

Sanctuary Lamps

Thank you for your continued support of the Sanctuary lamps - this week dedicated to St Mary's Emerson Family

To avoid disappointment book a lamp now for 2026, especially if you want a particular date. Lamps cost £5 and burn for a week- some dates already taken!

Companions of Mary

Next meeting

Monday 20th April 2.00PM, Parish House

Newcomers welcome, just turn up.

Rosary

Thursday 2nd April at 3pm St Mary's

Rosary, online, every Wednesday at 7pm

For further information, email John at

stmarysr90@gmail.com

TLC (Talk, Listen, Care) Bereavement Support Group

Next meets Tuesday 14th April

Contact Julie Liepins on 07522 978953 for further information

Christian Meditation

The next meeting for this group will take place on Wednesday 8th April 7pm, venue to be arranged

St Mary's RC School

Easter Play- Good News

Wednesday 1st April 2026 2.00pm

Parishioners are very welcome

Refreshments will be served from 1.30pm

Please confirm your attendance with the school by calling 01706-378032

Dona Electronic Plate

Breaks the £1,000 barrier !!!

Last week saw us break £1,000 barrier in offertory donations via the DONA machines in our churches since the launch on the 14th February.

£700 of the figure was Gift Aided allowing us to claim a further £175

The figure excludes donations made to CAFOD, Mary's Meals, St Patricks Easter raffle and Piety purchases

Thankyou so much for supporting and embracing this method of donation



3 Tickets available for the **MASS OF SACRED CHRISM**

1st April 11.00am St Patricks Church Collyhurst

Please contact Derek Conway if interested, first come first served

Parish of Pope St John XXIII - Parish Priest: Fr Robert Lasia 29 MARCH 2026 - PALM SUNDAY

St. Mary's of the Annunciation

Presbytery: 40 Featherstall Road,

Littleborough, OL15 8DW

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Stmary.littleborough@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

St. Patrick's

Presbytery: 2 Watts Street,

Rochdale, OL12 0HE

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saintpatrickrochdale@hotmail.com

Website: stmarysandstpatricks.org.uk

Services to Sunday 5th April Holy Week

Monday 30th March	-	No Mass
Tuesday 31st March	10am	Full school mass at St Patrick's all parishioners welcome
Wednesday 1st April	-	No Mass
Thursday 2nd April	7pm	Mass at St Mary's followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 9pm
Good Friday 3rd April	10am 3pm	Stations of the Cross St Patrick's followed by confessions Service of the Solemn Liturgy St Patrick's
Holy Saturday 4th April	7pm	Easter Vigil St Mary's
Easter Sunday 5th April	9.30am 11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's Mass at St Marys

Coffee Morning St Marys after mass

12th April Parish Centre

All welcome



Bake Sale and Coffee Morning

After 9.30 am Mass

April 12th

St Patrick's Parish House

Cash & Card Payments

Accepted

St Patrick's Easter Hamper Raffle

The Companion of Mary thank all those who supported their Easter Raffle which raised £176. The winning ticket was 873 and the hamper has been claimed



Offertory collection in churches for week ending 22nd March
Gift Aid £417
Loose £436
Electronic Plate £ 125
Thankyou so much to a parishioner of St Patrick's
for the donation of £79 raised from a bag sale



Thank you for Masses received up to w/e 29th March
Lately Date Joyce Creagh, Kathleen Boreland



We pray for those who are sick:
 Robert Fitzgerald, Mary Ascough, Pat Brown, David Cunningham, Ann Deering, Beryl Hampton, Jane Mason, Pat May, Anthony McCarron, Cindy Nuttall, Peter O'Donnell, Anne Peacock, Vanessa Mennella, Sheila Byrne, Illona Eckhard, Christine Wildman

If you would like to include someone on the sick list please fill in the relevant form (available from the back of church). (This is to comply with safeguarding rules.)

Lately Dead
Joyce Creagh, Kathleen Boreland
May they rest in the peace of there Crucified and Risen Saviour

26/27 Gift Aid Envelopes
 For those parishioner who donate using Gift Aid envelopes ,the 26/27 ones are now available to collect from the back of the churches

Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Assisi. Oct 13 - 223rd 2026

Details on the notice boards

If you are interested ring Jeanette on 07717222830

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur up to 29th March:
Dawn Patricia Moran, Monica Ginty, Michael Devine, Henry Frain, Elsie Lord, Angelo Grande, Mary Knipe, Mary Greene, Mary Frain, David Lord, John Lavin, Bridget Clegg, Mona Hitchin, Thomas Bellew, Pauline Lucketti, Richard Duffy, Mary Carter, Kathleen Doolan, Richard Gibbons Stanley Turner, Arthur Harper, Frances Kernan, Thomas Hill, Thomas Lavin, Aubrey Beckett, Monica Leeworthy, Lucy Maude Brennan

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING MEETING

For all parishioners who are required to hold an enhanced DBS - Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists (including children's liturgy leaders), members of Church Finance Teams (inc counters & APF collectors) and all Key holders are all requested to attend essential Safeguarding Training on

Monday 20th April 2026 at 6.30pm in St Patrick's Parish Rooms at St Patrick' School on Foxholes Road.

Also any other parishioners who are registered as a volunteer (greeters, readers, cleaners, flower arrangers, musicians & choir, collectors).

For information, please speak to either; Angela Garvey (St Mary's) or Monica Walczak (St Patrick's).



Evening of Prayer and Reflection
 This takes place, Palm Sunday at 7pm in St. Mary's Church.
 A slightly different format this year. We decided not to light candles during the reflections because we thought they distracted from the images being shown. The evening is based on the Stations of the Cross - for each Station there will be two Slides to focus on - one from the traditional Stations and one from the present day.; also a reading, a prayer and a hymn. What better way could there be to start Holy Week? Afterwards you can meet friends old and new in the Parish

St Mary's Parish Centre
Vocal Entertainer Martin James
 Raising Funds for the Sanctuary Windows
 Thursday 30th April 202 1-15pm –3pm
 £8 per person, tea & coffee and raffle

GETTING IN TOUCH	WEBSITE: stmarysandstpatricks.org.uk
Parish Administrator St Mary's and St Patrick's	Mr Derek Conway TEL: 644412 OFFICE HOURS: 8.30 am to 2 pm Mon-Wednesday (St Pat's) 9.30am to 12.30 pm Thursday (St Mary's)
Safeguarding	St Patrick's: Mrs Monica Walczak 07803 345175, St Mary's: Mrs Angela Garvey 01706 350373
Parish Centre, St Mary's	Angela, 01706 372990
Gift Aid	Both churches Derek Conway 01706 644412
Gift Shop	St Mary's: Clare Davies, 07813 655014 St Patrick's: Derek Conway 01706 644412

Rota for Sunday 5 April		
	St Mary's	St Patrick's
Greeters	TBA	Christine Buckley Kath Lomax
Welcome	TBA	Christine Buckley
Readers	Jamie Rachel	Mike Turner Harrison Kenedium Annette Bagaglia
Eucharistic Minister	Julie Leipins Joan Schofield	Kath, Christine, Regi
Gift Shop	Clare	Fran Caldecutt Christina Chadwick
Musicians	Peter	Tom, Caron
Children's Liturgy	-	-
Church Closing	-	Monica
Counters	Own rota	Christine & Derek