

# 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

## THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

YEAR A

Morning Prayer Week 3

### FIRST COMMUNION DAY

A warm welcome on Saturday evening at Holy Cross and Sunday morning at St Matthew'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.

On this special day, the Church is also celebrating the great feast of 'Corpus et Sanguinis Christi' or, to use the English title, the 'Body and Blood of Christ'. Today we meditate on Our Lord's greatest gift to us at the Last Supper and on the Cross—the gift of himself to be with us always, 'even to the end of time.' Like the feasts of Epiphany and Ascension, this feast has been trans-

ferred by the local Bishops' Conference to Sunday—the Lord's Day—in line with many other countries throughout the world. And so, what better Sunday is there for these children to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time, in Holy Communion?

*This is a special time for the children, and I am sure you 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 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.*

### YCW "IMPACT"

Today (Sunday) at our 10.30am Mass, we welcome Mgr John Marsland, whom many will remember as a former parish priest of Holy Cross. He is now based at Wardley Hall, working on the development of the Hall as a working centre for groups/pilgrimages in the Diocese, whilst also serving as national Chaplain to the Young Christian Workers movement, and seeking to promote this in the area. A small group of our youth leaders met with him recently, and we will be seeking to establish a "junior" YCW group (known as an "Impact" Group) in the parish. It will be open to any young people of secondary school age, and will be viable even if we only begin with a very small number. We also have ideas of setting up a less formal youth group for a slightly younger age range—upper primary school. Watch this space for more information—and maybe Fr John himself will tell you more!

**ALSO** for any of our Youth leaders who might be available, there is a YCW/Impact Companions and Chaplains training day at St Anthony's Centre, Trafford Park on Saturday 8th July, 11am—4pm. Fr John will need to know in advance who can come along.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

**The sick:** Martin and Eve (Eve age 14) victims of the Manchester Arena bombing, Joan, Sr Moira, John, James, Jim, Sheila, Sheila, Alex, Michael, Martin, Joanne, Aidan, Desmond, Eamon, Maureen, John, Stefa, Joan, Janice, Bill, Monica, 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.

**Lately Dead:** William Chapman (age 5), Audrey Kelly, Gary Mather, Pat Hayes, Lorraine Chamberlain, Jimmy Gallagher, Eilidh McLeod (killed in the Manchester Arena attack), Jim Tollan, Antony Fahy, Robert Smith, Danny Doyle, Kevin Munster and Maureen Favill.

**Anniversaries:** George Chapman, John Sullivan, Vera Kerr and Kevin Murray.

**Remembrance:** Celia and Joe Kennedy, Mary and Frank Gribbin, Fahy and McDonnell Families.

**We also pray:** for the people of Knysna, South Africa, for the victims of the Grenfell Tower fire, 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.

### READERS THIS WEEKEND

**6.30pm:** Michael, Moya  
**9.00am:** Please log in or see list in church  
**10.30am:** Julius, Jaine

### OFFERTORY

**Collection:** 10th/11th June: Please see printed version

### RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This week: Day for Life (Catholic Bishops' Conference)  
Next week: The Holy See

- 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

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| <b>Saturday (Vigil Mass):</b> | 6.30pm at Holy Cross   |
| <b>Sunday Morning:</b>        | 9.00am at St Matthew's<br>10.30am at Holy Cross<br>(with Children's Liturgy) |
|                               | <i>Tea and coffee are served after both morning Masses</i>                   |
| <b>Weekdays:</b>              | See Weekday Calendar below   |
| <b>Holydays:</b>              | 11.00am at Holy Cross<br>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 19th June)*

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| <b>Monday:</b>             | 9.00am Morning Prayer at <b>Holy Cross</b> followed by <b>9.15am Mass</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>            | 9.00am Morning Prayer at <b>St Matthew's</b> followed by <b>9.15am Eucharistic Service</b><br>6.00pm Reception Service at <b>St Matthew's</b> for the late Audrey Kelly. May she rest in peace |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>          | <b>11.00am Funeral Mass</b> at <b>St Matthew's</b> for Audrey Kelly  |
| <b>Thursday:</b>           | 9.00am Morning Prayer 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   |

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Here is a full list of our First Communion Masses. All of them are 'parish' Masses, and all are welcome to attend—but do, please, be aware that benches near the front of the church will be reserved, and seating space may well be rather limited:

- Saturday 17th June, 6.30pm Mass at Holy Cross
- Sunday 18th June, 9.00am Mass at St Matthew's
- Sunday 25th June, 10.30am Mass at Holy Cross
- Sunday 25th June, 2.00pm Mass at Holy Cross

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers, at this great milestone in their spiritual lives.

## DAY FOR LIFE

Please take a Day for Life postcard with you as you leave.

## GIFT AID SCHEME

The Gift Aid returns for the last financial year are now being submitted to the Diocese. **Thank you** to all who support this scheme, by which taxpayers can increase their donations to the church at no extra cost to themselves, simply by signing the appropriate declaration form and ensuring their donations are always placed in the envelope provided (so we can fully account for all sums received). Gift Aid donors can also donate by Standing Order if they prefer. New Gift Aiders are welcome to enrol on the scheme at any time—just speak to Fr Martin, Paul or Marie. Thank you all for your generosity to the parish.

## CONGRATULATIONS

... to Caitlin and Jack Fawcett who were married here at Holy Cross on Saturday afternoon. We also look forward to the wedding this afternoon (Sunday) of Rachel Jackson (one of our Youth Leaders) and Andrew Marsden. Please keep them all in your prayers. (Parishioners are welcome to attend the Service on Sunday afternoon at 2.00pm).

## PARISH COMMUNITY HALL

We are fortunate that our parish income is constantly supplemented by bookings to the Hall, and many of you will have attended parties and events there over the years. **We are most grateful to Anne Benyon** who gives freely and generously of her time to ensure that the hall runs smoothly and that all bookings are properly handled. Now, after many years and after heartfelt consideration, Anne has expressed her wish to retire, later on this year, giving us the time to establish new systems for maintaining this great resource and keeping it available. We are therefore approaching a number of people who may be willing, in part at least, to take on some of the responsibility, and if anyone has recommendations, we will be happy to take note. The diocese, too, is involved, to help us through this transition. We cannot overstate our gratitude to Anne for all her hard work on our behalf.

## GARDENER WANTED AT ST GILBERT'S SCHOOL

See details on the noticeboard at the back of church. Application forms can be downloaded from the school website, [www.stgilbertsrc.co.uk](http://www.stgilbertsrc.co.uk), and need to be returned by 16th June to [bridget.darcy@salford.gov.uk](mailto:bridget.darcy@salford.gov.uk)

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### Holy Cross RC Church

Liverpool Road  
Patricroft  
Eccles  
M30 8QD

### Parish Safeguarding Rep:

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Holy Cross and All Saints: 0161 789 4386  
St Gilbert's: 0161 789 5035  
St Patrick's High School: 0161 921 2300

### St Matthew's RC Church

Worsley Road  
Winton  
Eccles  
M30 8BL

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*Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey*