



# 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

12th  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time

Daily  
Prayer  
Week 4

## FIRST COMMUNION DAY

A warm welcome on Saturday evening and Sunday morning at Holy Cross Church to the final groups of children from our First Holy Communion Programme and to their parents, families and friends as they continue the journey they began in Baptism and deepen their membership of God's Church. That is what "Communion" means—a real belonging to a community, the community which is the living Body of Christ at work amongst us now and for all time.

*This is a special time for the children, and we are sure you will all wish to respect the solemnity of the occasion. Please allow them every opportunity to experience the presence of God coming to dwell within them, through appropriate silence. For the same reason (as well as for safeguarding reasons), please **refrain from all photography and videing until after the ceremony is over—there will be plenty of opportunity to take photographs then. And please take part in the singing and the responses as best you can! Thank you.***

*Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers.*

## POPE LEO'S INTENTION for the MONTH of JUNE

"For the value of sports." Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

## CALLING EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

Are you a Eucharistic Minister in the parish, assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion? Would you be willing to volunteer a little of your time to support Catholic patients in Salford Royal Hospital? If your answer is yes, please speak with Fr Martin or contact Marie in the parish office. We are looking for volunteers from across the Salford Deanery to broaden the reach of the Chaplaincy within the hospital. Statutory training will be provided.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

**The sick:** Adam, Eamonn, Jackie, Julie Ann, Josie, Bernard, William, Marion, Michael, Vincent, Colleen, Peter, Geoff, Margaret, Pat, Bernard, Danny, Pauline, Joanne, Michael, Natalie, Edna, Veronica, Sheila, Stephen, Juliana, Wieslaw.

**Lately Dead:** Lucina Sumińska (Friday evening's Mass), Karen Anne Dunn, Jean Bradbury, Baby Penelope, Maureen Jones, Yvonne Fraser, Sr Ruth Ansaldo FMSJ.

**Anniversaries:** John Tighe, Nora Tighe (Sunday's 11.15am Mass), Pauline Cuomo (38th Anniv), Julie Burgess (1st Anniv), Marie Gilmartin, Lily McNamara (5th Anniv), Janey McPhillips (3rd Anniv), Paul Jehu (1st Anniv), Jessie Collins (98th Birthday Anniv).

**Remembrance:** George Devlin (Father's Day Blessings), Charles, Agnes and Ann Geeney, Marie Payne, William and Lilian Hindley.

**We also pray:** for Pope Leo, for the Jewish Community, for the people of Iran, Lebanon and all the Middle East, the people of Ukraine and all those affected by the wars there, for other countries suffering unrest, for the Christians of Nigeria, 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 our local Councillors, for an end to racism in all its forms. We pray for Fr Stanto and the Syro-Malabar Mission of St Euphrasia based at St Mary's, 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.

## STELLA MARIS

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact [roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org](mailto:roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org)

Related to this, all parishioners are warmly invited to an online webinar being run by Stella Maris on Wednesday 17th June from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. You will hear about the work that Stella Maris has been doing with seafarers and fishers over the past year or so, including the use of the funds kindly donated on Sea Sunday last year. To attend this webinar, please sign up at: [www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou).

## PIETY SHOPS

Our Piety Shops are fully stocked with First Holy Communion cards and gifts. Please support our shops!

## DIVINE MERCY on FRIDAYS OF JUNE

June is the month of the Sacred Heart, and in commemoration of this we continue to pray the Divine Mercy each Friday from around 6.40pm, before the evening Mass. Join us if you can!

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- The parish summer fair will be held on Saturday 11th July at 12.30 in the parish hall at St. Mary's. Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses. If you have items to donate for the stalls please leave them at the back of church. If you are able to help on the day please let Fran or Sue know. The last fair at Christmas made an amazing £2,800. Let's see if we can beat that total!!
- The new year for the monthly prize draw has started. Can you please let Fran have your subscriptions, £26 for the year? Thank you.

## DIOCESAN SYNOD PRAYER

*As we progress through the implementation stages of the Universal and Diocesan Synods, please use the Synod Prayer whenever you can, praying for each other and for the wider Diocesan community:*

Loving Father,  
be with us as we seek new ways  
of being your people in our Diocese.  
May each new day bring us  
closer to your son Jesus,  
as we follow his teaching and  
become disciples of love.  
As we continue our Synodal journey,  
draw us closer to each other.  
May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us.  
Open our hearts, as we listen to each other  
and reach out in love to your people.  
Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. **Amen.**

## 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.**

## 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!

## USUAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**Saturday (Vigil Mass):** 6.00pm at Holy Cross  
9.30am at St Mary's  
**Sunday Morning:** 11.15am at Holy Cross  
*Children's Liturgy at most 11.15am Masses*  
*Refreshments are normally served after 9.30am Mass at St Mary's and as announced after 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross*  
**Sunday Evening:** 6.30pm at St Mary's  
*The 6.30pm Mass is kept quiet to be autism-friendly*  
**Weekdays:** See Calendar below  
**Holidays:** 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 This Week

<i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Sat 20th June:	<b>6.00pm First Holy Communion Mass at Holy Cross</b> (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
	Sunday 21st:	9.30am Mass at St Mary's (with Fr Stanto) <b>11.15am First Holy Communion Mass at Holy Cross</b> 6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's
<i>Ss John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</i>	Monday 22nd:	<i>No Mass in the parish on Mondays</i>
	Tuesday 23rd:	9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by: 10.00am Eucharistic Service at Holy Cross
<i>Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	Wednesday 24th:	9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by: 10.00am Eucharistic Service at Holy Cross *
	Thursday 25th:	9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
	Friday 26th:	6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament */Confessions followed by 6.40pm Divine Mercy for the month of June and 7.00pm Benediction and Mass, all at Holy Cross *
	Saturday 27th:	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Confessions available) followed by 12 noon Benediction and Mass, <b>all at Holy Cross</b> this week 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
<i>Ss Peter and Paul</i>	Sunday 28th:	9.30am Mass at St Mary's 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross 6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's (with Fr Stanto)

\* Livestreamed

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

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for last week's collection of £1,381.30. The retiring collection raised £160.93 for "Day for Life." Thank you also to all those who donate to the parish by Standing Order, Direct Debit, [online](#) and via the contactless devices at the back of both Churches. Scan the QR Code, (above), if you would like to donate to the parish today.



## RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This week: No retiring collection this week  
Next week: Peter's Pence

## CYCLE of PRAYER



This week throughout the diocese we pray for the parish of the St Marie and St Joseph, for Father William Foley, their parish priest, and for Deacon Paul Griffin. We pray for their parish primary schools, St Gabriel's High School and Holy Cross College as well as the chaplaincy to Fairfield General Hospital and the Bury Hospice.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

On Sunday 5th July, when the Syro-Malabar community celebrate their great Mission Feast, we will be moving the 6.30pm Sunday evening Mass from St Mary's to Holy Cross Church to avoid parking difficulties. This will just be for the one occasion.

## PARISH CONTACT DETAILS *(Please note that email addresses below can NOT be copied as links)*

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*Facebook:* [@ourparishcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/ourparishcommunity)  
*YouTube:* [www.youtube.com/ParishofStJohnPaullIIIccles/](https://www.youtube.com/ParishofStJohnPaullIIIccles/)

**Parish Halls Hire:** Enquiries to Steve Jackson, Hall Manager  
*Telephone:* 07580 571839—*please leave a voicemail*  
*Email:* hall@ourparishcommunity.co.uk

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Patricroft  
M30 8QD

**St Mary's RC Church**  
Oxford Street  
Eccles  
M30 0LU

**Parish Safeguarding Reps:** Marie Twemlow/Anna Raynor/Ged Dale  
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**Schools:**  
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St Gilbert's: 0161 567 9012 *(note, new number)*  
St Mary's: 0161 789 4532  
St Patrick's High School: 0161 921 2300

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*Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey*