weekday of Lent

 2 Kings 5:1-15a; Ps 42(41):2, 3.; Ps 43(42): 3, 4. R42(41):3; Luke 4:24-30.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday March 10

Weekday of Lent

 Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25(24):4-5b, 6-7, 8-9. R6a; Matthew 18:21-35.

(No morning Mass today)

2:00-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Parish Room at Holy Family Church. All welcome.

7:00PM Deanery Station Mass, Holy Family

Wednesday March 11

Weekday of Lent

 Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20. R12a; Matthew 5:17-19.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

9:50AM Funeral - Peter Mortimer Tallantyre, St Mary's

Thursday March 12

Weekday of Lent

 Jeremiah 7:23-28; Ps 95(94):1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9. R7c, 8a; Luke 11:14-23.

9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family

Friday March 13

Weekday of Lent

 Hosea 14:1-9; Ps 81(80): 6c-8a, 8b-9, 10-11b, 14, 17. R cf. 11a, 9a; Mark 12:28b-34.

8:50-9:20AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

6:30PM Scripture study, St Mary's meeting room

Saturday March 14

Weekday of Lent

 Hosea 6:1-6; Ps 51(50):3-4, 18-19, 20-21b. R cf. Hosea 6:6; Luke 18:9-14.

11:00-11:20AM: Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), St Mary's

11:30AM Stations of the Cross, St Mary's

12:00 noon Mass, St Mary's

Sunday March 15

4th Sunday of Lent

 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23(22):1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. R1; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

9:00AM St Mary's Church open for private prayer.

9:30AM Sung Mass, St Mary's

10:45AM Holy Family Church open for private prayer.

11:15AM Sung Mass, Holy Family

Light refreshments will be served after both Sunday morning Masses.

6:00PM Mass, St Mary's

Confession

Saturdays (see above); otherwise on request.

Baptisms and Marriages

If you would like to arrange a baptism or a wedding, please speak to a priest or to Sr. Benedicta after Mass.

Please note, we require six months' notice for a wedding.

We Pray For...

Birthday

The Late Catherine O'Neill (95th), Paul Broomhead (80th).

Sick

We pray for all who are currently awaiting results, undergoing treatment or battling illnesses. In particular: Paul Vincent Rostern, Gregory Francis Rostern, Padraig Rafferty, Joe & Anne Appleton, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse Passenger, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Catherine Redikin, Catherine Ardill, Christopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Caroline, Ann Burn, Donni Marie, Sarah O'Brien, Collette Hartwell, Immanuel Iro, Annamarie O.S. Asemota, Susan Watson, Stephanie Farrell, Anna, Morris Maude, Mary Jowes, Phyll Watson, Mrs. Gavin, Patrick O'Brien, Ian Kirkham, Dave Riley, Mary Woods, Stuart Radcliffe, Mark Wilkinson and Dolores.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Angela Hannegan, Sid Simms and Michael Melody. May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Bernard Appleton, May Haynes and Agnes Doherty. May they continue to rest in the Lord.

Sanctuary Candle at Holy Family

This week's sanctuary candle was donated by Deacon Stephen Scott, in memory of Dave Batey.

Deaths and Funerals

We sadly announce the deaths of:

Peter Mortimer Tallantyre, whose funeral Mass will take place at St Mary's Church, 9:50am on Wednesday, March 11. Cremation follows at Oldham Crematorium (in Hollinwood Cemetery), 11:00am.

Also, **Adekusibe Adebiyi**, whose funeral Mass will take place at Holy Family Church, 11:30am on Wednesday, March 18.

We keep their families and friends in our prayers.

Change to Weekday Mass Arrangements

This coming Tuesday, March 10, there will be **no morning Mass** in either church. Instead, the evening Deanery Station Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Church, 7:00pm.

Lenten Deanery Station Masses

Deanery Station Masses are celebrated on Tuesday evenings throughout Lent, as follows.

Mar. 10: Holy Family, Limeside.

Mar. 17: St Patrick's, Oldham.

Mar. 24: Ss Aidan & Oswald, Royton.

Masses begin at 7:00pm. For anyone having pre-booked transportation, bus pickup times are 6:15pm from St Mary's Church, and 6:25pm from Holy Family Church. Note that there is no bus pickup from St Mary's on Tuesday, March 10.

Manchester Chinese Catholic Community (MCCC) Mass

MCCC would like to invite you to their monthly Masses. These take place on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00pm in Salford Cathedral's temporary church, Great George Street, Salford, M3 6EH.

Međugorje Pilgrimage 2026

We are planning a Parish pilgrimage to Međugorje, departing Wednesday October 7, 2026; returning Wednesday October 14. This is a wonderful opportunity to answer Our Lady's call. The cost is £699.00 per person, which includes flight, transfers, 7 nights bed, breakfast and dinner. Please see Lisa or Mike Leunig (phone 07850 391 570), or one of the priests, for more information.

Bonus Ball St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw: February 28. Winning no. 23 – Clare Williamson. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 minus £2.00 admin costs = £143. Next draw: Saturday, March 28 (Easter double-stake draw). Prize: £300. To church fund: £290 est. Price £10 per number. Pay by Thursday, March 26. **Charity Bonus Ball**: Previous draw: February 28. Charity: Cancer Research UK. Winning no. 23 – Maria Sumner. Prize: £150. To charity: £140 (1 number unpaid = £5). Next draw: Saturday, March 28 (Easter double-stake draw). Charity: Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Prize: £300. To charity: £290 est. Price: £10 per number. Pay by Thursday, March 26. **Late payments will not be accepted.**

ORDER OF MASS

HYMN 529

O Lord, my God (how great thou art)

PENITENTIAL ACT

General Confession

All say together:

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and
sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do,**

(Striking breast:)

**through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore, I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our
God.**

Kýrie Eléison

Choir: Kýrie, eléison¹.

All: Kýrie, eléison.

Choir: Christe eléison².

All: **Christe eléison.**

Choir: Kýrie, eléison.

All: **Kýrie, eléison.**

Sung in the original Greek, translating as follows:

¹ *Lord, have mercy.*

² *Christ, have mercy.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

'Give us water to drink.'

In those days: The people thirsted for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' And the LORD said to Moses, 'Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall

come out of it, and the people will drink.' And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

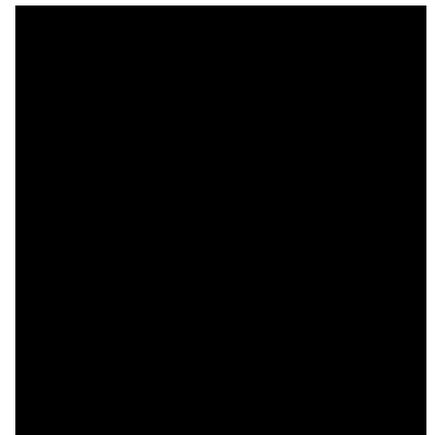
Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

All sing the response:



1 Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

2 O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

3 O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.’

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit who has been given to us.

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung)

Cantor: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Cantor: Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, so that I will not be thirsty.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

‘A spring of water welling up to eternal life.’

At that time: Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?’ (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, “Give me a drink”, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.’

Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come here.’ The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’

Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the

Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming — he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I who speak to you am he.’ Just then his disciples came back. They marvelled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you seek?’ or, ‘Why are you talking with her?’ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ‘Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?’ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, ‘Rabbi, eat.’ But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Has anyone brought him something to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, “There are yet four months, then comes the harvest”? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me all that I ever did.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.’

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE CREED

All say together:

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were
made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

*(All kneel or bow at the underlined
words that follow)*

and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the
Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son
is adored and is glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 262

For the healing of the nations

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the
Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

All: It is right and just.

Holy

All sing together:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of
hosts. Heaven and earth are full
of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who
comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

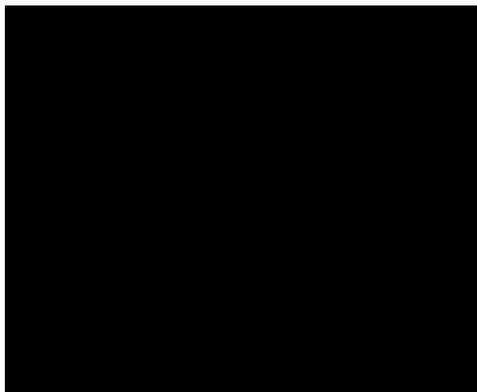
*The congregation kneel for the
remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

The Mystery of Faith

The priest sings or says:

The mystery of faith

All sing together:



Conclusion

The priest alone sings or says:

Through him, and with him, and in
him,

O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All respond:

Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

All stand: the Priest says:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare
to say:

All sing:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come,
thy will be done**

on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

The priest alone continues, saying:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every
evil,

graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,

as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus
Christ.

*We conclude the prayer together, by
singing:*

**For the kingdom, the power and
the glory are yours now and for
ever.**

Lamb of God

All sing together:

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy
on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, grant us
peace.**

Invitation to Communion

The priest says aloud:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper
of the Lamb.

And together with the people he adds:

**Lord, I am not worthy that you
should enter under my roof, but
only say the word and my soul
shall be healed.**

HYMN 215

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Song of Praise and Thanksgiving

Sing three times:

**O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving
be every moment thine.**

HYMN 700

Vaster, far, than any ocean

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