



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

33rd
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time
Daily
Prayer
Week 1

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year, the country's great Cenotaph Services resume after 2020 brought all such public gatherings to a stop because of the pandemic. Our concept of remembrance remained, albeit commemorated in new and creative ways, with services organised online and virtual gatherings at computer screens. Maybe the pandemic itself has caused a change of mindset in many of us—priorities may have shifted and perhaps family and friends have come to mean more with the separation that had been forced upon us. Maybe our love for peace and companionship might have grown too, as we think again this year of those who gave their lives in the past to help win us the freedoms we enjoy today. Maybe 2020's restrictions, so often compared to the restrictions brought about by war, might have brought us closer together.

Yet our news screens remain filled with evidence that the lessons of the past have not been learned. Still we hear of so many young soldiers in action from different nations, and all too many making the ultimate sacrifice, with grieving families left behind. In the past year we have also seen the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan with the promise of a new era of diplomacy, and yet we also see the growth or terrorism there and the threat again to the peace of the world. We cannot escape the reality that that violence is still used in pursuit of idealisms, that sometimes we find ourselves choiceless in responding to violence with violence, joining the battle to defend against another's idealism that we oppose.

We advocate religious freedom, and yet so often our attentions are drawn to groups of extremists that would use such freedom to curtail our own, to condemn us for believing differently than they do. And indeed, these groups in some parts of the world seem to be growing more and more powerful with a new age of real persecution facing many of the world's Christians. But it is a sad and bitter view that takes our fear of such groups and uses it to condemn whole races and cultures. And it is a way in which we are so easily brought to the brink once again of all the dreadful sufferings

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

The sick: Barbara, Rosa (baby), Maria (difficult pregnancy), Edna, Linda, Fr Peter CSSP, Ann-Marie, Liz, Stephen, Elizabeth, Irene, Shane, Sidney, Margaret, Carole, Marjorie, Geoff, Anne, Paulina, Agnes, Alan, Margaret, Peter, Ann, Paul, Allan, Keith, Gwyneth, Joan, Karen, Kenneth, Patrick, Kathleen, Pat, Doreen, Helen, 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 Connolly, 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, Nicola, Jessie, Don, Nijole, Ken, Stephen, Mildred.

Lately Dead: Edward Patrick Corcoran, Teresa Lynagh, Patricia Timmins (née Mallinson), Lefteris Yianni, Baby Amelia Grace Richmond, baby Nayvee Rae Furlong, David Downey, Jack Delaney, Mark Atherton.

Anniversaries: Stase Zagorskiene, Walter Parkes, Thomas Peters, Antonia and Albert Salvatore, Jack Fagan, Tom Wilde, Mrs Ada Serrapiglia, Martin Ward (Friday's 7.00pm Mass), Colin Brigman, Frederick ("Eric") Baillie, Mary Sewell.

Remembrance: Joseph and George Flatley.

We also pray: in thanksgiving, for Nina and Tony (60th Wedding Anniversary), for all our schools, for the people of Afghanistan, for peace all around the world, and for an end to racism in all its forms. We pray for the Syro-Malabar community, 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.

which the great conflicts of old visited upon our world. But what are we to say? Where should we stand? Could we, in our Christian communities, make a stand with our neighbours in simple love, demonstrating the nobility of our Faith, and bringing the world a little closer towards peace?

We may already have tried dialogue, and we may have seen it fail. But still there must be no place for hatred in our hearts. Long ago, "outsiders" to the Christian Faith observed, "See how those Christians love each other." Could the same accusation be levelled at us today? And if it could, how many battles might be won without a gun being fired or a bomb dropped?

Whatever we may face, may our God be there urging us onwards to find peace - His peace - at last.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

We think today also of the poor, but we not being asked to fundraise on this occasion—which sometimes can be an easy option—but instead to examine our consciences and reflect upon our own lifestyles and how our faith is expressed in loving action. The following quotations, from Pope Francis and from one of our lesser heard Eucharistic Prayers, are commended to us by Caritas and might help us focus our minds and our prayers:

"It is my hope that the celebration of the World Day of the Poor, now in its fifth year, will grow in our local Churches and inspire a movement of evangelization that meets the poor personally wherever they may be. We cannot wait for the poor to knock on our door; we need urgently to reach them in their homes, in hospitals and nursing homes, on the streets and in the dark corners where they sometimes hide, in shelters and reception centres. It is important to understand how they feel, what they are experiencing and what their hearts desire."

Pope Francis, Message for World Day of the Poor, 2021

"Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters; inspire in us words and actions to comfort those who labour and are burdened. Make us serve them truly, after the example of Christ and at his command. And may your Church stand as a living witness to truth and freedom, to peace and justice, that all people may be raised up to a new hope."

Eucharistic Prayer for Use in

Masses for Various Needs, IV: Jesus, Who Went About Doing Good

BAPTISM & COMMUNION PROGRAMMES

Baptisms: Please pray for Hermionne and Chetachi, who were baptised at Holy Cross last week.

First Communion Programme: Thank you to all those who came along to the meetings a fortnight ago. We realise that through Covid and other restrictions some were not able to attend, and a recording of the second meeting can now be viewed on YouTube [HERE](#). Downloadable versions of the handouts can be found from the First Communion page of the website [HERE](#)—just scroll down and look under "November Meetings." Today we welcome the children especially to our Masses, whether they are here in person or online, as the first Communion days approach.

New Programme for Year 3: Several parents have been asking about the programme for Year 3 children, and this will be announced here in the newsletter, in church, in our schools, in our weekly emails (please sign up for them [HERE](#) if you have not done so already) and on the website within the next few weeks. As we seem to say so often, please bear with us—you have not been forgotten (and nor have the Year 5 children who have yet to receive their First Communion certificates).

LOAVES AND FISHES

With the relaxing of worry over contact transmission of the Coronavirus (and the clearer scientific evidence of its major transmission through the air) we can now safely resume collecting tins of food etc for Loaves and Fishes to assist in their invaluable work for the homeless. A box is now placed at the back of church again, and anything you can bring would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES from NEXT WEEK

Saturday (Vigil Mass): 6.00pm at Holy Cross
Sunday Morning: 9.30am at Holy Cross
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 currently available, 11.10-11.45am on Saturdays
in the Parish Meeting Room at Holy Cross (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 13th Nov: 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) (Livestreamed)

Sunday 14th: 9.30am Mass at Holy Cross

11.15am Mass at Holy Cross

*All Services at St Mary's are
suspended during the
renovation works*

Monday 15th: Sorry, no Mass on Mondays

Tuesday 16th: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)

(St Elizabeth of Hungary) Wednesday 17th: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross with Holy Cross & All Saints First Communions (Livestreamed)

Thursday 18th: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)

Friday 19th: 7.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Livestreamed) following a Holy Hour from 6.00pm

Saturday 20th: 12 noon Mass at Holy Cross following a Holy Hour from 11.00am (Livestreamed)

6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday, with First Communions) (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 live on our [YouTube channel](#).

WORKS at St MARY'S

We hope to be able to give you a more comprehensive update shortly, including any revisions to the expected handover date. You will most probably have seen all the activity around the church and all the scaffolding as the renovation moves forward, but inevitably there have been a few hold-ups along the way as some issues have been found which were not known until the scaffolding was up or until parts of the floor had been lifted inside. Inclement weather has caused a few delays too. We expect it to look wonderful when it is complete, but there is much still to be done.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEET etc

This week's "Look" leaflet for your children can be found [HERE](#). The "Lord's Day at Home" sheet to reflect upon the Mass at home is now available again, and can be viewed and downloaded [HERE](#).

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS

We are still hoping very soon to restart refreshments after Sunday morning Masses. We have a number of volunteers who are "ready to go," but Covid care will bring with it the need for a few more helpers. So, if you would consider helping out on a rota basis, please phone Marie in the parish office on Monday or Tuesday between 11am and 5pm. A big "thank you" also to those offering to resume the support they gave so willingly before the pandemic. (The actual start may be delayed, dependent upon prevalence of the virus).

APPLYING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES?

Please ensure that you specify **3 different Catholic primary schools** in your application, or you may well find your child is allocated a place in the nearest state school and it will be difficult to resolve afterwards.

CYCLE of PRAYER



This week we pray, throughout the Diocese, for the people of the parish of the Sacred Heart in Darwen, and for Father Brian Kealey, their parish priest.
We pray for their parish primary schools.
May they keep the Lord ever in their sight.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPEAL

The Bishop must rely heavily upon Foundation Governors to support and protect the ethos of all of our Catholic Schools. The work of governors can be challenging at times, but is also very rewarding for those able and willing to give of their energies. If you feel you might be able to spare the time to help in such an important role, and if you are willing to undertake appropriate training (which the diocese will provide), please speak to Fr Martin. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection in church totalled £502.44. Thank you for your continued generosity in these difficult times, and thank you also to all who donate [online](#), to those who use the contactless device in church, and to all who have set up standing orders.

PIETY SHOP

The shop is now open again, though with restriction to one household at a time inside. **Christmas stocks** are now available, including HCPT Christmas cards (profits from which help to take children with disabilities to Lourdes at Easter). All HCPT enquiries, please, to Ellen, our organist at the 11.15 Mass.

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Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey