

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5.30 p.m. St. Thomas's

Sunday 9.30 a.m. St. Sebastian's

Sunday 11.00 a.m. St. Thomas's

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Thursday 9.15 a.m. in St. Thomas's Church.

Friday 9.15 a.m. in St. Sebastian's Church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY 30/04/2023

St Thomas

5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: Michael Breen —Anniversary
- Thanksgiving for King Charles III.

11.00 am - Sunday: Margaret Breen – For 18
Years Anniversary of Michael Breen

St Sebastian

9.30am - St Sebastian: (i) Theresa Davies– For the
Anniversary of Beatrice Davies

(ii) For the intention of David and Lisa

Tuesday : School Mass at 11.30 am - St Sebastian.

Thursday at 10 am — St Thomas : Funeral Mass. No
morning Mass.

Friday at 9.15 am — Morning at St Sebastian.

ST SEBASTIAN'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Today, during the 9.30 am, children between 4-8 year olds to reflect on the Gospel reading in appropriate way for their age group.

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: Thethreemartyrs Salford.

Office Days and Hours

Tuesday - Friday
11am –3pm

Monday & Friday
9am –1pm
(Parish Secretary)

Sick Calls **Any time**

Marriage Celebrations

Six months notice!
Book an appointment
with the Parish Priest for
the arrangement.

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday 4.45 - 5.15 p.m.

at St. Thomas's

Sunday 9.00 - 9.15 a.m.

at St. Sebastian's

(and after morning masses)

*For any pastoral needs, call
to book an
appointment*

**THANK YOU FOR
WORSHIPPING
WITH US!**

THE PARISH OF THE THREE MARTYRS

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7th May 2023 - Fifth Sunday of Easter A

Parish Priest

Fr Alphonsus Anaele CSSp

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Caliel Nguikap CSSp

Safeguarding Officers

St Thomas - Lynda Eastham

St Sebastian - Theresa Davies

Parish Sec/Admin

Geraldine Nwachukwu



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"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"

The Gospel of today is a reflection of the love and care Jesus has for his disciples and for us today. He knew how confused his disciples were as the time of his death was approaching. He called them to calm them down and direct them to the channel that will bring them peace and fulfilment. By telling them, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have to have faith and trust and love. You have to have faith in God, you must trust in God and you must love God. And you must have faith in me and trust me, for I and the Father are one," Jesus was dissipating their fears of what would happen when he would no longer be physically present with them. What Jesus was telling was simply that "to know me is to love me, to walk with me is to share my life, and, at the same time, it is for me to love you and to let you not only share my life, but allow me to share yours with you." To Thomas who did not understand where Jesus was going, he told him: "I am the way, the truth and the life. If you know me, love me, trust me and you will also know my Father. From now on, you do know Him because you see Him all the time." This is because Jesus is the image of the unseen Father. Col. 1.15 & Heb.1:3. This is a bold statement from Jesus. And to Philip who wants Jesus to show him the Father, Jesus said: "Philip, whoever sees me, sees the Father. How can you say 'show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me and we are together with you? All these underline the divinity of Jesus, the God made man!

WELCOME EVERYONE to Mass at The Parish of The Three Martyrs, Salford, covering - St Thomas Higher Broughton, St Sebastian Pendleton and St Boniface, Lower Broughton . Welcome especially if you are a visitor or you are worshipping with us for the first time. Please introduce yourself to the priest or other members of the parish. Please take away with you this weekly bulletin and accept it as an invitation to join in any of our parish activities.

DIOCESAN SYNOD: Bishop John has officially announced the diocesan Synod for the Diocese of Salford ending in 2025. There will be a formation on the Synod taking place on **Thursday 11th May 2023, 7pm-9pm** at St Ambrose Barlow RC High School, Swinton, M27 9QP Register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/621695878107

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION FUND: We have a special collection to support the formation of the diocesan seminarians and candidates for the permanent diaconate in the diocese of Salford. This takes place as we leave the church. Let us be generous with this.

UPCOMING EVENTS

21/05/2023 - First Holy Communion St Thomas at 2.30pm

18/06/2023 - First Holy Communion St Boniface at St Thomas at 2.30pm

25/06/2023 - First Holy Communion St Sebastian at 2.30pm

10/06/2023 - Parish Summer Fair at St Thomas Primary School, from 2pm - 4pm.

11/06/2023 - Name Tag Sunday - Social Sunday nicknamed "Know your neighbour Sunday." Do you know the name of the person sitting beside you?

International Mass Sunday - **2nd July 2023** at St Thomas and **9th July** at St Sebastian. Let the different communities : African, Asian & European communities organise to animate the masses. It is a social Sunday of interaction and sharing. You can bring your local food to share.

SURVIVORS MASS: *Tuesday 9th May, 7pm St Patrick's Catholic Church, Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 5HF.* This month, we unite with people across the globe in taking part in a worldwide day of prayer for survivors of abuse. We will be marking the day in our diocese with a Mass at St Patrick's in Collyhurst on Tuesday 9th May at 7pm. All are welcome to take part in this celebration of Mass with Bishop John, members of our Diocesan Safeguarding Team, and others.

PARISH SUMMER FARE: Parishioners can now start to bring in items for the SUMMER FAIR which will be on Saturday 10th June. We need bric - a - brack (objects and ornaments of value - no broken items), books, CD's and DVD's, jig saws and board games, new items for the Tombola and children's Tombola, children's toys and books. We are also looking for anyone who can bake cakes to be sold on the day. Please **DO NOT SEND** electrical items or clothes. We are also need volunteers to help run the stalls. If you are interested, please see Fr Alphonsus or Linda Eastham. All the money raised is used to maintain the church.

FUNERAL: We regret to announce the death of **Caroline Josephine Mary Lloyd**. A funeral Mass will be celebrated for her on Thursday, 11th May 2023 at St Thomas Church at 10 am, followed by committal at Agecroft Cemetery at 11:00am. May her soul rest in peace.

BAPTISMS: If you are a Parishioner of The Parish of the Three Martyrs and you require a baptism for your child or children, please take a "Request to Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism" form from the back of church, complete it and return it to the presbytery letter box in an envelope labelled "Baptismal Request." Baptisms will take place at 11.00 a.m. at St. Thomas's on the First Saturday of the Month and at St. Sebastian's on the Second Saturday of the Month. Baptismal preparation Meetings will take place at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church at 6.00 p.m. on the last Friday of the Month. The meeting is important for parents to attend for the Baptism to take place. Godparents are welcome.

CHEQUES: When using cheques for Mass Intentions or for donations, please ensure they are made payable to "**TSDT The Three Martyrs**" - **Barclays Bank. A/c 60155926. Sort Code 205534.** Thank you.

COFFEE MORNINGS : We have tea/coffee mornings in St Thomas on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. And in St Sebastian, it takes place every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month because of the children's liturgy.

PARISH COMMITMENT: We wish to thank everyone volunteering for one service or the other in our parish. We wish to extend the invitation to everyone in our parish to volunteer in making our parish life better. There are many services in the church from ushering to reading and singing. Let us all get involved .

COMMUNION ON BOTH KINDS (BREAD AND WINE): In the Diocese of Salford, Holy Communion on both kinds has been restored as in many dioceses of England and Wales. However this is left at the discretion of pastors to apply in their respective parishes. I am wondering if we are ready to receive Communion on both kinds. Could I invite us to start by shaking hands freely during the exchange of peace and gradually we shall introduce Communion on both kinds in our churches. I need your opinion on this.

HOMELESSNESS: We can support our local drop-in centre by picking up a leaflet in church, and putting any of the goods listed that we can spare into the box at the back of the church labelled 'Salford Loaves and Fishes.' Thank you.

APF MISSIONS (Red Boxes): The Annual Mass for the APF Missions will take place at Salford Cathedral on Saturday 3rd June at 3.00pm. All APF supporters in the parish are invited to join in celebrating with others from across the Diocese.

PARISH COLLECTIONS FOR 30TH APRIL 2023

St Thomas £320 St Sebastian £143

Total for the parish £463

Thank you for your support!

Thought for the Week

"Something is not right, if other things take away space for prayer. It is God who does things, and we do very little. God does things in His Church. It is, therefore, prayer that makes the Church progress".— Pope Francis.