



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

13th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time
Daily
Prayer
Week 1

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY

A warm welcome on Saturday evening at Holy Cross and on Sunday morning at St Mary's to the fourth and fifth (final) groups of children from our First Holy Communion 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.

The final First Communion Masses are as follows:

- Saturday (29th June), 6.00pm at Holy Cross and
- Sunday (30th June), 9.30am at St Mary's

Both of these are regular Sunday Masses as the children complete the journey into our family of God at prayer. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as we ask that the grace of this special day will remain with them throughout their lives and that, time and again, they will come to the Altar of God to receive this greatest Gift of all—Christ himself, the Son of God, given as food for the journey to guide and support every moment and every choice in life. **Stay with them, Lord, on their journey.**

SYRO-MALABAR MISSION FEAST...

...on Sunday 7th July at 11.30am **All are welcome!** We are also invited to join in their 40 Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm on Wednesday 3rd to 7am Friday 5th July.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

The sick: Maurice, James, Doreen, Elaine, Thomas Lea, Sylvia, Victoria, Judith, Charlie (age 10), Peter, Julie, John, Veronica, Sheila, Stephen, Juliana, Wieslaw.

Lately Dead: Virgilio Manuel Correia (Month Mind, Saturday evening Mass), Elaine Layton, Marjorie Booth, Stephen Chandler, Oliver Mullooly, Peggy Trehy, Patricia Taylor, Don Mackenzie, Terry Ashton, Agnes Monaghan, Kathleen Chirema, Olivia Lea (age 25).

Anniversaries: Terry Carter, Joe Collins, Albert Yates, Anthony Evans (Birthday Anniversary), Janey McPhillips, Lily McNamara, Maureen Yellop (Birthday Anniversary).

Remembrance: Jimmy Yellop, George Devlin.

We also pray: Margaret (90th Birthday), for the parish—special intention from Veronica, for all the nations represented in our parish, for children suffering from poverty, for Phil and Kevin (birthdays), for the victims of modern slavery, for the success of the Diocesan and Universal Synods, for migrants, for the people of the Holy Land and Ukraine and all those affected by the wars there, for Myanmar and Sudan in their serious unrest, for the forthcoming General Election and for all who seek to serve us in Westminster, for peace all around the world, for an end to racism in all its forms. We pray for Fr John and the Syro-Malabar community, 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.

FEAST DAY of Ss PETER and PAUL

This weekend our Sunday Mass is displaced by the celebration of another great feast day of the Christian calendar—that of our founding fathers, Peter and Paul. These two great saints were chosen by God not *because* of their greatness, but *in spite* of their flaws. Peter—the one who sinks when he walks on water, the first to believe who then gets it all wrong and is told "Get behind me, Satan" by Jesus, the one who denies Jesus after swearing he wouldn't. Then Paul—the persecutor of Christians, the one who says he knows what to do yet finds himself doing the opposite... We could go on, but let us not so much admire these great leaders as admire the Grace by which God built the church upon them. And then, in all our flaws, let's pray that the same Grace will work wonders in us, to make us his Missionary Disciples today.

GENERAL ELECTION

The letter from Bishop John about Thursday's General Election is still available from the back of church. As it contains a number of links, we have also made it available on the Newsletter page of the parish website. (See alongside last week's newsletter on the web page).

JUNE and JULY THEMES

For the month of June, the Church's "theme" has been the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and for July it will be the Precious Blood—as we symbolise the birth of the Church and the Sacraments from the pierced side of Our Lord. Our Friday devotions this week (6.30pm, before evening Mass at Holy Cross) will be a "Chaplet of the Precious Blood of Jesus."

A VISIT FROM THE AUXILIARY BISHOP OF HONG KONG

The Rt Rev Bishop Joseph Ha, Auxiliary Bishop of Hong Kong, will be visiting Manchester in July. During his visit, he will be celebrating Mass in this parish at St Mary's Church, at 2.30pm on Saturday 20th July. There will be an opportunity to meet and chat with the Bishop after Mass.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

1. The draw will take place after the 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross on 7th July. Members must be paid up to date to be eligible for a prize.
2. Our Parish Summer fair is next Saturday, 6th July at St Mary's. If you can help with setting up the stalls please meet at the hall at 5.30pm on Friday 5th July. Any donations for the stalls and baked goods can be brought after 10.30 on the Saturday. Raffle tickets are available after all Masses this weekend.

Please come along on the day! Doors open at 12.30pm.

DIOCESAN SYNOD PRAYER

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.**

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 Liturgy as announced at 11.15am Masses
Refreshments after 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
and after 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross each week
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

Ss Peter and Paul Sat 29th June: 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross **with First Holy Communion** (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
Sunday 30th: 9.30am Mass at St Mary's **with First Holy Communion**
11.15am Mass at Holy Cross (with Fr Nicholas)
2-4.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Gilbert's Presbytery—
All welcome to drop in at any stage
6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's (with Fr John)
Monday 1st July: 12 noon Funeral Mass at Holy Cross for Stephen Chandler—*May he rest in peace*
7.00pm Monthly Prayer Group at St Mary's Sacristy (*Please use side door*)
Tuesday 2nd: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
St Thomas, Apostle Wednesday 3rd: 7.30am **Early Morning Mass at St Mary's** for 1st Wednesday of the month
Thursday 4th: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
7.00pm Choir Rehearsal at Holy Cross—*All welcome*
Friday 5th: 6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament * (*with Confessions available*)
6.30pm Chaplet of the Precious Blood of Jesus *
7.00pm Mass, at Holy Cross *
Saturday 6th: 11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*with Confessions available*)
followed by 12 noon Mass, at St Mary's
12.30pm Summer Fair in St Mary's Hall
6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 7th: 9.30am Mass at St Mary's (with Fr John)
11.15am Mass at Holy Cross **with Junior Receptions**
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 be viewed live and during the week on our [YouTube channel](#).

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Last week's collection in church totalled £1,097.94, thank you. 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. **Problems with the digital systems have now been resolved**—the contactless devices are now working at both churches, and online donations can once more be made. Thank you for your patience during the difficulties.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Please ensure that your children are supervised to and from the toilet. First Communion and other Sacramental Programme children will be asked to go to the grown-up who brought them, so that you can see them safely back. Please help us to keep your children safe at all times. Thank you!

CYCLE of PRAYER



This week throughout the diocese we pray for the people of the parish of St Margaret Clitherow, for Father Simon Firth, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools, St Cuthbert's High School, and for Springhill Hospice.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This week: Peter's Pence
Next week: Sea Sunday

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.

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