



# 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

26th  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time  
Daily  
Prayer  
Week 2

## Who wants to be a Millionaire?

Images of rich living dominate our readings from the prophet Amos and from St Luke in today's Mass—that self-centred rich living that leads the involved parties to seek out ever new forms of luxury. No expense spared—if it is valuable, these people must have it in abundance, as a mark of their good standing. This, they think, is their reward from God. In an age when the dead, it was felt, all ended up in the same, dark underworld called "Sheol," rich living was the best anyone could hope for as long as life lasted. But their perception was flawed. Jesus's teaching, (and most of all his Resurrection), supports the belief of the Pharisees that death is not the end of the story of life—good living in its truest sense brings a reward greater than the earthly eye can ever see.

Jesus does not condemn the rich man in his parable simply for being rich. It is not the fact that he seems to have done well in life that earns him a place in hell, as Lazarus rests in the peaceful bosom of Abraham. It is what the rich man has done with his riches that is wrong. He has spent his life seeking only what he can do for himself—and has neglected love to death, in the process. Unlike the dishonest steward in last week's Gospel who used worldly things to gain the love and respect

of his master's debtors, there is no-one inspired with the love to lift this rich man out of his torment.

Whatever our status in life, whatever riches or poverty come our way, a life without love is always futile, and can never lead us to salvation. But if we use what we have and what we are for the good of our neighbour—not necessarily sacrificing our own needs (after all, Jesus only told us to love our neighbour *as ourselves*, not *instead of ourselves*) then the love that God has planted in our hearts will bring all of us, rich and poor alike, to the kingdom where real happiness overshadows every good or bad experience here on earth. And in this life, too, there is a real peace to be found in a life of love, shared with our neighbours in need. After all, if we seek nothing more than riches for our own use, everyone we encounter is an enemy who could take away some of our success. But in the life of love, there are friends at every corner, ready to journey with us in peace. And won't we need such friends, as we face the cost of living crisis together?

## NEW PARISH ROTAS

We are looking to set up integrated rotas to cover Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Stewards/Welcomers for both ends of the parish. If you wish to be involved, please make sure that we have your contact details, and details of what you are able to offer for either church. If you would like to volunteer in any of these roles and are not doing so at present, please contact us and we will be delighted to hear from you. Thank you!

## SYRO-MALABAR FEAST

What a wonderful experience, joining our Syro-Malabar friends at St Mary's for their special feastday last Sunday, and such a warm welcome we were given! Do look out for these opportunities to share in the rich Spiritual and cultural life of those with whom we are so privileged to share St Mary's Church.

## PARISH MASS FOR THE SICK

We restart this annual Mass on Saturday 15th October, 12 noon at St Mary's with refreshments afterwards. Volunteers are sought to help with transport or in the hall. Please contact Bob (SVP) directly, or the parish office. Thank you.

## LOAVES AND FISHES HARVEST APPEAL

Salford Loaves and Fishes are once again running their Harvest Appeal, which has been so successful in previous years. They are finding now, more than ever, that people are struggling with even the most basic of provisions and anticipate this need will grow over the coming months.

Please see the noticeboard at the back of church for a list of items which are particularly useful just now.

They have also set up a Text Giving campaign—you can text 'HAR22VEST' to 70085 to donate £3 to Salford Loaves and Fishes. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message.

## CAFOD PRESENTATION

There will be a presentation by CAFOD at all Masses next week.

## PARISH FUNDRAISERS

For the next two weeks, tickets remain on sale after Masses for the raffle of a hamper, at £1 per ticket. Thank you for your support!

## CHARITY NIGHT AT OLDHAM COLISEUM

For those booked, the coach will arrive at 5.30pm on Thursday 6th October, leaving at approximately 5.45pm from the car park. All tickets and coach fares are already paid. Enjoy the evening!

## COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection in church totalled £902.66. 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.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

**The sick:** Paddy, Wieslaw, Paul, Brian, Dolores, Paul, Dorothy, Janey, baby Rosa, John, Alan, Hugh, Mena, Anthony, Nancy, Andy, Alistair, Benjamin, Sr Lucy, Kevin, Susan, Mat and Amelia, David, Jimmy, Bridget, Mark, Tom, Bridie, Maureen, Esther, Peggy, Bridget, 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, Sarah, Alan and Mary, 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 Connelly, 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, Jessie, Stephen, Jean and Mildred.

**Lately Dead:** Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Wyn Newton, Sylvia Cody, Dorothy Williamson, Alan Seale, Patricia Weightman, "Papa" from Loaves and Fishes, Maureen Sharrocks, Sr Judith Egan FMSJ, Sheila Reed (née Turner), David Sheffield, Deborah Hughes, Fr Patrick MacIntyre, Sr Margaret McGrath FMSJ, Anthony Carey, Olivia Pratt-Korbel (age 9), Maria Galbraith.

**Anniversaries:** Jack, Louisa and Ethel Twemlow, Gladys Jackson, Agnes McCarthy (Birthday Anniversary), Jessie Wilde, Leo Melling Michael Lavin, Eddy and Pat Hosey, Richard (Rick) Jackson, Brian and Margaret Maher, Sheila Mary Tipton, John Michael Lockyer, Peggy and Jeremiah Simpson, Rose Hosey.

**Remembrance:** Charles Geeney, Agnes Geeney, Marie Payne, Ann Geeney.

**We also pray:** for George Sewell (Birthday), Bill Trace ((50th Wedding Anniversary (deceased)), for our new King, Charles III, for the Regan family, for Jimmy, for migrants, for the people of Ukraine and all those affected by the war there, for Barbara Keeley, Rebecca Long-Bailey, and all who serve us in Westminster, for peace all around the world, for an end to racism in all its forms. We pray for 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 household and those in hospital, nursing and residential homes, for NHS and Care Home workers and for a number of special intentions.

## 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 9.30am Mass at St Mary's*  
**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

**Saturday 24th Sept:** 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) \* \* Livestreamed  
*26th Sunday in Ordinary Time* **Sunday 25th:** 9.30am Mass at St Mary's (with Fr John, changed for this week)  
11.15am Mass at Holy Cross (with Rite of Welcome for our baptism families)  
6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's  
**Monday 26th:** *Ss Vincent de Paul* No Mass in the parish on Mondays  
**Tuesday 27th:** 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross \*  
3.00pm Sacramental Programme Launch Meeting at St Mary's School  
**Wednesday 28th:** 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross \*  
2.45pm Sacramental Programme Launch Meeting at Holy Cross & All Saints School  
6.30pm Sacramental Programme Launch Meeting at Holy Cross Church  
*Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael* **Thursday 29th:** 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross \*  
2.45pm Sacramental Programme Launch Meeting at St Gilbert's School  
**Friday 30th:** 6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament \* (with Confessions available)  
followed by 7.00pm Mass, at Holy Cross \*  
**Saturday 1st Oct:** 11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (with Confessions available)  
followed by 12 noon Mass at St Mary's  
6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday, with Fr John) \*  
*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time* **Sunday 2nd:** 9.30am Mass at St Mary's  
11.15am Mass at Holy Cross  
6.30pm Mass at St Mary's (with Fr John)  
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](#).

**CALLING YEAR 8 FAMILIES—APPLY NOW TO JOIN THE NEW CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME! [CLICK HERE!](#)**

## NEW FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Our new First Communion Programme for **Baptised Catholic children in Y3 upwards** is being launched at a choice of meetings this week:

- Tuesday (27th September), 3.00pm at St Mary's School
- Wednesday (28th September), 2.45pm at Holy Cross and All Saints School
- Wednesday (28th September), 6.30pm at Holy Cross Church
- Thursday (29th September), 2.45pm at St Gilbert's School

This meeting will simply be to introduce the programme to parents—**children will not be required to attend**. Also, please be aware that attendance is required at **one meeting only**. We look forward to working with you in the weeks and months ahead. May God's Grace walk with you.

## CYCLE of PRAYER



**This week throughout the diocese we pray** for the people of the parish of the Nativity, Failsworth and Limeside, with Fr Michael Job and Fr John Adio, and for their parish primary schools. May they be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle.

## SACRAMENTS FOR OLDER CHILDREN & ADULTS

We invite applications from families of children aged 7-13 who are not yet baptised (or who have been baptised in a non-Catholic church) and who wish to be received into our Catholic Church family. We also invite adults who are interested (always without obligation) in becoming Catholic to get in touch, as our new "RCIA" Programme will also be beginning shortly. Please get in touch with the parish office, leaving full contact details.

## PARISH CONTACT DETAILS *(Please note that email addresses below can NOT be clicked as links)*

**Parish Priest:** Fr Martin A Collins GTCL  
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**Email:** martin.collins@dioceseofsalford.org.uk  
or via contact form on the parish website.

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Marie Twemlow  
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**Parish Website:** [www.ourparishcommunity.co.uk](http://www.ourparishcommunity.co.uk)  
**Facebook:** [@ourparishcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/ourparishcommunity)

**Parish Sister:** Sr Jenny (Franciscan Missionary of St Joseph)  
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0161 707 9537 all other times  
**Email:** srjenny@ourparishcommunity.co.uk

**Parish Halls Hire:** Enquiries to Steve Jackson  
**Telephone:** 07580 571839  
**Email:** hall@ourparishcommunity.co.uk

**Holy Cross RC Church**  
370 Liverpool Road  
Patricroft  
M30 8QD

**St Mary's RC Church**  
Oxford Street  
Eccles  
M30 0LU

**Parish Safeguarding Reps:** Marie Twemlow/Anna Raynor/Ged Dale  
**Email:** safeguarding@ourparishcommunity.co.uk

**Schools:**  
Holy Cross and All Saints: 0161 789 4386  
St Gilbert's: 0161 789 5035  
St Mary's: 0161 789 4532  
St Patrick's High School: 0161 921 2300

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*Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey*