



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

14th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time
Daily
Prayer
Week 2

FIRST COMMUNION DAY

A warm welcome on Saturday evening and Sunday morning at Holy Cross to the final groups of children from this year's 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: Hugh, Mena, 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, 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: Fr Moss O'Connell, Margaret Gavaghan, Irene Wild, Kenneth Morrissey, Tina Leigh Baker, Michael Gerard ("Gerry") Bane, Noel Colfer, Andy Branney, Bernard Smith, John Crook, Theresa Carville, Terry Flanagan, Greta Flynn, Angela Paffett, Malcolm Ringrow, Mary Kelly, Kevin Jude McTernan, Damien Williams.

Anniversaries: Pat Cusack, Pauline Cuomo, Albert Yates, Lily McNamara, Anne Maguire, Veronica and Ray, John McPhillips, Margaret McElduff, Victims of the Manchester Arena Bombing.

Remembrance: John Potter

We also pray: for Sophie and Luigi, married at Holy Cross last week, for Birthday intentions, 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.

THE HARVEST IS RICH...

Perhaps there were never a truer word spoken! A world full of so much need. Warfare, violence, greed and anger dividing so many—yet each one created in the image and likeness of God. For those surrounded by warfare, the yearning for peace. For those in poverty, the yearning for just enough of God's bounty. For those with wealth, the yearning for what riches cannot satisfy. For everyone, the search for Truth and meaning—the great questions which earthly science and philosophy can never answer, and seek only more and more to deny the validity of what they cannot prove. And all of this, the Harvest of God! But who will go out and sow the seeds of the eternal Good? Who will reach down to the depths of human suffering or up to the heights of elation and lead us to that central way, where all are equal and our human frailty becomes nothing more nor less than a doorway through which Christ can enter in and heal?

This is the call to the Christian of every age: the call into which the idealism of youth has a message and a challenge for all the world; the call into which the wisdom of old age brings the steadying hand of reason; the call to you and me, today and every day. "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest!" says Jesus in today's Gospel. But let us never think we are simply asking God to send someone else. In the words of the well-known hymn: "Here I am, Lord ... I have heard you calling ... I will go ... I will hold your people in my heart!" Is this really my prayer today? Is it yours? Let us pray, each one of us, young and old alike, for the grace simply to trust and to be—in His service.

PRESENTATION of FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATES

School end-of-term is coming upon us quickly, so we propose to present our new First Communicants with their certificates **next weekend at a free choice of 6.00pm Saturday evening at Holy Cross, 9.30am at St Mary's or 11.15am at Holy Cross on Sunday morning.** The children are welcome to wear their First Communion outfits again for this occasion if they wish.

WEEKDAY MASSES at St MARY'S

Following discussion with the parish Hope in the Future Committee, it has been agreed that our arrangement of regular Mass times and venues will remain as they are for the time being. For weekdays, this means that Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning, and Friday evening Masses will continue to be celebrated at Holy Cross, and livestreamed for the benefit of those who cannot attend in person. (We currently have no livestreaming facility at St Mary's). Saturday Lunchtime Holy Hour and Midday Mass will continue at St Mary's. However, please check the weekly notices as this regular schedule will frequently be disrupted by funerals at either church and, increasingly from September onwards, by some weekday Masses being celebrated in the schools instead, which will be open to parishioners to attend.

ITALIAN ROSARY PROCESSION

With apologies for the short notice, this traditional Italian walk takes place **this afternoon** (Sunday), starting from St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats at 1.30pm. See poster at the back of church for more information and contact details.

21st BIRTHDAY!

Congratulations to Jesamine, our Head Altar Server, who celebrated her 21st Birthday on Wednesday! We offer our sincere thanks for her continued dedicated service to the parish in this role, and also as a Eucharistic Minister and a Catechist. In turn, she and Anne (her nana) offer their thanks to all those who made the day special.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

...today at St Mary's after the 9.30am Mass **AND** at Holy Cross after the 11.15 Mass. Join us in the hall!

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday 2nd July: 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
Sunday 3rd: 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
11.15am Mass at Holy Cross
6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's (with Fr John)
Monday 4th: *No Mass in the parish on Mondays*
Tuesday 5th: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
Wednesday 6th: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
Thursday 7th: *Sorry, no Mass today*
Friday 8th: 3.00pm Wedding Mass for Coleen and Belloumi at Holy Cross
6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament * (with Confessions available)
followed by 7.00pm Mass, at Holy Cross *
Saturday 9th: 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) *
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 10th: 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
11.15am Mass at Holy Cross
6.30pm Mass at St Mary's (with Fr Nicholas Kumi)

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](#).

BAPTISMS

Please pray for Summer, Sinmileoluwa, Oluwadarasimi, Isla and Luca who were Baptised in the parish last week.

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection in church totalled £1,325.63. 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. **Next week there will be a special retiring collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.**

APPEAL FROM LOAVES AND FISHES

Their current need is for toiletries and nearly new, smart shoes. Please leave any donations in the box at the back of church. Thank you for your support.

ADVANCE NOTICE!

Charity Night at the Oldham Coliseum Theatre, coming up on 6th October at 7.30pm. Tickets (at £20 plus the cost of the coach) will be **on sale next weekend after Mass**, with a 31st July deadline. For more information, see Veronica after Mass or contact her via the parish office.

CYCLE OF PRAYER



We pray this week, throughout the diocese, for the people of the parish of St Robert of Newminster, Levenshulme and Longsight, and for Fr Michael Dever, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, St Peter's High School, and for the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. May peace, like a river, flow in abundance.

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

The first draw will take place in St Mary's Hall after the 9.30am Mass **today** (Sunday).

There are three prizes—£100, £30 and £20.

Please ensure that you have paid your subscription to be eligible for a prize. **Weekly refreshments will begin at St Mary's from now onwards.** Please come along for some breakfast after Mass! **Alternate monthly draws will then be at Holy Cross, but we still need more volunteers** before we can begin weekly refreshments here. We will also soon be resuming monthly minibus runs to the 11.15am Mass—please let the parish office know if you are interested.

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Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey