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Week commencing Sunday 13th April: Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

Sat 12th	Ferial First Mass of Sunday	9.30am 6.30pm	Volunteers and Benefactors of our Parish Tom & Sarah McDonnell, Kathleen Hughes
Sun 13th	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord <i>Both Masses start outside</i>	8.30am 10.30am	The Banville family RIP Parishioners
Mon 14th	Monday of Holy Week	9.30am 7.30pm	John Slevin RIP <i>Living Water Prayers</i>
Tues 15th	Tuesday of Holy Week	1.00pm 7.00pm	<i>Craft Team (Parish Hall)</i> Jaison (<i>successful recovery</i>)
Wed 16th	Wednesday of Holy Week	9.30am 7pm	All holy souls in purgatory <i>Diocesan Chrim Mass – Saint Anthony’s, Wythenshawe</i>
Thurs 17th	Holy Thursday	7.00pm	Priestly vocations EVENING MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER <i>followed by Watching until 10pm</i>
Friday 18th	Good Friday <i>Day of Fasting & Abstinence</i>	11.00am 3.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross led by RCIA</i> THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION
Sat 19th	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	9.30am 10.00am 8.30pm	Morning Prayer (<i>everyone is welcome NO Mass</i>) <i>Blessing of food</i> Parishioners (<i>The Vigil starts outside</i>)
Sun 20th	Easter Sunday	8.30am 10.30am	Margaret Colette Banville Thanksgiving to God

Canon Christopher writes:

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

We have arrived at Holy Week, the most important week of our lives. This week we journey with Christ through His passion, death and resurrection. This week we unite ourselves more closely to the Lord who died and rose again to bring you, and I, new life in Him. I love this week!

Please do come along for as many of the Holy Week liturgies as you can, all the details are above.

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week.

PARISH SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: This Palm Sunday, we will be holding a second collection to help cover the cost of new vestments for our parish. Your generous support will make a big difference in ensuring we have the right items for our liturgies. Thank you for your continued kindness and support!

HOLY THURSDAY: Jesus had 12 disciples with Him at the Last Supper when He humbly washed their feet, setting an example of service and love. We are still looking for 4 more disciples to take part in this special act of humility. If you feel called to volunteer, please sign up at the back of the church. Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer for the washing of the feet (*please sit on the end of a row in the centre aisle*) and other Holy Week duties.

BAPTISM TEAM: Thank you to those who have already volunteered to join the new Baptism Team. There will be a meeting in the Parish Hall on Thursday 24 April at 7pm for those who have already volunteered and for any others who would like to join the team.

TWEAKS: Canon Chris is considering reintroducing the Chalice at Sunday Masses after Easter and would value your thoughts. Also, he is considering a slight tweak to our weekday Masses for after Easter: He is proposing to move the Friday Mass to 9.30am (except the first Friday) and on Saturday to have Adoration from 11am with Confessions and Mass at 12 noon. Please let him know what you think – the feedback so far has been very positive for both.

MASS OF THE SACRED CHRISM: takes place at 7pm on Wednesday 16th April at Saint Anthony's, Wythenshawe. All are welcome to attend as Bishop Mark blesses the Holy Oils to be used in the sacraments for the coming year.

ROAD CLOSURES: On Sunday 27th April the adidas Manchester Marathon will be returning to our streets. The event will involve some road closures in Timperley and Sale. **Mass times for that weekend: Saturday 26th: 6.30pm Sunday 27th: 8.30am and 6.30pm.** For further information regarding road closures, please visit <https://www.manchestermarathon.co.uk/route/road-closure-info/>.

THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH (Nehemiah 8:10): All are welcome to join us for a time of Scripture & live worship music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Benedict's Catholic Church, Hall Road, Handforth, SK9 3AD on Sunday 4th May 2025, 7pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

ASSISTED SUICIDE VOTE: Thank you to everyone who signed the card in opposition to the assisted suicide bill. We have sent all the signed cards to the House of Commons. Additionally, our local SPUC team have requested a meeting with the local MP to discuss his stance and vote on this issue. As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of life and the dignity of every person, and it is vital that we continue to speak up. Thank you once again for your dedication to protecting life, whether through prayer, contacting an MP, or any other form of support.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: On Thursday 1 May we are hosting Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as part of a national Jesus Youth initiative. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 5pm until 10pm – all are welcome. More details to follow.

LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL VACANCY: is looking for a Lay Chaplain. Closing date: Wednesday, 23 April 2025 at 10am Visit <https://www.loretogrammar.co.uk/812/vacancies> for more information.

MAGAZINES FOR SYMT: if you have any old magazines that the Youth Mission Team can have for young people on their retreats to cut up and use in their various reflections and activities, please leave them at the back of church. Many thanks.

GIFT AID AND NON GIFT AID ENVELOPES: There are Gift Aid and Non-Gift Aid envelopes available in the porch—please collect yours. The new tax year started on **6th April**, please **do not use the old (yellow) envelopes anymore.**

TOUR OF THE RELICS OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: St. Columba, St. Andrew and St. Margaret relics will be at St. Anne's Church in Rock Ferry between 25th – 27th April. Please see the poster advertising full details in the porch.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN: The 2025 Shrewsbury Pilgrimage will take place from 25th to 31st July. Brochures and booking forms are available at www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: On Sunday 27th April 2025 at St Vincent's, Altrincham. The church opens at 1.30pm; the Confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2.00pm; the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00pm; Mass starts at 3.30pm. The nine-day Novena starts on Good Friday. For more information, please contact Noel noel@loughreys.com.

THE DIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS: is being celebrated by Bishop Mark on Saturday 21 June at 12 noon in Holy Angels, Hale Barns. All are welcome. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, please let Zuzana in the Parish Office know before Easter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those who have died recently: Pauline Thompson whose funeral is still to be arranged. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: please pray for Pope Francis, ZiNing Joseph Lin, John R., William C., AE B., Amrut, Sue O'M., Anna B., Valentine M., Jozef and Anna M., Gary C., Niall O'H., Gerard, Jim & Bernadette S., Gerry B., Hannah H., Denis C., Kitty D., Seema Mc., Lisa C., Sam H., A.P., Jo R., Timothy M., Margaret B., May & John H., Anne L., Brian T., George Mc.; John R., and Berandette B.

OFFERINGS: Thank you all very much for your offerings of **£847.99** (plus standing orders). There was £60 donation for the livestream. The Coffee after Sunday Masses Team donated **£56.62**. Our amazing Craft Team worked wonders knitting and creating beautiful Easter chicks and cards. Thanks to their efforts, we raised **£71.10!** All the money will go directly to supporting the Trafford South Foodbank. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!**