



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

Ss Peter & Paul
Daily Prayer
Week 1

Ss PETER & PAUL

Today we celebrate the feast of two of the great founding-Fathers of the Church, Ss Peter and Paul. Faced with the challenges of their day and bringing their widely differing skills to bear (whilst often humanly displaying their weaknesses too), they prayed for and heeded God's guidance—much as we, too, must do as we face the challenges of the present day.

Peter, we know as the rugged fisherman, honest and blunt. He said what he saw, but often found himself reprimanded by Jesus for not seeing enough, for lack of faith, or for demonstrating ways which were not God's ways but man's. This is the man who would try to talk Jesus out of going to the Cross, only to hear Our Lord's greatest rebuke of all: "Get behind me, Satan!" And yet, he is the man too who, in today's Gospel, would declare: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Paul, on the other hand, is from quite a different social class. A Pharisee, a man of great learning and intellect, familiar in detail with the ancient Law of Moses and ready to persecute to the death anyone who would threaten the way of life which that Law laid out for them—until an encounter with Christ changed his entire outlook.

Both of these were Christ's servants and, filled with the Holy Spirit, each would endure terrible sufferings and unjust imprisonment for the Holy Name of Jesus, driven on by the inner certainty that nothing this life could bring to them—not even death itself—could separate them from the love of the one whom they served.

We, too are God's unlikely choice of followers and servants. In our different circumstances and from our different backgrounds, each one of us is called to play our part, in Faith, in bringing—and in being—'Good News' to our neighbours in today's challenging times. May these great Saints help us to fulfil our calling.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

The sick: Adam, Eamonn, 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: Kathleen McCormick, Lucyna Sumińska, Karen Anne Dunn, Jean Bradbury, Baby Penelope, Maureen Jones.

Anniversaries: John and Nora Tighe, Pauline Cuomo, Julie Burgess (1st Anniv), Marie Gilmartin, Lily McNamara (5th Anniv), Janey McPhillips (3rd Anniv), Paul Jehu (1st Anniv), Jessie Collins (98th Birthday Anniv).

Remembrance: John Payne, Josephine Doherty, James Carson, George Devlin, Charles, Agnes and Ann Geeney, Marie Payne, William and Lilian Hindley.

We also pray: for Pope Leo, for those affected by the Venezuelan Earthquakes, for the Jewish Community, for the people of Iran, Lebanon and all the Middle East, 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 Ephrasia 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.

POPE LEO'S INTENTION for the MONTH of JUNE

"For the value of sports." Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

FINAL CALL for EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

Are you at Eucharistic Minister in the parish, assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion? Would you be willing to volunteer a little of your time to support Catholic patients in Salford Royal Hospital? If your answer is yes, please speak with Fr Martin or contact Marie in the parish office. We are looking for volunteers from across the Salford Deanery to broaden the reach of the Chaplaincy within the hospital. Statutory training will be provided.

STELLA MARIS

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- The parish summer fair will be held on Saturday 11th July at 12.30 in the parish hall at St. Mary's. Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses. If you have items to donate for the stalls please leave them at the back of church. If you are able to help on the day please let Fran or Sue know. The last fair at Christmas made an amazing £2,800. Let's see if we can beat that total!!
- The monthly prize draw (the first of the new year) will take place after the 11.15 Mass at Holy Cross on Sunday, July 5th. Members are reminded that their subscription must be up to date to be eligible for a prize

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.**

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.**

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
Holidays: 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 27th June:	6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
<i>Ss Peter and Paul</i>	Sunday 28th:	9.30am Mass at St Mary's 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross 6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's (with Fr Stanto)
	Monday 29th:	<i>No Mass in the parish on Mondays</i> 6.30pm Youth "Impact" Group at Holy Cross Community Hall
	Tuesday 30th:	10.00am Mass at St Mary's School , with refreshments afterwards— <i>All welcome</i>
	Wed 1st July:	9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
	Thursday 2nd:	9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross * 7.15pm MAPAS Choral Concert at Holy Cross — <i>See poster, and entry below</i>
<i>St Thomas</i>	Friday 3rd:	6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament */ Confessions followed by 7.00pm Benediction and Mass, all at Holy Cross *
	Saturday 4th:	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (<i>Confessions available</i>) followed by 12 noon Benediction and Mass, back at St Mary's this week 6.00pm Junior Reception Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
<i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Sunday 5th:	9.30am Mass at St Mary's (with Fr Stanto) 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross 6.30pm Evening Mass at Holy Cross this week

* 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](#).

MAPAS "Spotlight" CONCERT ON THURSDAY

Once again, Choirs from the Salford Music Service will be performing at Holy Cross on Thursday evening this week, beginning at 7.15pm. Tickets at £7 (£5 child/concessions) are available [HERE](#) or at the door. (Doors open at 6.45pm).

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for last week's collection of £1,429.24. 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, (above), if you would like to donate to the parish today.



RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This week: Peter's Pence

Next week: CAFOD emergency appeal for Venezuela Earthquakes

CYCLE of PRAYER



This week throughout the diocese we pray for the parish of St Clement, Bury and Tottington and for Fr Paul Cannon, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING MASS VENUE CHANGE

As announced over the past few weeks, whilst the Syro-Malabar community celebrate their great Mission Feast next weekend, 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. **Also—everyone is invited to the Syro-Malabar procession taking place in the afternoon**—further details next week.

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