



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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Daily
Prayer
Week 4

FIRST COMMUNION DAY

A warm welcome on Saturday evening at Holy Cross and Sunday morning at St Mary's to the first two groups of children from our Sacramental Programme and to their parents, families and friends as they continue the journey begun 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, please refrain from all photography and videoing 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

The sick: Fr Patrick McIntyre (former parish priest of Holy Cross), Anthony, Nancy, Andy, Alistair, Maureen, Laurisa, Beiasha, Siobhan, Vinny, Ira, Charlotte, Vanessa, Benjamin, Sr Lucy, Wieslaw, Kevin, Susan, Mat and Amelia, David, Jimmy, Bridget, Mark, Tom, 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 Connolly, 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: Bernard Smith, John Crook, Theresa Carville, Terry Flanagan, Greta Flynn, Angela Paffett, Malcolm Ringrow, Mary Kelly, Kevin Jude McTernan (Funeral at St Mary's on Wednesday at 10am), Damien Williams.

Anniversaries: Lily McNamara, Anne Maguire, Veronica and Ray, John McPhillips, Margaret McElduff, Victims of the Manchester Arena Bombing.

We also pray: for Lee and Siobhan married at Holy Cross last week, for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in thanksgiving for her 70 years' reign, for all those affected by the Robb Elementary School shootings in Texas, 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 Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation 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.

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Today we celebrate the special solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, given to us at the Last Supper in the Eucharist in which several of our children share today for the first time. Of the many ways in which God chose to reach out to us this is perhaps the most intimate of all—dwelling within us as food for the journey, a spiritual food given to nourish our minds and hearts. Whilst Covid still prevents us from sharing in the chalice, it is worth reminding ourselves of the reality that even in just a small piece of the Sacred Host we share fully in the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ. May we never forget or take for granted the enormity of this gift, and seek to receive Our Lord reverently as often as we are able.

JUNE—Month of the SACRED HEART

We will continue to mark this month by recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet during the Holy Hour on Fridays—and this coming Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

DAY for LIFE TODAY

'Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent' (Psalm 71:9)

Day for Life is celebrated annually this weekend, the third Sunday of June. Day for Life is the day in our calendar set aside to celebrate life from conception to natural death. This year the focus is on caring for and valuing the elderly. For more information and support initiatives which work to uphold the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/df12>. There will be a **retiring collection today** for Day for Life.

CERTIFICATE in PASTORAL MINISTRY

Are you involved in ministry in your parish or deanery? Or perhaps you would like to be but don't feel you have the skills? In any case, the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry could be just what you need.

The Dioceses of the Northern Province, in partnership with Loyola University Chicago, offer a two-year distance learning Certificate in Pastoral Ministry, to inform and inspire your practice in pastoral ministry, make you more effective, bring about better results and boost your confidence.

To find out more, please join us for an online information evening this Wednesday (22 June) 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

To register your interest and receive the link, please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Find out more at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/pastoral-ministry-information-evening/>

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

- Saturday 18th June, 6pm at Holy Cross
- Sunday 19th June, 9.30am at St Mary's
- Saturday 25th June, 6pm at Holy Cross
- Sunday 26th June, 11.15am at Holy Cross
- Saturday 2nd July, 6pm at Holy Cross
- Sunday 3rd July, 9.30am at St Mary's

Whilst we have asked families to limit their party to a single bench of 8, these Masses will still be quite crowded—so we suggest to our regular parishioners that if you are vulnerable to Covid you may prefer to attend different Masses on these occasions.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers and, First Communion families, please continue to support your child's journey in faith as they grow as Communicant members of God's family.

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 morning Masses will resume shortly
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 This Week

* Livestreamed

Saturday 18th June: 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
CORPUS CHRISTI Sunday 19th: 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
11.15am Mass at Holy Cross
6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's
A regular schedule of weekday Masses at St Mary's will be developed soon, now that our works are almost complete
Monday 20th: *No Mass in the parish on Mondays*
7.30pm Diocesan Zoom Meeting for all parish Musicians
Tuesday 21st: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
7.00pm Hope in the Future Committee Meeting
Wednesday 22nd: 10.00am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Kevin McTernon. *May he rest in peace*
Birth of St John the Baptist Thursday 23rd: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday 24th: 6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament * (with Confessions available)
6.45pm Divine Mercy, for the month of June *
7.00pm Mass, all at Holy Cross *
Saturday 25th: 12 noon Mass at St Mary's following a Holy Hour from 11.00am (with Confessions)
6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 26th: 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
11.15am Mass at Holy Cross
6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's
Saturday's Vigil 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](#).

QUARANT'ORE at SALFORD CATHEDRAL

Monday 13th—Friday 17th June, 10am-7:45pm each day Salford Cathedral, Chapel Street, Salford M3 5LL will host Quarant'ore, an ancient Church practice, consisting of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 40 hours. The Sacrament will be exposed and there will be adoration throughout the day. The cathedral will be open to all who want to spend some prayerful time with the Lord. Quarant'ore stretches back beyond written memory – in the 1500s, St Charles Borromeo explained that the practice was ancient, and that the 40 hours referred to the time Christ's body laid in the tomb.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE COMMITTEE

We meet at Holy Cross on Tuesday at 7pm. A zoom link will be provided for those members who require it.

LENTEN CHALLENGE

Thanks to a substantial final contribution from St Mary's School, the final total (to be shared between Aid to the Church in Need with special emphasis on their work in Ukraine, and the SVP) is £2,884.40. Thank you.

CYCLE OF PRAYER



We pray this week, throughout the diocese, for the people of the parish of St Mary, Heaton Norris, and for Fr Geoffrey Marlor, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, St Anne's High School, and for the Sacred Heart Fathers. May they always draw life and strength from the Eucharist.

DIOCESAN MUSIC MEETING

All parish/deanery musicians are invited to register for the online meeting, taking place on Monday at 7.30pm. Register in advance at <http://eepurl.com/h018Sj> to receive a link.

COLLECTIONS

Collection figures will be announced next week. Thank you also to all those who donate by Standing Order, Direct Debit, [online](#) and via the contactless device at the back of Holy Cross Church.

BAPTISMS

Please pray for Phoebe, Junior and Lola who were Baptised in the parish last week.

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Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey