



CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN PAUL II, ECCLES

Services held at: Holy Cross, Patricroft and St Mary's, Eccles

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Christ the King
Daily
Prayer
Week 2

Christ is our King

Today our Liturgical Year comes to its conclusion. From the celebration of Advent last year, we have traced the life of Our Lord through every stage of his Incarnation. From the announcement to Mary by the Angel Gabriel, through Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, his childhood, the temptations in the wilderness and the beginning of his public ministry, his example and teachings, his passion and death on Calvary, his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven. Through all of these, and in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we have all been drawn into the wonder of God's loving plan. And now, on this final Sunday before the cycle begins again, we proclaim with great joy that Christ is our King. We bow down before the one authority who, above all others, we know we can trust to bring all things to good. To his name be the glory, now and forever! Amen!

YOUTH SUNDAY

A special welcome this week to all our children and young people as, throughout the world, the Church celebrates this Solemnity of Christ the King at "Youth Sunday." We have invited our young people to be involved in any many ways as we can at our Masses—please do not be offended if your "role" has been taken on by someone else (one of our young people) just for this week!

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS

Are we people who pray? It seems a difficult question to ask, after all real, heart-felt prayer should surely be at the core of every Christian community. But so often we become distracted by so many practical things that we need to be doing, that prayer becomes little more than a rushed, token gesture. As we approach Advent, with its opportunity for new beginnings, would this perhaps be a time to renew our commitment to inviting Our Lord to be at the very heart of everything we do and are? Then we can truly hope to find Christ—the **real** Christ—in our lives, and be the Missionary Disciples we are called to be. And so...

Will we pray, this coming Advent? This week we will give out, hopefully to each household, a copy of the "Walk With Me" booklets with prayers and reflections for each day of Advent, beginning next Sunday. Please ignore the price label—we do not want you to pay, we just hope you will *pray*, alone or with your family, and invite Christ our Saviour to form us all anew in accordance with his holy will. Then Advent might instil a new vibrancy into everything we do and everything we are. Please, keep a copy in you home, and use it daily throughout the great Advent season. **Thank you.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

The sick: Vincent, Colleen, Peter, Geoff, Elizabeth, Jan, Margaret, Susan, Pat, Bernard, Danny, Pauline, Joanne, Michael, David, Natallie, Edna, Veronica, Sheila, Stephen, Juliana, Wieslaw.

Lately Dead: Barbara Hampton, James Carson, David Butler, John Joseph Stone, Nicholas Clarke, Mary Pitchford, Patricia Curran, Kathleen Judge, Edith Gilmore, Patrick ("PJ") Daly.

Anniversaries: Sonny Shannon, Deborah Evans (Birthday Anniv), Terry Smith, Dorothy Siddall (Birthday Anniv), Sarah Corcoran, Sheila Devlin (4th Anniv), John Ward, Ellen Helps, Norman Helps Snr, Dorothy Siddall (Birthday Anniv), Henry Costello.

Remembrance: Mina d'Cunha, Austin, Doris and Kevin Smith, Edward Davenport, Mary Byrne, John and Monica Potter.

We also pray: for the victims of Hurricane Melissa, for the Church's Mission in Myanmar and throughout the world, for migrants and refugees, for the cancellation of world debt, for the people of the Middle East and Ukraine and all those affected by the wars there, for other countries suffering unrest, 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 peace all around the world, 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.

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

Thank you to those who came along to the meeting last week. Over the next couple of weeks, ID lanyards will be issued to all our stewards, so you will know to whom to turn with any questions and support needs. Volunteer welcomers are still invited to come forward—individuals or families, and you will be provided with different lanyards, unnamed, on each occasion you serve. We would also welcome more stewards, and the roles are now more clearly defined if you would like more information. A sincere thank you to all who contribute to the welcome we offer at both of our churches.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

For this year's "challenge," we are looking to raise £3,000 to be divided between Caritas (to sponsor a room locally to prevent homelessness), and CAFOD (to provide a community water supply).

FORTHCOMING TRAINING SESSION

- **Dementia Awareness**—ideal for **Stewards** but also intended for **anyone at all** who feels this may be useful—**all welcome** on Wednesday 3rd December, 7.00pm at St Mary's hall.

Thank you to all who attended last week's training with Dr Minna Moffatt-Feldman on accessibility to the Sacraments for children and adults with Autism and learning disabilities. **If you or your child need support in access to the Mass or the Sacraments, please speak with Fr Martin or with one of the Catechists.** We will try to assist in any way we can.

ADVENT FOOD APPEAL

Please could we ask for any kind of (non-perishable) foods for the food bags we offer to needy families? We need things like tinned meat, vegetables, perhaps the odd Christmas treat etc. Thank you!

JUBILEE PRAYER

Please use the Jubilee Prayer whenever you can:



Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity
enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven
and a new earth,
when, with the powers of evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace
spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. **Amen.**

JUBILEE HYMN

Please join in the refrain at Masses where this is sung:

**Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in 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 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

Sat 22nd November: 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday, with Fr Stanto) *
Christ the King Sunday 23rd: 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross
 6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's
 Monday 24th: *No Mass in the parish on Mondays*
 Tuesday 25th: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
 Wednesday 26th: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
 Thursday 27th: 11.30am Funeral Mass at Holy Cross for Mary Pitchford—*May she rest in peace*
 Friday 28th: 6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Confessions followed by
 7.00pm Benediction and Mass, all at Holy Cross *
 Saturday 29th: 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) *
First Sunday of Advent Sunday 30th: 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
 11.15am Mass 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

Thank you for last week's collection of £1,106.89. Thank you also 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!



RETIRING COLLECTIONS

No retiring collection this week or next.

JUBILEE "SONGS of PRAISE"

Thank you to all who came along to our celebration of music and readings last week—a great crowd, a great atmosphere and a wonderful experience for all. Thank you also to those who thought up and planned this great Jubilee event.

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!

CYCLE of PRAYER



This week throughout the diocese we pray for the parish of the Holy Family, Denton and Reddish, and for Fr Peter Hapgood-Strickland, their parish priest.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 6th December at 12.30pm in St Mary's hall. We would be grateful for donations for the raffle and tombola stalls. Can you please leave your donations at the back of church or give them to Sue or Fran? Bakers can bring their goods on the morning of the fair. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses.

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.**

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