

Sanctuary Lamps

Thank you for your continued support of the Sanctuary lamps - this week dedicated to St Mary's Kevin John Mooney - Birthday

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 23rd March 2.00PM, Parish House
Newcomers welcome, just turn up.

Rosary

Thursday 19th March 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 25th March 7pm, Sister Noel's

A copy of the 2025 St Mary's accounts are included with St Mary's newsletters and will be sent electronically to e-mail Recipients.

Thankyou so much for everyone who supported the Houghton Weavers concert for the children and families trust going to Lourdes in July .

It was a very enjoyable evening which raised £1,045



Evening of Meditation for Palm Sunday

Sunday 29th March 7pm St Mary's Church

Based on the Stations of the Cross- with slides, readings, prayers and hymns—a fitting start to Holy Week.

Hot cross buns and tea/coffee afterwards in the Parish

St Patrick's Easter Hamper Raffle

Tickets available Sunday 22nd March priced £1

Draw will take place after 9.30am Mass

Tickets will also be available for parishioners attending mass on Saturday 21st March



Parish of Pope St John XXIII - Parish Priest: Fr Robert Lasia 15 MARCH 2026 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE

St. Mary's of the Annunciation

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Services to Sunday 22nd March

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| Monday 16th March | 10am | Mass at St Mary's |
| Tuesday 17th March | 10am | Full school mass at St Patrick 's all parishioners welcome . Feast of St Patrick |
| Wednesday 18th March | 10.0am 1.00pm | Full school mass at St Mary's All parishioners welcome St Patrick's Requiem mass Mary Patricia Roche  |
| Thursday 19th March | - | No Mass |
| Friday 20th March | 10am | Mass at St Mary's |
| Saturday 21st March | 10-10.30am 12pm 5.30pm | Confession at St Mary's Mass at St Patrick's followed by confession Syro-Malabar Mass |
| Sunday 22 March | 9.30am 11.15am 4.00pm | Mass at St Patrick's Mass at St Mary's Stations of the Cross St Mary's |

Gift Shops –St Patrick's & St Mary's

Our gift shops in churches have a selection of cards: St Patrick's Day, Easter, Mass, Sympathy, Support, Birthday, Baptism or 'open' cards which leave room for your own words of encouragement at a particular moment in time.

New stock of inexpensive rosary beads, First Communion bracelets, First Missals, Cross and chain, and other suggested gifts. Our proceeds from sales in the shop are minimal (but every little helps), so if you haven't been in for a while, please pop in - we're open before and after Mass each Sunday, and you can use cash or card.

Thank you



Today we celebrate the love, strength, and sacrifices of mothers everywhere.

To the mums who guide us, support us, and fill our lives with warmth — thank you for everything you do. Your love shapes who we are in ways words can never fully express.

And today we also hold close the memories of the mothers who are no longer with us. Though they may be gone from our sight, their love, lessons, and spirit live on in our hearts every single day.



Offertory collection in churches for week ending 8th March
Gift Aid £462
Loose £474
Electronic Plate £ 116



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

Pat Roche, Joyce Creagh

May they rest in the peace of there Crucified and Risen Saviour

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur up to 15th March:

Victor Hyde, Lily Barker, Cornelius Grogan, Janet Farrar, Phyllis Rochelle, James Francis McCabe, Rosemary Andrew, Gerard Scanlon, Andrew Bagust, Thomas Edward Clough, Bernard Hill, Gerard Deering, Rita Bramwell, Maureen Mckenna, Patrick Devine, Norman Peacock, Mary Baron, Mary Cummaskey, Edmund Tobolski Kathleen Byrne, Arthur Thomas Neary, Cuthbert Kelly, Terence Garvin, Carol Lowson, Bernard Hayhurst, Elizabeth Howarth, James Crabtree, James Hudders, Hugh Hamill

Thank you for Masses received up to w/e 15th March

Lately Dead Joyce Creagh x2

Anniversary James Thomas Crabtree, Rita Bramwell

Sick Tony Cragg



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

The requiem mass for Pat Roche will take place at St Patrick's- 1pm Wednesday 18th March



Hard of Hearing?

Many of us watch TV using subtitles, so you might like to know that Rochdale's Reel cinema has a weekly film with subtitles. It's usually on a Tuesday, late afternoon (4.30 or 5.30), in very comfortable seats and costs just over a fiver. There is still sound for those who don't need subtitles but at the moment it's poorly attended. The film is always one of the current releases. If we don't use it, we will lose it!

Choir Practice

Choir practice will next be held on Sunday 22nd March in St Mary's Church 7pm

We are now practising for Holy Week and for our annual Evening of Prayer and Reflection that will take place as St Mary's on Palm Sunday Evening 29th March.

The choir will be singing at the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) in whichever church the Services take place. Any musicians or singers who would like to join in these please Whats App or Phone

Jeanette 07717 222830 or Peter 07711 884338 or just come along to the practice on Sunday, you will be most welcome

Sacramental Program—Preparation

Sunday's after 9.30am Mass—St Patrick's

March 22nd

April 12th & April 19th

May 31st

June 7th & June 21st

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 28th June 2026

Rota for Sunday 22 March

| | St Mary's | St Patrick's |
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| Greeters | Angela David | Pat Lord Ketty Day |
| Welcome | David | Christine Buckley |
| Readers | Barry K Helen J | Ademayowa Odeleye Christine Buckley Mark Bagaglia |
| Eucharistic Minister | John Kaye Johanna Howard -Schofield | James Parathot, Lilly, James Slater |
| Gift Shop | Clare | Christine Buckley Kath Lomax |
| Musicians | Peter | Tom, Caron |
| Children's Liturgy | - | Monica |
| Church Closing | - | Kate |
| Counters | Own rota | Frances & Kate |

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| 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 |