

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 A

Morning Prayer Week 1

COME, HOLY SPIRIT

Today we celebrate a Birthday - a new beginning. The age when the disciples could seek answers to their questions by asking Jesus face to face is over - he has returned to Heaven, with the promise of a new Advocate - the Spirit who will make all things clear. And today, that promise is fulfilled as the Holy Spirit descends on the apostles, and the Church is born. This Spirit dispels the fear that has kept them hidden away in the Upper Room. Now they are enabled to face the challenges ahead. The Spirit gives them the confidence of knowing the truth of Jesus's promise - to be with them to the end of time. In the Spirit, Christ will achieve all things through them. And through us too.

Today we do not simply recall events from the past. Like so many of the great events in our Salvation History, it is not so much what happened in the upper room that matters, as what is happening in our world today. For all who believe and call upon him, the Holy Spirit will fill us with the same confidence and clarity that filled the minds and hearts of those first Apostles and sent them out in Jesus's name. We, too, are given the power to overcome our human weakness, to see beyond the tragedy of this world's suffering - and there is so much of it as we know all too well - and to recognise a living presence in today's

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following kindly in your prayers:

The sick: Martin and Eve (Eve age 14) victims of the Manchester Arena bombing, Sr Moira, John, James, Catherine, 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, Maureen, Johnny, Robin and Steven, Sr Alphonsus, Bernard, Vera, Jack and Joan, Kevin, Pat.

Lately Dead: Eilidh McLeod (killed in the Manchester Arena attack), Jim Tollan, Antony Fahy, Robert Smith, Danny Doyle, Kevin Munster, Maureen Favill, Maureen Connor, Sr Joan Langdon, Austin Judge, Edie Tinker.

Anniversaries: Kevin Murray, James and Anne Taylor, Patrocino Gigante, Mary Croft, Lillian Peters.

Remembrance: Kennedy and McDonnell Families, Mr Barron.

We also pray: for Neil & Nikki Leonard (wedding congratulations), 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.

world that is greater than any of us, and more powerful than any hurt or sorrow.

To recognise this, all we need to do is trust. Abandon ourselves into the love which is God, hold nothing of our character back from the light of the Spirit. And then? Be empowered by the strength he brings. Be changed. Be perfected. Be loved.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thank you to all those who have come along today dressed in red - Pentecost's liturgical colour. It might turn a few heads as people wonder what we are doing, and if we have the opportunity we might make a point of telling others what it is we are celebrating today - the Church's birthday: an event which took place all those years ago in a secluded upper room, but which so quickly became a public demonstration of the glory of God and the reality of Jesus' promise that, having returned to his Father in heaven, nonetheless he would still be present to all who seek him, and will remain so for all time. During Mass today, we will incorporate a short commissioning ceremony for our new Eucharistic Ministers, and an opportunity for renewal for all those who continue their faithful service of Christ in the Eucharist. We are so grateful for their ministry. After the 10.30am Mass at Holy Cross, there will be a 'birthday party' celebrated in the Community Hall, with cakes, games for the young and, we trust, a real atmosphere of joy and hope in the gift of the Holy Spirit, and in the Church to which we all belong. **Do, please, stay a while!**

BISHOP JOHN'S VISIT TO ST MATTHEW'S

We are most grateful to Bishop John Arnold for giving us the time last Sunday at St Matthew's to celebrate Mass and meet, with genuine feeling, a community faced with the pain of forthcoming closure. We pray for the strength to allow God's Grace to work in our midst and through it all to make us grow ever stronger as his witnesses and become, in reality, the Mission Church of tomorrow.

READERS THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: Veronica, Jessica
9.00am: Please log in or see list in church
10.30am: Ashlan, Paul

OFFERTORY

Collections: Please see printed version

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This week: SVP monthly collection
Next week: 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

Saturday (Vigil Mass):	6.30pm at Holy Cross
Sunday Morning:	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>
Weekdays:	See Weekday Calendar below
Holydays:	11.00am at Holy Cross 7.00pm at St Matthew's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday: 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

WEEKDAY CALENDAR *(Week beginning Monday 5th June)*

Monday:	9.00am Morning Prayer at Holy Cross followed by 9.15am Mass 6.00pm Reception Service at Holy Cross for the late Maureen Favill
Tuesday:	12.30pm Funeral Mass at Holy Cross for Maureen Favill. <i>May she rest in peace</i> 7.00pm Choir Rehearsal at Holy Cross for Mass at Salford Cathedral on June 10th, 3pm. All welcome
Wednesday:	8.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross followed by 9.15am Mass 1.15pm Funeral Mass at Holy Cross for the late Robert Smith. <i>May he rest in peace</i>
Thursday:	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Matthew's followed by 9.15am Mass
Friday:	11.00am Funeral Mass at Holy Cross for the late Anthony Fahy. <i>May he rest in peace</i> 6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross followed by 7pm Mass and Divine Mercy
Saturday (daytime):	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Matthew's followed by 12 noon Mass and Novena 3.00pm Annual APF Mission Mass at Salford Cathedral for all those who support the Red Mission Boxes

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

An email will be sent out this week to all our Sacramental Programme families reiterating what was discussed at the recent meeting, as a reminder/reference for those who were there and to inform/update those who were not able to attend. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to this special time of preparation for your children. May we all keep them in our prayers as the time for their first Holy Communion grows so near.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th June, 7pm in the meeting room at Holy Cross.

PARISH MINIBUS

We are working to complete the preparations for bringing the new minibus into use, and are seeking more volunteer drivers aged 25-70, with more than 2 years' driving experience, a clean license and no claims in the last 5 years who would be willing to help out. Please speak to (or perhaps email) Fr Martin, Paul Boardman or Marie Twemlow in the parish office. Thank you.

MANCHESTER 10K RUN

Ellen completed the 10K run/walk last Sunday to raise funds for HCPT. Thank you to all who sponsored her—moneys can be paid directly to her or via the parish office.

APF ANNUAL MISSION MASS

On Saturday (10th June) at 3pm the annual Mission Mass (and social afterwards) takes place at Salford Cathedral—a "thank you" to all who support the Red Mission Box appeal throughout the year. We are honoured that the choir from Holy Cross has been asked to lead the music this year. All APF supporters are invited to attend.

KEVIN MUNSTER R.I.P.

Kevin was the well-loved and respected organist at St Gilbert's from the date of its opening. He played there for 40 years and died recently. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

RECENT BAPTISMS

May God bless Mary, Noah, Erin, Holly, Klay and Arthur, who were baptised into the Family of God at Holy Cross church on 21st May.

GARDENER WANTED

St Gilbert's school are looking for a green-fingered and experienced individual to work in the school allotment, initially for 5 hrs per week from November to February rising to 10 hrs from March to October. Application forms can be downloaded from the school website, www.stgilbertsrc.co.uk, and returned by 16th June to bridget.darcy@salford.gov.uk See the notice board for details.

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Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey