



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

18th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time
Daily
Prayer
Week 2

WHAT DO WE HAVE TO GIVE?

Getting away from it all is a deep human need that we all find ourselves trying to address in one way or another during the holiday season.

Jesus, faced with the tiredness that comes from hard labour in service of a needy world, and also the shock news of John the Baptist's murder, feels that need himself in today's Gospel. And so, taking just his disciples and enough food and supplies for that little group, he retreats into the wilderness for a time of quiet and prayer—an opportunity to "recharge his batteries."

But, as so often happens with us today, things just don't work out according to plan! The crowds who need Jesus for healing and inspiration find out where he has gone, so he will find no peace today!

Must Jesus dig deep into his limited resources to find more and appear strong for the crowds, even though he feels tired and weak? We all know this will not work—it is a certain recipe for "burn out" and would make him good for no-one.

So Jesus simply draws upon that little he has, and prays that God will make it enough for the needs of the crowd. Then, with God's blessing the sick are cured, and even the hungry fed, from the meagre resources the disciples have to share.

We are his disciples today, and we too face that uneasy balance of our need for time to ourselves, and the call to serve our community. Yet our lives are so busy—maybe we feel that we have no time to pray for God's help because we are so immersed in all that we must fulfil? But this, again, is the recipe for stress and burn-out. Whether away on holiday or at home, let us find the time to follow Jesus' example and turn to God in prayer, to give us the strength we cannot find for ourselves and order our time for good.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

The sick: John, Monica, Robert, Doreen, Bethan, Adam, Eamonn, Jackie, Julie Ann, Josie, Bernard, William, Marion, Michael, Vincent, Colleen, Peter, Geoff, Margaret, Pat, Danny, Pauline, Joanne, Michael, Natallie, Edna, Veronica, Sheila, Stephen, Juliana, Wieslaw.

Latently Dead: Fr Michael O'Leary, Fr Peter McGiveron, Bernard Payne, Ada Glynn, Marie Garside CBE (former headteacher of St Ambrose Barlow RC High School), Terence ("Tex") Ferguson, Kathleen McCormick, Barbara Smith (née Adams).

Anniversaries: Michael Gilbert, Pat McNamara, Betty Adams, Maureen Duffy (Birthday Anniv), Mary Kelly (Birthday Anniv), Edward Kelly, Helen Shannon (Birthday Anniv), Thomas Roddy, Jim Kelly, Sheila Carlos, Terry Smith (96th Birthday Anniv), Brian Slater, Séan Fanning (Birthday Anniv).

Remembrance: Mary and Terry Smith (67th Wedding Anniv), Jessie Collins.

We also pray: for Pope Leo, for those affected by the recent 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 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.

POPE LEO'S INTENTION for the month of AUGUST

"For evangelization in the city," so that the Lord may accompany the millions who seek meaning amid noise and haste.

ANNUAL SVP MASS FOR THE SICK

Our Mass for the Sick, this year, will take place on Saturday 15th August, at 12 noon at St Mary's, with refreshments afterwards. Once again, we are seeking volunteers who may be able to assist in bringing people who are otherwise housebound to this event, to which many of them look forward. Please contact Marie in the parish office for more information and to offer your support. Thank you!

NAMES ON OUR SICK LIST

There are some people on our prayer list about whom we have not heard any updates for a while. If they still need our prayers we will, of course, keep their names on the list, but if we do not hear over the next couple of weeks, names will be removed. They can, of course, be added again if necessary.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- The next monthly prize draw will take place this Sunday after the 9.15am Mass at St Mary's. Members are reminded that their subscription must be up to date to be eligible for a prize.

THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Are you a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional? If you are a Catholic in healthcare, you are invited to join the Catholic Medical Association and grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information & upcoming events, visit: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

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.**

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 parish website for further information

Calendar for This Week

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sat 1st Aug: 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
 Sunday 2nd: 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 3rd: *No Mass in the parish on Mondays*
St John Vianney Tuesday 4th: 2.00pm Monthly Prayer Group in St Mary's Sacristy—All welcome
 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross
 Wednesday 5th: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross
The Transfiguration Thursday 6th: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross
 Friday 7th: 6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament /Confessions followed by
 6.40pm Chaplet of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (August) and
 7.00pm Benediction and Mass, all at Holy Cross
St Dominic Sat 8th: 11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Confessions available)
 followed by 12 noon Benediction and Mass, all at St Mary's
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 9th: 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross (with Fr Nicholas)
 6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's

* 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 £1,042.16. 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.



RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This week: No retiring collection this week.
 Next week: SVP Monthly Collection.

CYCLE of PRAYER



This week throughout the diocese we pray for the parish of St Vincent, Norden, Rochdale, and for Father James Manock, their parish priest. We pray 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!

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Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey