

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: Ogaga Godpower- Sick.

* For the intentions of the

Umuakpero family

11.00 am - Sunday: Violet Armstrong – LD

* Robert Gallagher - Anniversary

* Etongwe Sylvanus Ikoie - anniversary.

St Sebastian

9.30am - St Sebastian: Ogaga Godpower- Sick.

* For the intentions of the

Umuakpero family

11.30 am Tuesday - St Sebastian's :- School Mass

10.00am Wednesday - St Sebastian : Requiem Mass for Vivien Monk.

ST SEBASTIAN'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Next Sunday during the 9.30 am for children Of 4-8 year olds to reflect on the Gospel reading in appropriate way for their age group.

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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 p.m.- 5.15

p.m. at St. Thomas's

Sunday 9.10 a.m.- 9.25 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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30th April 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Easter A

Parish Priest

Fr Alphonsus Anaele CSSp

Spiritans Seminarian

Caliel Nguikap CSSp

Safeguarding Officers

St Thomas - Lynda Eastham

St Sebastian - Theresa Davies



The entrance door to any house is very important. When the door opens there is easy access to the house and if it closes, the access is closed. The door serves as a protection to those in the house. Jesus calls himself the door to the sheepfold. Jesus' role as the door underscores the exclusivity of the access He provides to God the Father. In [John 10:1](#), Jesus warns against those who try to enter the sheepfold by illegitimate means, calling them "thieves and robbers." By asserting His position as the door, Jesus clarifies that there is only one true path to God, and that path is through faith in Him ([Acts 4:12](#)).

The metaphor of Jesus as the Good Shepherd reveals His deep love and dedication to His followers. In [John 10:11](#), Jesus declares, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." This powerful statement foreshadows Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross, where He willingly laid down His life to save humanity from sin and offer us eternal life ([John 3:16](#)). May Jesus the Shepherd and the Door of the sheepfold, guide us on our journey!



Parish served by Spiritans

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WELCOME EVERYONE to Mass at The Parish of The Three Martyrs, Salford, covering - St Thomas Higher Broughton, St Sebastian Pendleton and *St Boniface (extinct)*. 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: this supports the formation of seminarians and candidates for the permanent diaconate in the diocese of Salford. This takes place next Sunday. Let us be generous with this.

UPCOMING EVENTS

21/04/2023 - 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 world-wide 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.

YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS MASS FOR ST JOSEPH THE WORKER: Tuesday 2nd May, 12.10pm St Antony's Church, Trafford Park, Manchester YCW (Young Christian Workers), Impact, and St Antony's Centre invite you to celebrate the feast of St Joseph the Worker on Tuesday 2nd May 2023. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 at St Antony's Church followed by a light lunch at YCW HQ, St Antony's House, Eleventh Street, Trafford Park, Manchester. M17 1JF.

FUNERAL: We regret to announce the death of (1)**Mrs Vivien Monk:** A funeral Mass will be celebrated for her on Wednesday, 03rd May 2023 at St Sebastian Church at 10am followed by committal at Agecroft Crematorium. (2) **Caroline Josephine Mary Lloyd:** A funeral Mass will be celebrated for her on 11th May 2023 at St Thomas Church at 10 am followed by committal at Agecroft Cemetery at 11:00am . May their souls rest in the peace of the Lord.

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.

MAY ROSARY DEVOTION: The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Families are encouraged to say the rosary. Could someone lead the rosary on Sundays twenty minutes before Mass in both churches.

PARISH COLLECTIONS FOR 16TH APRIL 2023

St Thomas £416 St Sebastian £124

Total for the parish £540

23rd April 2023

St Thomas £363 St Sebastian £153

Total for the parish 516

Thank you for your support!

Thought for the Week

And so, Jesus is both the shepherd who guides the sheep and the gate that protects them . He is the One who follows us even into our deserts and confusion... the One who took up on his shoulders the lost sheep, which is humanity, and carried it home." Pope Benedict XVI