



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

The
Most Holy
Trinity
Daily
Prayer
Week 1

THE HOLY TRINITY

God is Love. It is a statement we make so easily, and yet the implications of this simple truth often remain beyond our grasp. Deep down, we know God as all righteous, and we think of one who will love us 'if' we are good enough and keep to his ways. But for God, there is no 'if'—his love is absolute. Our task is simply to believe and to accept.

In today's Gospel, we see the Pharisee, Nicodemus, coming to Jesus in the dark of night to question him. He wants to believe in Jesus, but his faith is subdued by fear of the others in his party. However, as he half-heartedly and secretly seeks the truth, Jesus' response is anything but half-hearted. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should ... have eternal life." The promise is clear to Nicodemus, and to us. God's love is sure. And so, too, for God's first "chosen people," as Moses acknowledges their repeated guilt and infidelity in today's First Reading: God proclaims himself "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness ..."

Throughout history, the human race again and again falls short of the perfection to which it is called by God, its Creator. Yet again and again, for those who will accept it, God's love and forgiveness give new opportunities to turn back. This is why the Creator sent his Son to share our human lot and to face rejection at our hands. It is why Jesus, too, sent his Spirit to dwell in our hearts and guide us to the truth.

The Holy Trinity shows us so many facets of God's love. Let us pray for the faith to accept, to receive and to share that love which is God—One, living and true.

POPE LEO'S INTENTION for the MONTH of MAY

"That everyone might have food." Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure everyone has access to quality food.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

The sick: Baby Jude, Jackie, Julie Ann, Josie, Bernard, William, Marion, Michael, Vincent, Colleen, Peter, Geoff, Margaret, Pat, Bernard, Danny, Pauline, Joanne, Michael, Natallie, Edna, Veronica, Sheila, Stephen, Juliana, Wieslaw.

Latently Dead: Yvonne Fraser, Sr Ruth Ansaldo FMSJ, Paula Ormerod, Michael Patrick Telfer, Pauline McArdle, Joan Gidman, Joseph Parr, Fr Peter McGiveron, Carl Letham, Doris Julia Au Yeung Margaret Malone.

Anniversaries: Mary Monks, John and Frances Billington, George Milton, Mark Rea, Anthony Evans, Mina D'Cunha (Tuesday's Mass), Mary Kelly, John Bunting, Sheila and George Devlin (66th wedding Anniv), John McPhillips, Mary Kelly, Catherine Smallwood, John Michael Lockyer, Jill Cheshire.

We also pray: for Fr Livesey on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of his Ordination, Pope Leo, for the Jewish Community, for the people of Iran, Lebanon and all the Middle East, and the people of Ukraine and all those affected by the wars there, for other countries suffering unrest, for the Christians of Nigeria, for migrants and refugees, for children suffering from poverty, for the victims of modern slavery, for the success of the Diocesan and Universal Synods, for Michael Wheeler, Rebecca Long-Bailey and all who serve us in Westminster, for our local Councillors, for an end to racism in all its forms. We pray for Fr Stanto and the Syro-Malabar Mission of St Euphrasia based at St Mary's, and for each of our schools. 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

Our First Holy Communion Masses begin with the **11.15am Mass next Sunday** (7th June) at Holy Cross. We have a total of four First Holy Communion celebrations over three weekends, and the others will take place as follows:

- 9.30am, 14th June at St Mary's
- 6.00pm, 20th June at Holy Cross and
- 11.15am, 21st June at Holy Cross.

Families are reminded that it is important that you come along to the Mass at which you are booked, where you will find a reserved bench with your name on it. Once again, we ask families, please, to limit guests in church to 8 per child to avoid problems with overcrowding. Thank you!

Please keep all our children and their families in your prayers.

PIETY SHOPS

Our Piety Shops are fully stocked with First Holy Communion cards and gifts. Please support our shops!

INTERNATIONAL MASS

A sincere thank you to all those who supported last week's International Mass in any way—a wonderful celebration of the many nationalities and cultures which make up and enrich our parish.

ADVANCE NOTICE

On Sunday 5th July, when the Syro-Malabar community celebrate their great Mission Feast, we will be moving the 6.30pm Sunday evening Mass from St Mary's to Holy Cross Church to avoid parking difficulties. This will just be for the one occasion.

LORETO 6TH FORM COLLEGE VACANCY

Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College is seeking to appoint a full-time teacher of Core Religious Education and Chaplaincy Support. Core RE has centrally planned resources and is not an examined subject. Therefore, there are no formal assessments and no significant marking commitments. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. For more information, please go to the Loreto Website vacancies page.

<https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/>

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This week: No retiring collection this week.

Next week: SVP Monthly Collection

DIOCESAN SYNOD PRAYER

As we progress through the implementation stages of the Universal and Diocesan Synods, please use the Synod Prayer whenever you can, praying for each other and for the wider Diocesan community:

Loving Father,
be with us as we seek new ways
of being your people in our Diocese.
May each new day bring us
closer to your son Jesus,
as we follow his teaching and
become disciples of love.
As we continue our Synodal journey,
draw us closer to each other.
May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us.
Open our hearts, as we listen to each other
and reach out in love to your people.
Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. **Amen.**

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Please ensure that your children are supervised to and from the toilet. Please help us to keep them safe at all times. Thank you!

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 Liturgy at most 11.15am Masses
Refreshments are normally served after 9.30am Mass at St Mary's and as announced after 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross
Sunday Evening: 6.30pm at St Mary's
The 6.30pm Mass is kept quiet to be autism-friendly
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

Trinity Sunday	Sat 30th May:	Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday with Fr Dermot) *
	Sunday 31st:	9.30am Mass at St Mary's (with Fr Dermot) 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross (with Fr Dermot) 6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's (with Fr Stanto)
St Justin, Martyr	Monday 1st June:	<i>No Mass in the parish on Mondays</i>
	Tuesday 2nd:	9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by: 10.00am Eucharistic Service at Holy Cross
Ss Charles Lwanga & Compns	Wednesday 3rd:	9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
	Thursday 4th:	9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
St Boniface	Friday 5th:	6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament */Confessions followed by 6.45pm Divine Mercy for the month of June and 7.00pm Benediction and Mass (with Fr Fabias), all at Holy Cross *
	Saturday 6th:	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Confessions available) followed by 12 noon Benediction and Mass, all at St Mary's 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
Corpus Christi	Sunday 7th:	9.30am Mass at St Mary's 11.15am First Holy Communion Mass (1) at Holy Cross 6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's (with Fr Stanto)

* Livestreamed

Saturday's Vigil Mass will continue to be available on the [Live!](#) page of our website on Sunday and throughout the week, and on our [Facebook Page](#). It can also be viewed live and during the week on our [YouTube channel](#).

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Details of last week's collection will be published in next week's newsletter, as will the final total from the Fr Bashobora fundraiser. Thank you to all those who donate to the parish by Standing Order, Direct Debit, [online](#) and via the contactless devices at the back of both Churches. Scan the QR Code, (right), if you would like to donate to the parish today. Thank you, again, for your generosity!



A HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUEST

The "default" position for kneelers in both churches is DOWN. If you need to raise them to move into or out of the bench, please ensure they are then lowered immediately. They can cause serious injury to the young and to the elderly if they fall. **If you need help to adjust a kneeler, please speak to one of the stewards, who will be happy to assist you.**

CYCLE of PRAYER



This week throughout the diocese we pray for the people of the parish of St Francis of Assisi, Oldham, for Fr Kevin Tierney, their parish primary schools and the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- The next monthly prize draw will take place next Sunday, June 7th after the 9.30am Mass at St Mary's. Members are reminded that their subscription must be up to date to be eligible for a prize.
- The new year for the monthly prize draw starts on 1st June. Can you please let Fran have your subscriptions—£26 for the year? If you would like to join this fundraiser please see Fran.
- The parish summer fair will take place on Saturday 11th July in St Mary's community hall. Raffle tickets are on sale after all Masses. If you have any items to donate for the fair please leave them at the back of either church. Thank you for your support.

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St Mary's: 0161 789 4532
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Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey