

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A

Morning Prayer Week 2

MISSION
APPEAL
TODAY!

DON'T TRY TOO HARD!

In today's Gospel, Jesus focuses once again on the need to be child-like in our Faith if we are to understand the mind of God. The mysteries, he says, are hidden from the learned and the clever, and revealed to mere children. Why? Surely it is only human for us to want to know more, to understand more, and to be able to prove more? That is a part of growing up. And, as with every aspect of life, our Faith needs to grow up too, if it is to survive the challenges and disappointments of real life. But what if we try too hard?

In our supposedly enlightened age, we like to believe we are in control. The more eloquently we can prove and explain ourselves, the more secure we feel, the more self-sufficient, the more independent. But there, paradoxically, is our problem. Fundamental to our understanding of God is our knowing how much we need him. Realising what we do not know, coming to terms with what we cannot manage by ourselves however much we wish we could - only in this way can we reach a true knowledge of the God who can achieve

in us more than we could even imagine by ourselves. When we try too hard to be grown-up and independent, we lose sight of our need for God and instead set out our own comfortable boundaries within which we 'let' God operate - in short, we try to create God in our own image, and we are doomed to fail. This, perhaps, was the greatest sin of those Jewish leaders who constantly argued with Jesus - they were so convinced they knew how God would behave, they did not even recognise him when he was standing in front of them!

Let us pray, then, for a Faith that is simple enough to trust when we do not understand, yet does not prevent us from robustly pursuing truth; a Faith that is strong enough for us to lead others into finding God, but does not depend upon our believing we are always right, and is not disheartened when we recognise our own faults and failings. A difficult balance? Indeed - but if we "turn to him" when we are overburdened, he will make sense of it - and we will find true peace.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following kindly in your prayers:

The sick: Kevin, Fred, 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 (13 yrs. old), Caitlin (age 12), Loren (age 18), 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: Sr Josephine Thompson, Brian Rogers, Frank McCusker, Alan Bryan, Joyce Rose, Brother Christopher, William Chapman (aged 5 - Sunday's Mass at Holy Cross is offered for William and his family), Gary Mather, Pat Hayes.

Anniversaries: Joseph Crowley, Bernard Chinnery, Violet & Thomas Kirk, Marie & Arthur Read, Pat Cusack, Bernard Crowley, Albert Yates, Joseph Collins, George Chapman, John Sullivan.

Remembrance: Celia and Joe Kennedy, Fahy and Chinnery 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 household and those in hospital, nursing and residential homes, and for a number of special intentions.

LAY LEADERSHIP COURSE

The deanery of Saint John is providing a Lay Leadership Course beginning in September. This is to put into place the wish of Bishop John to have a lay leadership team in each parish/worshipping community. This team will collaborate with the parish priest and with others who minister within these communities.

We are therefore looking for three people to take part in this course. Ideally they would represent those responsible for Pastoral Care, Stewardship and Formation. Please feel welcome to make suggestions of suitable individuals if you wish. (you will find an outline of the course on the notice board)".

YCW "IMPACT"

One of our Youth Leaders is, this weekend, attending a training course prior to our seeking to launch a Young Christian Workers "Impact" Group in the parish, open to any young people of Secondary School age. Watch this space for further updates in the coming weeks!

READERS THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: Mike, Jennifer
9.00am: Please log in or see list in church
10.30am: Linta, Kevin

OFFERTORY

Collection: 1st/2nd July: Please see printed version
SVP Please see printed version

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This week: Annual Mission Appeal (*Comboni Missionaries*)
Next week: Apostleship of the Sea (*moved from this week*)

- 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

Saturday (Vigil Mass):	6.30pm at Holy Cross
Sunday Morning:	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>
Weekdays:	See Weekday Calendar below
Holydays:	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 10th July)*

Monday:	9.00am Morning Prayer at Holy Cross followed by 9.15am Mass
Tuesday:	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Matthew's followed by 9.15am Mass 7.00pm Social Outreach Committee Meeting, in the Parish Meeting Room at Holy Cross
Wednesday:	8.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross followed by 9.15am Mass
Thursday:	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Matthew's followed by 9.15am Mass 10.00am Pastoral Committee Meeting, in the Parish Meeting Room at Holy Cross
Friday:	6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross followed by 7pm Mass and Divine Mercy
Saturday (daytime):	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Matthew's followed by 12 noon Mass and Novena

MISSION APPEAL TODAY

Today we welcome Fr Angelo from the Comboni Missionaries, who will be making our annual Mission Appeal at all Masses.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES

Certificates for our First Communicants will be presented at all Masses next weekend (15th/16th July) and any children who wish may wear their First Communion outfits.

RED MISSION BOXES

Thank you to all those who support the APF Red Mission Boxes. We would be grateful if they could be brought in for counting **next weekend** (15th/16th July). Please contact Bob if you require any assistance.

APPEAL FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

Anyone who may be interested in serving our schools as a Foundation Governor, please speak to Fr Martin.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

On Tuesday evening at 7pm, the Social Outreach Committee will meet in the Parish Meeting Room at Holy Cross, with a presentation from Caritas, Diocese of Salford. Then, on Thursday morning the Pastoral Committee will meet, also in the Parish Meeting Room.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

5th December, (Tuesday) Christmas Dinner at Boysnope 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 the church.

ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS AT WARDLEY

The Mass will take place on Monday 28th August at 11:00am at St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley. If there is rain the Mass will be held in the Cemetery Chapel.

JOB VACANCY AT SALFORD CATHEDRAL

The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit an experienced individual to the post of **Site Manager** for the Cathedral Church of the John the Evangelist and the Cathedral House. The post holder will be responsible for providing a comprehensive site management service which covers building security, cleaning and minor maintenance works. Due to the nature of this role, successful applicants will be required to undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. For application details, please see poster at the back of Church. (Closing date: 12 noon, Thursday 27th July).

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Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey