

# 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 A Morning Prayer Week 1

A Happy and  
Holy Easter to  
All our  
Parishioners

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following kindly in your prayers:

**The sick:** James, Catherine, Marie, Kate, Jim, Sheila, Sheila, Alex, Michael, Martin, Joanne, Aidan, Desmond, Eamon, Maureen, John, Stefa, Joan, Janice, Bill, Monica, Audrey, Ann, Malcolm, Harvey, Claire, Louise and baby Maisy, Lewis (12 yrs. old), Caitlin (age 11), Loren (age 17), Marie, Paddy, John, Martin, Kenneth, Vera, Lilly, Billy, Dennis and Gerald, May, Louise, Peggy, Matthew, Evelyn, Margaret, Anthony, Debbie, Pam, Mary, Peter, Theresa, Sylvia, Joseph, Martin, Ishrat, Elaine, Jayne and Christian, Mavis, Antony, Maureen, Johnny, Robin and Steven, Sr Alphonsus, Bernard, Vera, Jack and Joan, Kevin, Pat.

**Lately Dead:** Frances Shore, Rosemary Hedger, Doreen Stiles, Pauline Baxendale, Willie Lafferty, Annie Vale, Victims of the London terrorist attack, Tom O'Connell, Mary Pearson.

**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth and Christopher Royle, Raymond Evans, Olive Pennington, William Cusack, Raymond Evans, Francis McElvenny, Tessie McElhinney, Germain Kamanke, Maureen Duffy.

**Remembrance:** O'Regan and Evans families, Ethel and Joseph Francis, Mary Smith, Martin Platt, Maureen Denton.

**We also pray:** for world peace, for Bishop John and the restructuring of our diocese, for the housebound 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:** As arranged

### OFFERTORY

**Collection:** 8th/9th April: See printed version  
SVP: See printed version. Thank you

*We also acknowledge with thanks a generous, anonymous donation which will be divided between charitable uses.*

### RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This week: Holy Places of Palestine  
No retiring collection next week

- *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> (Please note later time for the Bank Holiday)
<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>
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer at <b>St Matthew's</b> followed by <b>9.15am Mass</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	6.30pm <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> at <b>Holy Cross</b> followed by <b>7pm Service</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.

## SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to serve on this new parish committee. More details will follow soon.

## NEW ROTAS AT ST MATTHEW'S

New rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers can be collected from the Sacristy after Mass.

## APPEAL FOR NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are still inviting new Eucharistic Ministers to join our teams at Mass, and would welcome interest from any full members of the Church who are willing to undergo simple training. **We would especially welcome interest from our younger people** (aged 16 and over). Volunteers are welcome at both St Matthew's and Holy Cross churches.

## DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

The annual pilgrimage is coming up on 6th May. Please see poster at the back of church for full details.

## DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

**Next Sunday** (23rd 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.

## SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2017

- ◇ Wednesday 19th April—see poster for details of the event at Brookhouse Community Centre.
- ◇ Coming up in September 2017—Rome pilgrimage. See poster.
- ◇ October 2017—Charity Night at the Oldham Theatre in support of Francis House. Details available from Veronica.
- ◇ December 5th—Annual Christmas Dinner at Boysnope Golf Club for parishioners and friends. More details to follow in October.

## COME AND SING

...at St Mark's, Worsley. A day in support of the Prevent Breast Cancer charity: Saturday 20th May. Volunteers are invited to rehearsals from 10.30am at St Mark's, followed by a performance at 5pm. There will be 4 choral anthems, including Allegri's Miserere. A £10 donation is requested, and tea and biscuits will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Reserve a place by emailing: [jramsdale@hotmail.com](mailto:jramsdale@hotmail.com)

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### Holy Cross RC Church

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M30 8QD

### St Matthew's RC Church

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Eccles  
M30 8BL

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St Patrick's High School: 0161 921 2300

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*Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey*