

# 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

## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A

Morning Prayer Week 4

### FIRST COMMUNION DAY

**A** warm welcome on Sunday at Holy Cross to the final 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.

Today at Mass, our readings express something of the reality that belonging to the Church will mean, in time, for the children and for us all. It is not an easy journey through life—but it is a good and rewarding journey. Jeremiah, in our first reading, experiences all manner of difficulties standing up for God's message, but he will not give in. St Paul points out in the second reading that sin and evil are alive in the world—but that Jesus has the power to overcome them. Then, in the Gospel, Jesus tells us to "fear no-one." The world today increasingly hates what we stand for as Christians. We are even portrayed as extremists, when we do not jump to em-

brace every political change to morality, and maintain our stand for the family as the seat of God's love. Let us not be tempted to abandon the teachings of Christ but rather, by God's Grace, let us stand by them always with love and kindness in our message, and without fear because Christ is with us at every step—not giving us an easy ride, but giving us the strength to persevere, and the certain rewards of His Grace.

*Today's celebration 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"

We are grateful to Fr John Marsland for celebrating the 10.30am Mass at Holy Cross last week, thus avoiding the rush for Fr Martin at the end of the 9.00am First Communion Mass at St Matthew's. Fr John is 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 small number. We also have ideas of setting up a less formal youth group for a slightly younger age range—upper primary school. Fr John mentioned this venture at Mass last week, and already another volunteer has expressed an interest in assisting with the establishment of an Impact Group. Watch this space for more information.

**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, 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, Jimmy Gallagher, Eilidh McLeod (killed in the Manchester Arena attack), Jim Tollan, Antony Fahy.

**Anniversaries:** Albert Yates, Joseph Collins, George Chapman, John Sullivan and Vera Kerr.

**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, in thanksgiving, 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:** Lucy-Jo, Alan  
**9.00am:** Please log in or see list in Church  
**10.30am:** Angel, Josie

### OFFERTORY

**Collection:** 17th/18th June: Please see printed version  
'Day for Life' Please see printed version

### RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This week: The Holy See ('Peter's Pence')  
Next week: SVP monthly collection

- 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 are served after both morning Masses</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: 11.00am-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 26th June)*

<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> 7.00pm Choir rehearsal at Holy Cross for the Vocations Mass on 4th July
<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> <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> at <b>Holy Cross</b> for the <b>feast of Ss Peter and Paul</b> . Our primary schools will be in attendance <b>7.00pm Evening Mass</b> for the feast day at <b>St Matthew's</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

## DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS AT HOLY CROSS

On the evening of Tuesday 4th July at 7.30pm we will be hosting one of a series of Vocations Masses at Holy Cross, where we will join together in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Do, please, come along if you can. There will be a choir rehearsal in preparation on Tuesday evening this week, at 7.00pm. All welcome.

### Also on 4th July...

...there will be a talk by Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald on the ground-breaking Declaration in the Second Vatican Council 'Nostra Aetate.' Please see poster on the Current board at the back of Church.

## CONGRATULATIONS

... to Caitlin and Jack, and Rachel and Andrew, who were married at Holy Cross last weekend.

## 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 Boardman or Marie Twemlow. Thank you all for your generosity to the parish.

## 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.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**31st October**, Charity night for Francis House, Oldham Theatre. Transport from Holy Cross (coach). Jimmy Cricket plus four supporting acts.

**2nd December**, (Tuesday) Christmas Dinner at Boysnape Golf Club. £16.00 inclusive of soft drinks on the tables, plus staff gratuities. The list will be available in July. Please see poster at the back of Church.

Any queries please contact Veronica at Holy Cross.

## SPUC

Please see petition which can be signed on line at [www.spuc.org.uk](http://www.spuc.org.uk)

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*Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey*