



CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN PAUL II, ECCLES

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

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Easter
Sunday
Daily
Prayer
Week 1

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 pandemic, no force of nature, no war, 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!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

The sick: Alistair, Maureen, Laurisa, Beiasha, Siobhan, Vinny, Ira, Charlotte, Vanessa, Benjamin, Sr Lucy, Wieslaw, Kevin, Susan, Mat and Amelia, David, Jimmy, Bridget, Greta, Mark, Tom, Angela, Jack, Bridie, Maureen, Peggy, Bridget, Peter, Rifa, Barbara, Edna, Ann-Marie, Liz, Stephen, Elizabeth, Irene, Shane, Sidney, Margaret, Carole, Marjorie, Anne, Agnes, Alan, Margaret, Doreen, Peter, Ann, Paul, Allan, Gwyneth, Karen, Kenneth, Kathleen, Pat, Helen, Bridget, Sara, Mary, Carole, Phil, Sarah, Alan and Mary, Molly, Anne, Patrick, David, Peter, Kevin, Helen, Lynn, Pam and Derek, Pauline, Shannon, John, Chris, Clifford, Mrs Wood, Marian, Bridget, Iris, Pauline, Sharon, Fr Mullin, Paul, Maureen, Pat, David, Terry, Betty, Kathleen, Stanley, Catherine, James, Alan, Evelyn, Elizabeth, Anne, Mary, Joan, Amanda, Pat, Billy, David, Evie, Mary, Chamari, Sheila, Monica, Clare, John, Eileen, Kathleen, Joyce, Margaret, Christine, Jean, Margaret, Deborah, Patrick, Fr Connelly, Jean, Maureen, Eleanor, Margaret, Robert, Ken, Catorina, Michaela, Tony, Elaine, Ellen, Glenes, Caroline, Lynne, Joe, Jackie, Gemma, Martin, Joanne, John, Janice, Bill, John, Vera, Lilly, Gerald, Louise, Matthew, Evelyn, Margaret, Anthony, Debbie, Mary, Peter, Theresa, Maureen, Johnny, Robin and Steven, Nicola, Don, Nijole, Roger Bryan, Ken, Stephen, Mildred.

Lately Dead: Joe Prendergast, Graham Faulkner, John Byrne, Gerry Anteo, Dave Greene, Pete Tomlinson, Michael Grosvenor, Tommy Nixon, Bridie Knowles, Margaret and Johnny Corr, Joan Davidson, Sylvia Dickinson, Geoff Knowles.

Anniversaries: Doris and Austin Smith, Raymond Evans, Gregory Lebari, William Cusack, Olive Pennington, Robert Higgins, Maureen Duffy, Fintan McGuire, Martin Platt (Birthday Anniversary), Frances Lavin (Birthday Anniversary), Mary Smith (Birthday Anniversary), Doris Yates, Teresa Crompton, Albert Maher, Fred Whittaker, Jayne Brackenridge.

Remembrance: Esther Roddy, Annie Smith, Anne Preston, Sheila Devlin.

We also pray: for Sr Kevina, Fr Sophronius, who sends us all his blessings and best wishes from Uganda, for Trish and Pat (getting married), the Delaney and Purcell families, for Gertrude, for migrants, for the people of Ukraine and all those affected by the war there, for peace all around the world, for an end to racism in all its forms. We pray for the Syro-Malabar community, for each of our schools, and for our Sacramental Programme families. We pray for all world leaders, for God's guidance and support throughout these troubled times, for the housebound and those in hospital, nursing and residential homes, for NHS and Care Home workers and for a number of special intentions.

St MARY'S

Sincere thanks to all those who worked so hard to get St Mary's ready for opening—you did an amazing job! We will not routinely open for weekday Masses yet because of the works still to be completed. The less restrictions we have to put on availability to contractors, the quicker everything should be completed. And don't forget—on Sunday 22nd May, the 9.30am Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John as a grand, formal reopening!

VOLUNTEERS for CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you to all those who volunteered at both churches for the cleaning in readiness for the Easter Triduum services. Anyone willing to join a cleaning rota for either church is welcome to contact the parish office—we'd love to hear from you!

AND SPEAKING of VOLUNTEERS...

Plans are taking shape for the re-launching of refreshments after Sunday morning Masses at both churches. We just need a few more people to help run these sessions, on a rota basis so that too much commitment does not fall on any individual or small group. If you could spare the time, please contact Marie in the parish office. Thank you!

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

Date allocations for First Communions should have been made available to all families by now, though small number of envelopes still remain to be collected. Once again, do please continue to bring the children to Mass regularly! Thank you. Any photographs that were not taken at the most recent meeting can be arranged after the 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross **next week**.

LOAVES and FISHES EASTER EGG APPEAL

Thank you for your wonderful response to the Easter Egg appeal—a total of 142 eggs has been donated and delivered with thanks. (We heard someone say it was an eggcellent achievement...!)

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection in church totalled £1,243.37. Thank you also to all those who donate by Standing Order, Direct Debit, [online](#) and via the contactless device at the back of church. Our Lenten Challenge currently stands at £752.02—will we manage our £1,500 target (for Aid to the Church in Need and the SVP)?

LENTEN CHALLENGE—extended into Easter

Our challenge this year is to raise £750.00 each (£1,500 in total) in support of ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) who are at work in many war-torn areas of the world including Ukraine, and our own SVP Conference (which works tirelessly to help local people in urgent need of support). Please note that ACN is currently at work in Ukraine with the churches there. (£682.02 so far!) As we usually do with both our Lenten and Advent challenges, we do not "close the book" at the end of the specific season, and we will continue collecting for a little while yet. Thank you for all your support.

UKRAINE

Please continue to keep the beleaguered people of Ukraine in your prayers, and everyone caught up in the conflict there. By God's Grace, let us pray for peace.

USUAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil Mass): 6.00pm at Holy Cross
Sunday Morning: 9.30am at St Mary's
11.15am at Holy Cross

*Children's Liturgies are currently suspended
Refreshments after Masses are also currently suspended*

Weekdays: See Calendar below
Holydays: As announced beforehand

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions usually available during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays and Saturdays
Please be guided by the stewards

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

by arrangement
At least 6 months' notice is required for weddings, and a time of preparation is also required before Baptism.
Please refer to the website for further information

Calendar for Easter Week – Church Opening in Red

Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil, 7.30pm at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)

Refreshments will be served in the Community Hall afterwards Do, please, stay a while and join us!

Easter Sunday

**Morning Masses, 9.30am at St Mary's
and 11.15am at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)**

Monday 18th: Sorry, no Mass on Mondays
Tuesday 19th: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)
Wednesday 20th: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)
Thursday 21st: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)
Friday 22nd: 6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (with Confessions available)
7.00pm Mass, all at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)
Saturday 23rd: 12 noon Mass at Holy Cross following a Holy Hour from 11.00am (Livestreamed)
6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) (Livestreamed)

Divine Mercy Sunday

**Morning Masses, 9.30am at St Mary's
and 11.15am at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)**

2.30pm-4.00pm **Special Divine Mercy Service** at St James' and All Souls,
Heywood Way, Salford M6 5UJ. All welcome (and no booking required this year)

Sunday's Mass will continue to be available on the [Sunday Mass](#) page of our website on Sunday and throughout the week, and on our [Facebook Page](#). It can also viewed live and during the week on our [YouTube channel](#).

RCIA

A number of adults have been preparing for Baptism and Reception into church in recent months in our programme entitled the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults." Four of their number we welcome into full Communion with us at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for Kerrie, Hayley, Edwin and Yahaya as they take this great step into our Catholic Community and into our parish family. We know you will make them most welcome!

CYCLE of PRAYER



We pray this week, throughout the diocese

the Catholic Chaplaincy to the Manchester Royal Infirmary, the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, St Mary's Hospital, the Christie Hospital and Trafford General Hospital and for Fr Martin Dowd and Fr Gavin Landers and the Chaplaincy Team. May they rejoice in the victory of Christ's Resurrection.

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Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey