



# 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



## Easter Sunday

YEAR A Daily Prayer Week 1

A Happy and Holy  
Easter to All our  
Parishioners

### He is Risen!

Today we celebrate with joy the central truth of our Faith—that Jesus, the Son of God, came to live among us as a human being, one like us in every way but sin; that he died for us all, but that by his power as God he defeated death and rose again from the grave. Today's Feast gives hope to us all in every trial. No illness, no force of nature, no act of terror can have the last word for those who hope in God. The Resurrection of Jesus is a pointer for us all, and a promise from the One who can never lie. We, too, with all our loved ones who have gone before us, can share, through Christ, in everlasting life. All we must do is accept God's free gift, in Faith, and allow the love of God to form and re-form us in the image and likeness of Himself—the true person we were made to be. Rejoice in the Lord!

### 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.**

### DIOCESAN SYNOD PRAYER

Please see notices at the back of church about a forthcoming event at Blackburn Cathedral next Sunday (12th April)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

**The sick:** Josie, Wojciech, Mark, Bernard, William, Marion, Michael, Jacqueline, Denise, Vincent, Colleen, Peter, Geoff, Jan, Margaret, Pat, Bernard, Danny, Pauline, Joanne, Michael, David, Natallie, Edna, Veronica, Sheila, Stephen, Juliana, Wieslaw.

**Latently Dead:** Deacon Stephen O'Connor, Pauline Weyman, Eddie Linsay, Elizabeth Konamah (Fr Nicholas' sister), Anne Heaton, Alan Brackenridge.

**Anniversaries:** Kevin Fahey, Raymond Evans, David, Paul and Tommie Greene, Maureen Duffy, Winifred and Bill Hampton, Martin Platt (Birthday Anniv), George Devlin (2nd Anniv), Pierce Carlos, Mary Smith (90th Birthday Anniv), Doris Yates, Jim Shaw, Michael Smith (50th Anniv), Thomas Brehony, Brian Platt, Jimmy Evans.

**Remembrance:** Loduvico, Ludy, Nilo, Mamerta and Porferio Sudoy, Crecenciano, Pasencia, Victoriano, Decederio, Rogelio, Rodolfo Sr and Martizano Jalea, Mario Sr, Gloria and Joseph Diamante, Sheila and George Devlin, Mary Gribbin (Easter Remembrance), John Payne, Josephine Doherty and James Carson, Agnes and Ann Geeney, Lilian Hindley, Sheila Devlin and Ada Serapiglia.

**We also pray:** for Easter blessings, for the Diamante Family in thanksgiving for blessings received (Sunday's 11.15am Mass), the residents of Monica Court, for Pope Leo and the Church throughout the world, for the people of Iran and all the Middle East, and the people of 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.

### OFFERTORY *(Donate via the QR Code)*

**Collection:** 12th/13th April: £ 1,135.17  
Missio (Challenge): £ 669.44

### RETIRING COLLECTIONS

**This week:** Holy Places of Palestine (Triduum collection)  
**Next week:** SVP monthly Collection

Thank you also to all those who donate by Standing Order, Direct Debit, [online](#) and via the contactless devices at the



## 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 after 9.30am Masses at St Mary's each week*  
*and as announced after 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross*  
**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 Easter Week – Main Services in Red

## Holy Saturday

**The Easter Vigil, 7.45pm at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)**

*Refreshments will be served in the Community Hall afterwards Do, please, stay a while and join us!*

## Easter Sunday

Sunday 5th Apr: **9.30am and 6.30pm (with Fr Stanto) at St Mary's**  
**11.15am at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)**  
Monday 6th: *No Mass in the parish on Mondays*  
Tuesday 7th: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:  
**10.00am Mass at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)**  
**2.00pm Prayer Group in the Sacristy at St Mary's**  
Wednesday 8th: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:  
**10.00am Mass at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)**  
Thursday 9th: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:  
**10.00am Mass at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)**  
Friday 10th: **6.00pm Quiet Holy Hour (with Confessions available)**  
followed by **7.00pm Mass, all at Holy Cross (Livestreamed)**  
Saturday 11th: **11.00am Quiet Holy Hour (Confessions available)**  
followed by **12 noon Wedding Mass for Maciej and Monica, at St Mary's**  
**6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass) (Livestreamed)**  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
Sunday 12th: **9.30am and 6.30pm at St Mary's**  
**and 11.15am at Holy Cross (with Fr Nicholas)**

*Thank you to all our volunteers!*

*Your efforts over the Easter Triduum have been hugely appreciated*

Sunday's 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](#).

## CHALLENGE COLLECTION

We have almost reached our total of £3,000 for the challenge and, with further contributions expected through the schools, we are confident that the challenge will be more than met. Thank you for all your generosity!

## PARISH FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- The monthly prize draw will take place after the 9.30am Mass in the hall at St Mary's on Easter Sunday. Members are reminded that their subscription must be up to date to be eligible for a prize.
- The Easter raffle will be drawn after the monthly prize draw.
- Tickets for the parish afternoon tea, to be held on Monday, May 4th at 2.00pm in the community hall at Holy Cross, will be available after all Masses next week. Price £5.00.

## MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP at St MARY'S

This month's Prayer Group will be at 2.00pm on Tuesday 5th April.

## CYCLE of PRAYER



This week throughout the diocese we pray for the parishioners of Christ the King, Newton Heath, for Fr Derek McCartney, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school.

## 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!

## 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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