

# 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

## Pentecost Sunday

YEAR B

Morning Prayer Week 3

### PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is plenty of scriptural evidence to suggest that the disciples were left with a degree of confusion as Jesus departed from them at His Ascension. Having been able to get used to his return to them after the resurrection, they would again have seen him as their leader, guide and decision-maker. How relieved they must have been after the traumatic events of Good Friday and their sense of loss. But now, suddenly, he announces that he is going and, rather more alarmingly, he leaves them with a mission "to go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news and baptise..." What on earth would they have made of that? Jesus had sent them out on a local mission before, but now they are to be alone and left with the command to go out to the whole world.

But of course they are not to be alone. Jesus has told them that he will be with them always and he will send the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who will remind them of all that he has said to them and lead them in all truth. I think that we must allow for some sense of bewilderment on the part of the disciples as to who this Advocate might be and how it will all work out. God has His plan but the disciples and all of us as their descendants, are to have the privilege and the challenge of putting that plan into action. Pope Francis, in all of his letters to us, most particularly in his most recent "Gaudete et Exsultate" (Rejoice and be Glad) reminds us of our personal involvement in making Christ present in our world and continuing His work through our personal holiness and action.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

**The sick:** Glenes, Rita, Mary, Stephen, Sheila, Ellen, Sr Cecily, Caroline, Lynne, Joe, David, Angela, Jackie, Christopher and Clifford, Mary, Gemma, Rosa, Daniel, John, Sheila, Martin, Joanne, Desmond, John, Joan, Janice, Bill, Harvey, Marie, 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, Stephen, Bernard, Jack and Joan, Kevin.

**Lately Dead:** Michael Dougan, Ann Madden, Margaret Byrne, Anne Smith, Sr Meir Montiel FMSJ, Peter Vernon.

**Anniversaries:** Eilidh MacLeod, James and Anne Taylor, Cecelia Jackson, Kevin Murray, Mary Kelly, Bridie, Catherine and Patrick Curran, John McGrath, John McPhillips, Bernard Collins, Mary Croft, Helen Shannon.

**Remembrance:** Brian and Martin Platt.

**We also pray:** for John Fry, for world peace, for the people of Southern Cameroon, 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.

I am very pleased and grateful to see how the people of this Diocese are responding to that invitation. Our pastoral project "Hope in the Future" is being interpreted in so many different and exciting ways in our parishes and we are certainly building that sense of mission and purpose which not only strengthens our parish communities but also has an impact on our wider neighbourhoods, particularly for the benefit of the poor, the marginalised and the isolated.

While we have seen many Catholics drift away from any attachment to a parish, even among our family members, there is every reason to believe that people will want to return when they recognise that Faith has an essential place in our lives and is not something that can be replaced by money, material goods and a very superficial sense of having fun.

I am also very grateful for the efforts of so many people to adjust to the amalgamation of parishes, even where this has included the closure of churches. The call to mission, throughout the centuries, has always meant the need to change and to step out into the unknown. But we must also remember that much remains the same in all that we believe and understand that we are called to be and to do.

On the Monday following this Feast of Pentecost, Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate a new Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church". Mary, from the moment of the Annunciation, must have lived with the confusion of all that was asked of her: The birth of Jesus, the exile in Egypt, the constant movement of His ministry, His death and Resurrection. How important it is to keep her with us in our journey, with its demands and uncertainty. The Lord has told us that He remains with us always. So does Mary, the most faithful of His disciples.

God bless you for all that you are doing to build, strengthen and renew our Faith. We travel together and ask "Stay with us Lord on our journey" as we build and strengthen our Church for future generations

Yours devotedly,

+John

Bishop of Salford

### READERS THIS WEEKEND

**6.30pm:** Logan, Michael  
**9.00am:** Please log in or see list in Church  
**10.30am:** Selina, Dari

### OFFERTORY

**Collection:** 12th/13th May See print version  
World Communications: See print version  
"Little Sleep Out" £ 381.59\*

*\*£200 of this total, sent to Caritas, Diocese of Salford, in support of the homeless, was raised individually by one of our young participants. Congratulations!*

### RETIRING COLLECTIONS

**No retiring collection** this week or next

- 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 available only after Mass at St Matthew's this week</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: 6.30-6.50pm at Holy Cross  
Saturday: 11.00-11.50am at St Matthew's  
6.00-6.20pm 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*

## WEEKDAY CALENDAR (Week beginning Monday 21st May)

<b>Monday:</b>	9.00am Rosary at <b>Holy Cross</b> followed by <b>9.15am Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.00am Rosary at <b>St Matthew's</b> followed by <b>9.15am Mass</b> 10.15am – 12.30pm Knitting Club at St Matthew's
<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 Rosary 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 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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday—the “birthday” of the Church when the Disciples, fired by the strength and enthusiasm of the Holy Spirit, left their self-imposed isolation of the Upper Room and began their public ministry in Jesus' Name. Let us celebrate with joy that we are a part of this world-wide family acknowledging its beginnings today.

## ALTAR SERVERS' GUILD

To celebrate the wonderful commitment and dedication of our Altar Servers, they will be invited at all Masses today to enrol as members of the 'Guild of St Stephen' and will be awarded medals and certificates. We give thanks to God for His work in each of them.

## INTERNATIONAL MASS

The second Annual Mass to welcome migrants and celebrate diversity will take place at **St John's Cathedral**, Salford, on Saturday 26th May at 2pm. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. To give the Cathedral staff an idea of numbers, they would be grateful if those wishing to attend would register either by phone on 0161 817 2210 or by email: [cathedral@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:cathedral@dioceseofsalford.org.uk).

## EMBRACE PROJECT

Thank you to all those who signed up for the project at the recent meeting. We are aware of a number of others who missed the meeting but had expressed a real interest in becoming involved. Please see Fr Martin for full details and an application form.

## LOURDES AT HOME

Following the Lourdes model, continues each Thursday during May, 7.30pm, at Wardley Cemetery Chapel. All welcome.

## PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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**19th/20th May 2018**

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people of the parishes of:



- The Immaculate Conception, Failsworth, with Fr. Michael Job and Fr. John Adio.
- Corpus Christi, and Holy Family and Holy Rosary, Oldham, with Fr. Gaspar Oladosu, and for the Sisters of Mercy.
- We pray for the primary schools serving these parishes.

**May the Spirit of the Lord be poured out in abundance upon us .**

## OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Every 10 years, the town of Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps is given over to an enactment of the Passion of Our Lord. Many people take this opportunity for an amazing once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage, and we are looking ahead to gauge interest in arranging a group pilgrimage from the parish. We would travel on 4th July 2020 for 5 days to Oberammergau and Munich, at a cost of £1,150 per person (single room supplement £190) payable in instalments by 5th May 2019. Full details can be found on the noticeboard at the back of church. Do, please, give this your consideration.

## ROSARY AT HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL

The “GIFT” Chaplains at Holy Cross and All Saints' school would like to invite you to their before-school Rosary sessions during the month of May. The final session takes place at 8.30am in their school chapel this Tuesday, 22nd May.

## GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

We have updated website forms etc, and will be introducing several new practices to ensure GDPR compliance.

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*Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey*