



# 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

Corpus Christi  
YEAR C  
Morning Prayer  
Week 4

## FIRST COMMUNION DAY

A warm welcome on Saturday evening at Holy Cross and Sunday morning and afternoon at St Mary's to the first three groups of children from our Sacramental Programme and to their parents, families and friends as they continue the journey begun in Baptism and deepen their membership of God's Church. That is what "Communion" means—a real belonging to a community, the community which is the living Body of Christ at work amongst us now and for all time.

*This is a special time for the children, and we are sure you will all wish to respect the solemnity of the occasion. Please allow them every opportunity to experience the presence of God coming to dwell within them, through appropriate silence. For the same reason, please refrain from all photography and videoing until after the ceremony is over—there will be plenty of opportunity to take photographs then. And please take part in the singing and the responses as best you can! Thank you.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

**The sick:** Anne, Mr George, Colette, Stanley, PatriciaMcElhill, Marion, John, Adam, Jake, Sue, Betty, Sylvie, Patricia, Yves, Win, Joy, Fr Devaney, Tricia, Barry, Marie, Catherine, James, Alan, Betty, Evelyn, Elizabeth, Elizabeth, Anne, Mary, Elizabeth, Joan, Amanda, Pat, Eunice, Billy, David, Evie, Mary, Chamari, Sheila, Monica, Joan, Clare, John, Eileen, Kathleen, Joyce, Margaret, Christine, Jean, Margaret, Deborah, Patrick, Sister Olivia, Fr Connelly, Jean, Vincent, Maureen, Eleanor, Margaret, Robert, Ken, Catorina, Michaela, Tony, Bernard, Elaine, Ellen, Alec, Glenes, Sheila, Caroline, Lynne, Joe, Jackie, Gemma, Sheila, Martin, Joanne, John, Joan, Janice, Bill, Marie, John, Kenneth, Vera, Lilly, Gerald, May, Louise, Peggy, Matthew, Evelyn, Margaret, Anthony, Debbie, Mary, Peter, Theresa, Sylvia, Maureen, Johnny, Robin and Steven, Sister Alphonsus, Sister Regina, Nijole, Josie, Stephen, David, Bernard, Jack and Joan, Kevin.

**Lately Dead:** Mary Simpson, Sadie Trotter, Robert Jones, Les Retford, Bunty Bradley, Francis "Raymond" Leigh, Carol Wroe.

**Anniversaries:** Albert Yates, Joe Collins, John Tighe, William Chapman, Pauline Cuomo (this week's flowers at Holy Cross), Paula and Felix McLernon, Cecelia Jackson, Brendon, Jimmy, Anthony and Frank Fahy, Anne Maguire.

**Remembrance:** Charles Geeney, William Hindley, Pat Cromey, Edna Smith.

**We also pray:** for world peace, for those who suffer domestic violence, in thanksgiving, for the people of Southern Cameroon, for Bishop John and the restructuring of our diocese, for the housebound and those in hospital, nursing and residential homes, and for a number of special intentions.

## SUNDAY MASSES and FIRST COMMUNION

The children now coming to First Communion have been growing steadily into our worshipping community over the past year, so we have arranged that their reception of the Sacrament will take place as far as possible during our regular Sunday Masses, within this community of our parish. (Additional Masses are also open to all parishioners). This will mean, of course, that the selected Masses will be quite crowded and it may not be possible for parishioners to sit in their "regular seats" in church. Whilst we would love to see the parish well represented at all these Masses, we also recognise that, being fore-warned, some of you may prefer to attend different Masses on these occasions.

### A reminder of our five First Communion Masses:

- 1 This weekend—Saturday, 6.15pm Mass at Holy Cross
- 2 This weekend—Sunday, 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 3 This weekend—Sunday, 2.00pm additional Mass at St Mary's
- 4 Next Sunday (30th June), 11.00am Mass at Holy Cross
- 5 Next Sunday (30th June), 2.00pm additional Mass at Holy Cross

We are most grateful to Fr Patrick Poku of the Spiritans, who will be covering the other Masses (without First Communions) this weekend.

## PRESENTATION of FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATES

First Communion Certificates will be presented at all Masses on the weekend of 6th/7th July. The children are welcome, if they wish, to wear their First Communion costume again to these Masses.

## SUMMER FAIR—Saturday 13th July, St Mary's

Thank you to all those who attended last week's planning meeting. The Fair (for the whole of the parish) is now set to take place in St Mary's Hall on Saturday 13th July. We are now seeking donations of: **raffle prizes, bottles, toys, books, white elephant items, groceries, good as new clothes etc., jewellery and toiletries.** Cakes can be brought to the hall on the morning of the fair. **Raffle tickets** will be on sale this weekend. Thank you, in anticipation of your support!

## NEW DEAN

Our Salford Deanery of St John (comprising all the parishes in the Salford area) is most grateful to Mgr Paul Smith, who has served as Dean for many years. He has now stepped down from the role, and the Bishop has appointed Fr Martin (of this parish) as the new Dean. Please keep them both in your prayers during this transition time. Thank you.

## OFFERTORY

**Collection:** 15th/16th June:  
Day for Life:

See print version  
See print version  
*Thank you*

## RETIRING COLLECTIONS

No retiring collection this week or next

- *New to one of the parishes?*
  - *Know someone who is sick or in hospital?*
  - *Like a visit from the priest?*
  - *Think the parish may be able to help you, or you us, in any way?*
- Please speak to Fr Martin, after Mass or at any convenient time

## MASS TIMES

**Saturday (Vigil Mass):** 6.15pm at Holy Cross  
**Sunday Morning:** 9.30am at St Mary's  
11.00am at Holy Cross  
(with Children's Liturgy throughout the academic year)  
*Refreshments served after morning Mass at Holy Cross  
and as announced at St Mary's*  
**Sunday Evening:** 6.15pm at St Mary's  
**Weekdays:** See Weekday Calendar below  
**Holydays:** As announced beforehand

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Usual times: Friday: 6.30-6.50pm at Holy Cross  
Saturday: 11.00-11.50am at St Mary's  
and 5.45-6.05pm at Holy Cross  
(or at any reasonable time on request)

## 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 speak to Fr Martin or Sr Jenny after Mass*

## Weekday Calendar *(Week beginning Monday 24th June)*

**Monday:** 9.00am Morning Prayer at Holy Cross followed by **9.15am Eucharistic Service**  
**Tuesday:** 12 noon **Mass at St. Mary's**  
7.00pm Choir practice at Holy Cross Church  
**Wednesday:** 8.45am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** at Holy Cross Church followed by **9.15am Mass**  
**Thursday:** 10.15am Funeral Service at St Mary's for the late Thomas Gerard Finnigan. *May he rest in peace*  
**12 noon Mass at St Mary's**  
7.30pm Music Ministry Deanery Meeting at St Mary's Hall—see separate entry  
**Friday:** 6.30pm **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** at Holy Cross followed by **7pm Mass** and Divine Mercy  
**Saturday (daytime):** 11.00am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** at St. Mary's followed by **12 noon Mass** and Novena.

## CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS!

**Next Saturday (29th June) at 3pm**, the annual APF Mission Mass for the diocese will be taking place. Once again, our parish choir has been invited to provide the music—and by pure coincidence the Mass this year will take place at St Mary's church in our own parish. We will discuss appropriate rehearsal arrangements with you. **ALSO**, following on from the diocesan music day at Salford Cathedral last year, musicians from every parish are being invited to Deanery music ministry events. The first of these, for the Salford Deanery of St John, will take place at St Mary's Hall (again in our own parish) **this Thursday (27th June) from 7.30pm**. This should be an enjoyable and worthwhile experience, and we cordially invite all our parish musicians (and any others interested in joining them!) to attend.

## BETHLEHEM ART

In support of Christian families in Bethlehem, there will be a sale of art and craft works produced by craftsmen from the Holy Land **after all Masses on the weekend of 6th/7th July**. Purchase high quality goods and support this worthy cause.

## A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

The parish Christmas Party/Dinner is booked at "The Clubhouse" (formerly Boysnope Golf Club) for Tuesday 3rd December from 12 noon to 3pm. The cost of £16 includes 4-course meal, free raffle, free bingo and free entertainment. Gratuities for staff are also included. More information will be available in September, when all who wish will be able to sign up. Any enquiries in the meantime, please contact Veronica via the parish office.

**22nd/23rd June 2019**



### This weekend we pray for:

the people of the parish of St. Chad, Cheetham Hill, and for the Oratorian Community. We pray for their parish primary school and for the chaplaincies to North Manchester General Hospital and Her Majesty's Prison Manchester. We pray that, in the words of St. Philip Neri, the Oratory Fathers and Brother will love to remain unknown.

## MOTHERS' PRAYERS

We are grateful to Melody, who will be launching this new initiative, part of a world-wide programme, in the parish in July.

*"Mothers Prayers is a prayer group for mothers who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren. At our meetings, we place a basket on the table at the foot of the Cross. During the meetings, we each put the names of our children one by one in this basket, accompanied by a prayer, as a symbol of our handing our children into the Lord's care. This is often a wonderful healing moment, as we realise that He has taken our problems. We welcome all women, single or married with or without children who have a desire to pray for children. Being part of Mothers Prayers is a wonderful comfort to us, especially knowing that we are reunited with many other mothers throughout the world and that they too are praying for our children."*

We will be meeting every Tuesday from 10.00am in the Parish meeting room at Holy Cross, **beginning Tuesday 2nd July**.

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*Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey*