



CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN PAUL II, ECCLES

Services usually held at: Holy Cross, Patricroft and St Mary's, Eccles
Parish Office: Holy Cross Presbytery, 370 Liverpool Road, Patricroft, M30 8QD

The
Assumption
of the
Blessed
Virgin Mary
Daily
Prayer
Week 4

THE ASSUMPTION

Today's Gospel relates for us the story of Our Lady's "visitation" to her cousin, Elizabeth. She has accepted the message from the Angel Gabriel that she will be the mother of Jesus, and has rushed off to help her elderly relative who, against all worldly odds, has also found herself expecting a child. The words exchanged at this meeting clarify for us the significance of what is happening: the great task which Mary has been chosen to undertake, and the symbolic meeting of the unborn Jesus with John the Baptist who will announce his coming—and Mary's "Magnificat" sums up not only her

own joy at God's choice of her, but also every choice and preference of God. It is a prayer for us, today, as we seek justice for the poor and the needy, and wonder at the apparent prosperity of those who care for none but themselves. With Mary, our souls too can "proclaim the greatness of our God," and marvel at the love he has shown in sending his Son to die for us.

Mary's task was great and glorious, and of all women—indeed of all people—only she was found worthy to bring Christ into the world. Therefore, from ages past in the Church, Christians have been unable to accept that the one who alone became the perfect temple of God's presence on earth, would then suffer bodily decay. Faith tells us that God's will is for all of us to rise into the joy of his presence on the last day—a resurrection not as some vague, disembodied spirit, but with a real, glorified body like that of the risen Christ himself. The ancient belief for Mary was simply that she achieved this fullness of the life to come from the very moment of her earthly death. And in 1950, this was finally declared as an article of our Faith.

The dogmatic definition of the Assumption expresses the hope "that faith in the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven may make our faith in the resurrection both stronger and more active." Let us pray that today's great feast might indeed deepen our understanding of the mystery of the Incarnation of Christ, and strengthen our faith in the fulfilment of all of God's promises.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

The sick: Irene, Shane, Sidney, Margaret, Carole, Marjorie, Geoff, Anne, Paulina, Agnes, Alan, Margaret, Edward, Peter, Ann, Paul, Allan, Keith, Gwyneth, Joan, Karen, Kenneth, Patrick, Kathleen, Pat, Doreen, Helen, Shirley, Bridget, Sara, Tara, Mary, Carole, Phil, Carol, Sarah, Alan and Mary, Molly, Anne, Patrick, David, Peter, Kevin, Helen, Lynn, Pam and Derek, Pauline, Shannon, John, Chris, Ann, Patrick, Clifford, Mrs Wood, Frances, Marian, Bridget, Iris, Pauline, Sharon, Fr Mullin, John, Joan, Paul, Peter, Maureen, Pat, Patrick, David, Sister Maureen, Yvonne, Terry, Betty, Betty, Kathleen, Colette, Stanley, Win, Catherine, James, Alan, Betty, 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 Connelly, Jean, Vincent, Maureen, Eleanor, Margaret, Robert, Ken, Catorina, Michaela, Tony, Elaine, Ellen, Glenes, Sheila, Caroline, Lynne, Joe, Jackie, Gemma, Sheila, Martin, Joanne, John, Joan, Janice, Bill, John, Kenneth, Vera, Lilly, Gerald, May, Louise, Matthew, Evelyn, Margaret, Anthony, Debbie, Mary, Peter, Theresa, Sylvia, Maureen, Johnny, Robin and Steven, Sister Regina, Nicola, Paul, Nijole, Ken, Stephen, Mildred, Nijole, Ken, Stephen, Mildred.

Latently Dead: John Richardson, Sr Francine Clough FMSJ, Paddy Kelly, Gaynor Pugh, Jill Tibbits, Patricia McGlauchlin, Carol Schofield, Colin Heywood, Canon Francis Deeney, Baby Stevie Marie Hansell, Paul Carson, Cecelia McDonald.

Anniversaries: Maura McLernon (Birthday Anniversary), Kathleen Tuite (Birthday Anniversary), Lily Molloy, Jessie Wilde, Harold Yates, Aliason Dapato, Thomas Roddy, Marie Payne, Jack Fagan (100th Birthday Anniversary), Margaret Mary O'Regan, James O'Regan, Paul Maguire, Emmie Crook, Edward Kelly, Maureen Duffy (Birthday Anniversary), Mary Kelly (Birthday Anniversary).

Remembrance: Charles, Agnes and Ann Geeney.

We also pray: for Stephen and Christopher in thanksgiving as they recover from illness, the Syro-Malabar community, for peace in Afghanistan and all around the world, and for an end to racism in all its forms. We pray for each of our schools, and for our Sacramental programme families. We pray for all world leaders, for God's guidance and support throughout the Covid-19 crisis and for all those suffering from the disease, for the housebound and those in hospital, nursing and residential homes, for NHS and Care Home workers and for a number of special intentions.

CHILDREN'S CLUBS at St MARY'S PARISH HALL

Treehouse St Mary's

St Mary's Hall Oxford St Eccles M30 0LU

- We offer Before and After School Care for the families of St Mary's RC Primary Hemming Drive Eccles
- We offer Holiday Care in St Mary's Church Hall Oxford St Eccles (open to children from any school in the parish)
- In September we are opening Our Pre-School Group at St Mary's Hall Oxford St Eccles (again open to all)

If you would like more details please contact:

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Baptisms: These continue each week. Please pray for Orlaith and Rexx, who were baptised here last week.

New First Communion Programme: *Please keep a record of all the Masses your child attends*, continuing through the school holidays. Thank you!

JOHN RICHARDSON

It is with great sadness that we announce the death last week of John Richardson, a wonderful and faithful servant of this parish and of our sick and housebound over so many years. Yet in our sadness we also rejoice in the memory of a life well lived and, praying for his family in this difficult time, we commend his soul with great confidence into the loving arms of God. May he rest in peace.

CURRENT 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 Masses are also currently suspended*

Weekdays: See Calendar below
Holydays: As announced beforehand

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions now available from 11.10-11.45am on Saturdays in the Sacristy at St Mary's (not the Confessional). Please be guided by the stewards

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 – Church Opening in Red

Saturday 14th Aug: **6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross** (Vigil Mass for Sunday) (*Livestreamed*)
Sunday 15th: **9.30am Mass at St Mary's**
11.15am Mass at Holy Cross

Monday-Friday: there will be **no weekday Services** in the parish this week
Please consider joining Masses of your choice online
Our usual Service times will resume next week

Saturday 21st: **12 noon Mass at St Mary's** following a **Holy Hour from 11.00am**
6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) (*Livestreamed*)

This 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](#). Also, at 6pm (only) it can also be viewed on our [YouTube channel](#).

DIAMOND JUBILEE!

To mark this 60th Anniversary year of the opening of what is now our parish church here in the parish of St John Paul II, Eccles, we are proposing a celebration across the parish on and around the Feast day of the Exaltation of the Cross, the 14th September. We are hoping to involve our schools in these celebrations, which will begin with Mass on the feast day itself at 6.30pm at Holy Cross, and will then continue with a further celebration on the following Sunday, 19th September, in the hall at St Mary's after the morning Masses have been completed. In many ways, the tragedy of the pandemic has pulled our parish closer together, as we have worshipped together and been supported together by our wonderful stewards from every corner of the parish, so let our celebrations not just be for "Holy Cross" on this jubilee, but for the whole of this **great community!**

A Special Jubilee Collection has been planned by the Hope in the Future Committee to raise money for a new gold vestment for Holy Cross Church (which does not currently possess this festive colour) and also a rose coloured vestment for St Mary's where this colour (for mid-Advent and mid-Lent) is currently lacking. If you would like to donate to this collection, **please place an envelope labelled "Jubilee Collection" in one of the baskets at the back of church.** We will keep this collection open for the next few weeks. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEET etc

This week's "Look" leaflet for your children can be found [HERE](#) and the "Lord's Day at Home" sheet to accompany Sunday's online Mass can be viewed and downloaded [HERE](#).

CYCLE of PRAYER



This week we pray, throughout the Diocese, for the people of the parishes of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Haigh, and the Holy Family, New Springs, for Fr Kevin Foulkes, their parish priest, and for their parish primary schools. May they be blessed by the Almighty who, in raising Mary body and soul into glory, has done marvellous things.

WORKS at St MARY'S

The next Property Committee meeting at the Diocese will take place in early September, and our restoration hopes will be on their agenda. In the meantime, perhaps we can simply share the concern that it will be much more costly than had been envisaged, and stands to put the parish into significant debt. We will keep you informed.

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection in church totalled £475.93. **Thank you.** Sincere thanks, too to all those who donate by standing order or by using the contactless payment system at Holy Cross.

ADVANCE NOTICE

We will soon be inviting applications from **adults** who would like to consider being received into the Catholic Church and from families of **older children** (9-13) who are seeking Baptism/Reception into the church (and/or first Holy Communion). Preparation classes will be announced shortly.

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Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey