



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



Easter Sunday

YEAR C Daily Prayer Week 1

A Happy and Holy
Easter to All our
Parishioners

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 in the Lord!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

The sick: Pope Francis, Patrick, Pauline, Jessie, Ifeoma, Andrew, Jill, Freya, Lee, Edna, Eileen, Peter, Aaron (age 14), Mark, Mary, Alan, Mina, Stephen, Charlie (age 10), Margaret, Eileen, Elaine, Julie, Veronica, Sheila, Stephen, Juliana, Wieslaw.

Lately Dead: Pauline Butler, Martin Cale, John.

Anniversaries: Raymond Evans, James Maguire, Christopher Royle, Patrick Nash, Elizabeth Royle (Birthday Anniv), Anthony Nash (Birthday Anniv), Pierce Carlos, Paul, David and Tommy Green and Fr John McCormack (Sunday's 9.30am Mass), Fintan Maguire, Michael Shannon, Maureen Duffy, Doris Yates, Winifred and Bill Hampton.

Remembrance: Mary and Frank Gribbin, Josephine, Sheila and George Devlin, Monica Potter, Sheila Devlin, Mary and Edward Kelly.

We also pray for: Bishop John Sherrington, named by Pope Francis to succeed Archbishop McMahon as Archbishop of Liverpool. We also pray for Mr & Mrs Ryan, for all of our parish schools, The Worsley FMSJ Sisters in thanksgiving, the people of Myanmar devastated by the earthquake there, the people of the Middle East and Ukraine and all those affected by the wars and fragile peace, for other countries suffering unrest, for migrants and refugees, for children suffering from poverty, for the victims of modern slavery, for the success of the Diocesan and Universal Synods, for Michael Wheeler, Rebecca Long-Bailey and all who serve us in Westminster, for peace all around the world, for an end to racism in all its forms. We pray for Fr Stanto and the Syro-Malabar community, and for each of our schools. 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.

JUBILEE PRAYER

Please use the Jubilee Prayer whenever you can:



Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in
your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into
tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a
new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY *(Donate via the QR Code)*

Collection: 12th/13th April: £ 1,135.17
CAFOD Myanmar: £ 258.82
Mary's Meals so far: £ 4,135.34



RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This week: Holy Places of Palestine (Triduum Collection)
Next week: We will continue the CAFOD Lenten Collection
for the next few weeks

Thank you also to all those who donate by Standing Order,
Direct Debit, [online](#) and via the contactless devices at the
back of both Churches.

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 Liturgy at most 11.15am Masses
Refreshments after 9.30am Masses at St Mary's each week
and as announced after 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross
Sunday Evening: 6.30pm at St Mary's
Weekdays: See Calendar below
Holydays: As announced beforehand

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are *usually* available during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays and Saturdays.
Please check the calendar below

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 – Main Services 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

Sunday 20th Apr: **9.30am and 6.30pm at St Mary's (with Fr Stanto)**
11.15am at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)

Monday 21st: *No Mass in the parish on Mondays*

Tuesday 22nd: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
10.00am Mass at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 23rd: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
10.00am Mass at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)

Thursday 24th: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
10.00am Mass at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)

Friday 25th: **6.00pm Quiet Holy Hour (with Confessions available)**
followed by **7.00pm Mass, all at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)**

Saturday 26th: **12 noon Mass for the Sick at St Mary's (No Holy Hour beforehand this week)**
6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday with Fr Stanto) (Livestreamed)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 27th: **9.30am and 6.30pm at St Mary's**
and 11.15am at Holy Cross

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](#).

Thank you to all our volunteers!
Your efforts over the Easter Triduum have been hugely appreciated

SVP JUBILEE MASS FOR THE SICK

This will take place **next Saturday** (26th April) at midday at St Mary's Church, with refreshments afterwards. Please contact the parish office if you are aware of someone who may need transport to come to this, or if you would be willing to assist with the refreshments. Thank you.

PARISH FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- The winners of the Easter hampers are: Ellen K, Ged D and Kate. Thank you to all those who supported this fundraiser. £258.60 was raised for parish funds.
- Tickets for the Parish afternoon tea to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day will be on sale after all Masses. The price is £3.00 and all refreshments are provided. This event will be held in Holy Cross community hall on 10th May from 2.00 to 4.00pm.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY ISLAND

...for Y7,8,9, led by Bishop John Arnold from 20th-22nd June 2025. See flyers for more information.

CYCLE of PRAYER



This week throughout the diocese we pray for the people of the parish of St Mary and St Anselm, Whitworth and Bacup, and for Fr Christopher McGrane, their parish priest, together with their two parish primary schools.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Please ensure that your children are supervised to and from the toilet. Please help us to keep them safe at all times. Thank you!

A HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUEST

The "default" position for kneelers in both churches is **DOWN**. If you need to raise them to move into or out of the bench, please ensure they are then lowered immediately. They can cause serious injury to the young and to the elderly if they fall. **If you need help to adjust a kneeler, please speak to one of the stewards who will be happy to assist you.**

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