

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF HOLY CROSS, ST MATTHEW AND ST GILBERT, ECCLES

Services held at: Holy Cross, Patricroft and St Matthew's, Winton  
Parish Office: Holy Cross Presbytery, 370 Liverpool Road, Patricroft, M30 8QD



## Easter Sunday

YEAR B

Morning Prayer Week 1

A Happy and  
Holy Easter to  
All our  
Parishioners

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

**The sick:** Beatrice, Caroline, Lynne, Joe, David, Cath, Angela, Jackie, Peter, George (age 13), Christopher and Clifford, Mary, Gemma, Rosa, Daniel, John, Sheila, Michael, Martin, Joanne, Desmond, John, Joan, Janice, Bill, Harvey, Marie, Paddy, John, Martin, Kenneth, Vera, Lilly, Dennis and Gerald, May, Louise, Peggy, Matthew, Evelyn, Margaret, Anthony, Debbie, Mary, Peter, Theresa, Sylvia, Martin, Elaine, Mavis, Maureen, Johnny, Robin and Steven, Vanessa, Lyndsay, Bernard, Jack and Joan, Kevin.

**Lately Dead:** Mr Gilbert, Alice Flynn, Jim Shaw, Monica Nazareth, Walter Lobo, Paula Wilson, Winifred Stanway, Maureen Yellop, Sister Eithne McCarthy, Bill Walker.

**Anniversaries:** Tessie McElhinney, William Cusack, Anne and Clifford Preston, Rita Richardson, John Kenny, Raymond Evans, Maureen Duffy, Doris Yates, Winifred and Bill Hampton, Michael Smith, Brian and Margaret Hall, Patrick Cromey, Thomas Brehony.

**Remembrance:** Mary Gribbin, Mary Smith

**We also pray:** in thanksgiving, for world peace, for the people of Southern Cameroon, for Bishop John and the restructuring of our diocese, for the house-bound and those in hospital, nursing and residential homes, and for a number of special intentions.

### HE IS RISEN!

Today we celebrate with joy the central truth of our Faith—that Jesus, the Son of God, came to live among us as a human being, one like us in every way but sin; that he died for us all, but that by his power as God he defeated death and rose again from the grave. Today's Feast gives hope to us all in every trial. No illness, no force of nature, no act of terror can have the last word for those who hope in God. The Resurrection of Jesus is a pointer for us all, and a promise from the One who can never lie. We, too, with all our loved ones who have gone before us, can share, through Christ, in everlasting life. All we must do is accept God's free gift, in Faith, and allow the love of God to form and re-form us in the image and likeness of Himself—the true person we were made to be. Rejoice!

### READERS THIS WEEKEND

**7.00pm (Easter Vigil):**

As arranged

**9.00am:**

Please log in or see list in church

**10.30am:**

Dhari and Linta

### OFFERTORY

**Collection:** 17th/18th March: See printed version

Challenge update: See printed version

### RETIRING COLLECTIONS

**This week:** A basket will be left out for the Holy Places of Palestine

**Next week:** SVP monthly collection

*(The final "challenge" total will be announced after Easter. We are still a little short of sponsoring a priest as advertised)*

- New to the parish?
  - Know someone who is sick or in hospital?
  - Like a visit from the priest?
  - Think the parish may be able to help you, or you us, in any way?
- Please speak to Fr Martin, after Mass or at any convenient time

## MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday (Vigil Mass):</b>	6.30pm at Holy Cross
<b>Sunday Morning:</b>	9.00am at St Matthew's 10.30am at Holy Cross (with Children's Liturgy)
	<i>Tea and coffee are served after both morning Masses</i>
<b>Weekdays:</b>	See Weekday Calendar below
<b>Holydays:</b>	11.00am at Holy Cross 7.00pm at St Matthew's

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday: normally 6.30-6.50pm at Holy Cross  
Saturday: 11.00am-11.50am at St Matthew's  
and 6.00pm-6.20pm at Holy Cross  
(or at any reasonable time on request)

## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

by arrangement

*At least 6 months' notice is required for weddings, and a time of preparation is also required before Baptisms. Please speak to Fr Martin or Sr Jenny after Mass*

## Easter Week Calendar

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>11.00am Mass</b> at <b>Holy Cross</b> ( <i>Please note later time for the Bank Holiday</i> )
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer at <b>St Matthew's</b> followed by <b>9.15am Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	8.45am <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> at <b>Holy Cross</b> followed by <b>9.15am Mass</b> 7.00pm Hope in the Future meeting—Parish meeting room at Holy Cross
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer at <b>St Matthew's</b> followed by <b>9.15am Mass</b> 2-3pm Prayer Meeting at St Gilbert's Presbytery
<b>Friday:</b>	6.30pm <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> at <b>Holy Cross</b> followed by <b>7pm Mass</b> and Divine Mercy
<b>Saturday (daytime):</b>	11.00am <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> at <b>St Matthew's</b> followed by <b>12 noon Mass</b> and Novena

## THANK YOU

... to all the people, too many to list by name, who have helped in any way in the cleaning and arranging of the churches, and in the preparation and delivery of our Masses and other liturgies and events over the past week. The hard work of so many, and the great team efforts, are a great tribute to the strength of the community spirit within our parish. May this grow ever stronger as we face the challenges which lie ahead, and the plans for the diocese gradually unfold.

## PRAYER MEETING THIS WEEK

Sister Jenny will be hosting a prayer meeting at St Gilbert's Presbytery on Thursday (5th April) from 2-3pm. All welcome.

## ADOREMUS—EUCCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

This September the Catholic community throughout England and Wales will celebrate the Adoremus Congress and pilgrimage. The event will be held over three days in Liverpool's and will be celebrating our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to be part of this event please find information and a return slip in church. Please fill in the form and send back via post – you will be informed about the event and events leading up to the Congress and pilgrimage.

## LITTLE SLEEP OUT for 11-17 year olds

There will be a meeting for all who are interested with Lorraine Leonard, Diocesan Youth Ministry Co-ordinator in the Parish Room after 10:30 Mass next Sunday (8th April).

## BAGS FOR LOAVES AND FISHES

Bags (given out two weeks ago) with food or toiletries for the homeless can be left at both churches. Thank you!

**31st March/1st April 2018**

Let us pray, this Easter night/day, for the people of the parish of :



- St. Herbert, in Chadderton, with Fr. Peter McKie, their parish priest
- Sacred Heart parish, Darwen, with Fr. Brian Kealey, their parish priest.
- We pray for their parish primary schools and for Blessed John Henry Newman College, Oldham.

**May the parishes of our Diocese shine forth with the light of the Risen Lord .**

## GIFT AID ENVELOPES

New offertory envelopes are now prepared for all those who have signed a Gift Aid agreement with the parish. There is also a list to add your name if you feel you should have a box and it is not there, or if you are interested in signing an agreement. A reminder—it costs nothing, but if you are a taxpayer it is of great benefit to the parish. **Thank you.**

## DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

**Next Sunday** (8th April) is designated by the Church as "Divine Mercy Sunday." St Mary's Church, Eccles, will be holding special celebrations/devotions on the day, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 2pm, continuing with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm and Mass. Refreshments will be available afterwards. All welcome.

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**St Matthew's RC Church**  
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Winton  
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M30 8BL

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*Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey*