

## 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 21/05/2023

#### St Thomas

#### 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass/Sunday Mass

- (i) Michael Glynn - RIP
- (ii) Helena Glynn- RIP
- (iii) Joyce Sammon- RIP
- (iv) Christopher Michael Ellis (Mick) - RIP

#### St Sebastian

- 9.30am - (i) Teresa Leonard- RIP  
(ii) Kathleen Burns- Happy Birthday

11.30 am: Tuesday - St Sebastian :- School Mass

10:00 am: Thursday - Funeral Mass for Christopher Ellis.

Note: No morning Mass.

09.15 am: Friday :- Morning Mass - St Sebastian's Church.

12.00pm: St Sebastian's :- Funeral Mass for Stephen Michael Lube

### 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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**21st May 2023 - Seventh Sunday of Easter A**

#### *Parish Priest*

Fr Alphonsus Anaele CSSp

#### *Spiritans Seminarian*

Caliel Nguetak CSSp

#### *Safeguarding Officers*

St Thomas - Lynda Eastham

St Sebastian - Theresa Davies

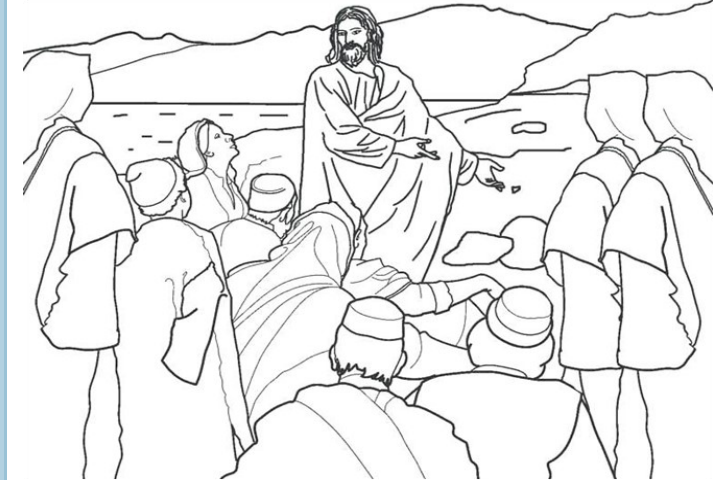
#### *Parish Sec/Admin*

Geraldine Nwachukwu



*Parish served by  
Spiritans*

*Registered Charity  
No.250037*



### ***"They all joined in continuous prayer"***

Prayer is a spiritual experience that brings us nearer to the Divine. It is communion with God. The apostles coming back from Mount Olives after the Ascension of the Lord were joined in deep prayers with Mary the mother of Jesus together with the other disciples in the community. They were following the instruction Jesus gave "not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised." That was the first novena, this prayerful wait of nine days for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Ever since, the church has always copied the apostles to wait in prayers before every Pentecost.

While with them Jesus had taught them to pray. They understood the powers in prayers. Prayers lift us up from the burden of despair and fear. It instills in us courage. Prayer gives hope. One who prays realises that God is still in charge no matter what the situation could look like. Prayer is a powerful weapon against the forces of evil.

Jesus himself was a man of prayer. He never stopped praying. In today's Gospel Jesus prays to his Father to be glorified and that his disciples would have eternal life. And eternal life is the knowledge of God.

**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.

### 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?

One World Family 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.

**PARISH SPRING/SUMMER FAIR:** 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. There are flyers you could take away .

**SUMMER FAIR MEETING:** There will be a meeting for anyone available to be part of the Spring/Summer Fair Activities; Thursday, 25th May 2023 by 7pm and Sunday 4th June 2023 by 12noon after Mass in St Thomas' Church. This is open to anyone who wants to volunteer to run the stalls.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Pentecost is the feast of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and the birth of the Church. It is also the foundational feast of the Spiritans ( Holy Ghost Fathers). Traditionally in Manchester, parishioners of the parishes where we work gather at St Anne's Church, Ancoats M4 7EQ, for a community Mass. The Mass starts at 12 noon. Everyone is invited. On Pentecost Sunday, we shall ask you to support us in our missions. With the Bishop's permission there will a second collection for the Spiritan missions.

**PENTECOST NOVENA:** In preparation for Pentecost, we make a novena to the Holy Spirit following the ways of the disciples. Copies of the Novena could be found at the entrance of the church.

**MANCHESTER AND SALFORD ECUMENICAL WHIT WALKS:** On the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, the Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walks will return to the streets of Manchester once again. This is the first time the walks have taken place since 2019, when more than 1,000 people joined this 200-year-old tradition. This year the procession will leave Cathedral Gardens at 10.00am and will process to the centre of town for an Act of Worship, before returning to Manchester Cathedral.

**FUNERALS:** (1)**Chrisitopher Michael Ellis** . A funeral Mass will be said for him on Thursday 25th May at St Thomas Church at 10 am, followed by committal at the Agecroft cemetery. (2) **Stephen Michael Lube**. A funeral Mass will be said for him on Friday 26th May at St Sebastian Church at 12 noon followed by committal at Agecroft cemetery at 1 pm. May they rest in peace.

**INFANT 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.

**SUMMER ART EXHIBITION:** St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School holds a summer Exhibition this week from Tuesday to Thursday (23rd -25th May) in the Parish Hall at 2:45 -3:45pm.

**CONFIRMATION:** Congratulations to all our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Tuesday. Please you are invited to take active roles in our parish community.

**MASS FOR LGBT+ Catholics:** The Diocese of Salford is delighted to share the date of its next diocesan Mass for LGBT+ Catholics and their friends and families. The Mass will take place at 6pm on Sunday 28th May at St Augustine's RC Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester. All are welcome to attend.

### PARISH COLLECTIONS FOR 14TH APRIL 2023

**St Thomas £399 St Sebastian £157**

**Total for the parish £556**

*Thank you for your support!*

### Thought for the Week

*"Prayer is the space of dialogue with the Father, through Christ in the Holy Spirit. If in prayer we understand that each day given by God is a call, our hearts will then widen and we will accept everything. Prayer knows how to calm restlessness, knows how to transform it into availability." (Pope Francis)*