



# SAINT BONAVENTURE'S MISSIONARY AREA

Serving the Parishes of Our Lady Queen of Peace,  
Sacred Heart & Saint Peter, Saint Hilda & Saint Aidan  
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## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>17:00 Saint Anthony</b>	<b>Baby Paul (Anv)</b>
	<b>18:00 Saint Hilda</b>	<b>Mrs W Bradley &amp; Mr A Bradley</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>09:30 Saint Elizabeth</b>	<b>Joseph Lomas (Anv)</b>
	<b>10:00 Saint Aidan</b>	<b>Betty Pua (sick)</b>
	<b>11:00 Saint Anthony</b>	<b>Deceased members of the Doyle family</b>
	<b>11:30 Sacred Heart</b>	<b>Siobhan Rowan RIP</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Martyr</i>	09:00 Saint Anthony	Kerry Nathaniel (get well)
	12:00 Sacred Heart	Brian Ring (Anv)
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide</i>	09:30 Sacred Heart	Teresa Woodhouse RIP
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide</i>	09:30 Sacred Heart	Uncle Bob
	10:00 Sacred Heart	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> <i>St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor</i>	09:00 Saint Anthony	Sister Camillus Tighe (order of St Joseph)
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <i>SS Philip &amp; James, Apostles</i>	<b>11:00 Saint Anthony</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for the late John Hampson</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>The English Martyrs</i>	10:00 Saint Anthony	Soul of Joaquim Dias
	12:00 Sacred Heart	Deacon Ged Doherty (Bday)
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>17:00 Saint Anthony</b>	<b>Eileen Murphy</b>
	<b>18:00 Saint Hilda</b>	<b>Martine James (LD)</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>09:30 Saint Elizabeth</b>	<b>Mike Gilbert (sick)</b>
	<b>10:00 Saint Aidan</b>	<b>Betty Pua (sick)</b>
	<b>11:00 Saint Anthony</b>	<b>Frank Ward</b>
	<b>11:30 Sacred Heart</b>	<b>Patrick Beechinor (Anv)</b>

*Father Owen Writes:*

Welcome to this week's newsletter. In recent weeks we have been following the great 'I am' statements in John's Gospel. These are an aide memoir for the listeners of the time as their use will bring the listener right back to the time of Moses and the burning bush when God referred to His name as 'I am who am'. It is a nod towards the eternal life of God and the eternal life that is on offer with Him. That no matter what we going through now, it is not the final hurdle that life is eternal and fulfilling. So let us seek for the higher life. The life that always gives hope and is strong. The life that keeps us close to God and each other. The life that allows us to lovingly say, I am a child of God and I will follow Him wherever He may go. I will run my race in His name. I am His and He is mine! Amen

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.	Acts 9:26-31
<b>Psalm</b>	You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.	Psalm 21
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	The commandment of faith and love.	1 John 3:18-24
<b>Gospel</b>	I am the vine you are the branches.	John 15:1-8

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturdays at St Anthony's 10:30am – 11:15am & Sacred Heart 11.00am – 11.45am**

**PARISH CENSUS:** Please remember to fill in the census forms. You can pick them up from the back of all Churches, fill them in after Mass and leave them for collection. They are also available on the website, from the office, through our schools and via our social media platforms. You can request by email if easier. We are also asking you to volunteer in our parishes. Please consider donating some time to our parishes to help Father Owen and the other priests keep us moving forward.

**DISABILITY INCLUSIVE:** 30-minute Mass Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm St Peter's Catholic Church, Green Lane SK7 4EA. BSL, break out areas, refreshments after Mass. All Welcome.

**VACANCY:** The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Director of Schools and applications are now open. Details of the role and the application process can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2040730>

**ROAD CLOSURE:** Brayford Rd, off Portway next to St Anthony's car park, will be closed on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please bear this in mind when attending Mass this week.

**OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS, A MESSAGE FROM FATHER OWEN:** At the moment we are unique in that we have 5 church buildings to maintain. This is a costly business. To help us do this I have taken three decisions that I want to inform you of. Firstly I am starting an optional second collection every week. The reason I am calling it optional is because of charity

commission laws as well as other laws. If it is voluntary then it does not count as one of our extra collections and so we can still support charities local and beyond. There will be baskets at the entrance of each church so that you can freely give and help us maintain the costs of our buildings. The second decision that I have made is obtaining a small charities gambling licence so that we can raise money that way as well. There will be further information on the second decision at the end of May. At the moment we are looking at 2/ 3 big jobs in our churches. The first is Saint Anthony's where we are going to need to find a minimum of £250,000 and Sacred Heart where we are going to need to find a minimum of £25,000. There is a third decision and that is in the next piece regarding Saint Anthony's.

**SAINT ANTHONY'S ROOF:** as you have read in the above piece, we need to find a minimum of £250,000 to fix the roof of Saint Anthony's for at least the next 60-100 years if not longer. And so from the end of May we will be going back to our roots. It was the financial generosity of our forebearers that built this beautiful church. And so it is with your financial generosity that I am asking anyone with links to Saint Anthony's to donate a tile to the roof in memory of loved ones who have died or of families who were strongly linked and spent many hours worshiping in our beautiful church. The reason I am saying donate a tile is because we can claim back Gift Aid on your donation and so raise even more to help keep Saint Anthony's alive. Donation envelopes will be available from the end of May.

**ROSARY IN MAY:** Please join us for evening prayer and the rosary at the grotto of Mary at St Aidans during the month of May 6.30pm everyday day apart from Sunday. On Sundays the rosary will be said before mass at 9.45am.

### **SPUC PRO LIFE CHAIN 2024**

A peaceful public act of witness to commemorate the millions of unborn babies killed, and the families hurt, by abortion since the implementation of the 1967 Abortion Act. This peaceful act of witness spreads the message that abortion kills unborn children and hurts women and families. Please consider participating. Saturday 4th May 2024, 11am - 1pm Washway Road at Harboro Road, Sale, M33 4RA  
If you have any queries, please contact Michael on 07810 791032

### **RED BOX - THANK YOU:**

In 2023 St Elizabeths raised £711.21 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Our missionary community here at St Elizabeths is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr. Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more.

**EVENTS COMMITTEE:** Huge thanks to all who supported the quiz night last Friday. It was a great, fun night thanks to our quizmaster, Paddy. We had over 60 quizzers and we raised £303. This will enable a pilgrim to join the trip to Medjugorje in June. Our next event is a dance on 17th May at Sacred Heart with the Irish showband, Finian's Rainbow. Details to be announced.

### **WORKSHOPS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER:**

Pope Francis has designated 2024 a Year of Prayer. He urges us to embrace prayer as 'the royal road to holiness'. As part of your journey to deepen your prayer life we invite you to access a workshop entitled

**Growth in Holiness: Prayer and the Spiritual Life,** offered to you freely by the Diocese of Shrewsbury in conjunction with the Franciscan Catechetical Institute. If you wish to know more or how to sign up please contact: [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or [stephen.yates@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:stephen.yates@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**ST AIDAN'S FOODBANK:** There is a basket at the back of St Aidan's Church for donations to the foodbank.

**ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL: Has nursery and reception places** available for September. Please contact the school office 0161 998 4126 [admin@st-aidans.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-aidans.manchester.sch.uk)

**ST ANTHONY'S SVP:** The next collection for the foodbank will be on 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> May. Please place items in the blue boxes at the back of church. Many thanks to those who donated in April.

**LOURDES 2024:** There will be a meeting for the young people who have already signed up for Lourdes on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 7pm at Sacred Heart Church. We will be discussing fundraising and looking at ideas. Everyone who has registered is required to attend.

**SAINT JOSEPH'S CANDLE AT SAINT AIDANS:** Burns this week for **Margaret & Allard Moran**. If you wish to have the candle burn for your intention, please contact Joby or Jeanette.

**OUR LADY CANDLE AT SACRED HEART:** Burns this week for **Fr Owen**. If you wish to have the candle burn for your intention, please contact the office.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** We pray for **Bernard Murray, Maria Barlow, Theresa Taylor, Ray Caldwell, Susan Marley, Leroy Walcott, Pat Berry, Barbara McIlwaine, Norah Quigley, Tom Finan, Maureen Madeley, John McDonald**

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** We pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Jennifer Murray, John Charles Brown, William Fishwick, Sharon Nevin, Brian Perkins, Marjorie Trimble, James Mcquigg, John Hampson, Jean Partington & Sarah Strapp**



**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** Last week's collections are below. Thank you for your ongoing support of our work in Wythenshawe.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish	Sacred Heart & Saint Peter's Parish	Saint Hilda & Saint Aidan's Parish
Saint Anthony's £252.74	£358.37	Saint Hilda's £73.00
Saint Elizabeth's £136.82		Saint Aidan's £546.43

**Clergy**

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**Our Lady Queen of Peace  
 Saint Hilda and Saint Aidan  
 Sacred Heart and Saint Peters**

**OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri 9-3 - Sacred Heart & St Peter's**

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**Catholic Social Action Wythenshawe**

Telephone: 07907 620 891

**Wythenshawe Hospital Chaplaincy**

Telephone: **0161 291 2297** Please ring this number if you need a visit from a chaplaincy team member whilst in hospital.

**Parish Sisters**

Sr Damien – 0161 437 8772  
 Sr Maura – 0161 428 7572

Our Church locations:

<b>Sacred Heart &amp; Saint Peter's RC Church</b> Floatshall Road Baguley, Wythenshawe, Manchester M23 1HP	<b>Saint Hilda's RC</b> Kenworthy Lane, Northenden, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 4EF	<b>Saint Aidan's RC</b> 230 Wythenshawe Road, Northern Mo Wythenshawe, Manchester M23 0PH	<b>Saint Anthony's RC Church (Our Lady Queen of Peace)</b> Portway, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 0WR	<b>Saint Elizabeth's RC Church (Our Lady Queen of Peace)</b> Holliney Road Peel Hall, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 5JF
<b>OFFICE LOCATION</b>				

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