



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

19th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time
Daily
Prayer
Week 3

WHY DID YOU DOUBT?

Last week's Gospel described a weary Jesus, seeking rest for himself and his disciples, yet followed by crowds in need of his ministry. In that passage, he prayed to his Father that the little strength he had left would be enough to fulfil their needs and, symbolised in the sharing of five loaves and two fish, thousands were to be satisfied with next to nothing but the Grace of God. Today's Gospel continues the story. Now, at last, Jesus can send the crowds away in peace. He goes up into the hills to pray, and sends the disciples on to another quiet place where he will join them later.

The twelve travel away in their boat, knowing that Jesus is not far away. But for the time being they cannot see him and their Faith is weak.

A storm rises, and the travellers feel alone and afraid. Has Jesus deserted them in their time of need? Everywhere they look they see nothing but impending disaster, and when they see a ghost-like figure on the water they must think they are looking at a vision of death itself! But the "vision" is Jesus—if only they had the Faith to see. Peter suddenly realises, and decides he must respond to Jesus's presence and walk out on the water to meet him. But when he feels the strength of the wind and the waves, his doubts take over again. He cannot reach out in safety to the Lord—so Jesus reaches out to him instead. "Why did you doubt?" he asks.

It is at times of great trial like this that the disciples recognise who Jesus is, and slowly they learn to put their trust in him.

Like it or not, we too need trials in our lives if we are to experience the power of God's love and learn to put our trust in him. And when our Faith fails even though we think we have tried our best, that is the time to remember—it is not our effort, our 'best' that counts. Rather we need to trust, to let him reach out to us, and to hear him ask: "Why did you doubt?" as he brings us safely home.

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 this coming 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! (There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Confessions on this occasion).

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

- This month's winners of the Monthly Prize Draw are:

£ 100	238	Stephen L
£ 30	184	Valerie L
£ 20	240	Anne S

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

Please pray for Ava, Nylah, Oscar, Victor, Mary, Willow, Vincenza, Zaiah, Sorelle, Theo and Harry, all baptised recently in the parish.

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.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

The sick: Kathleen, John, Monica, Robert, Doreen, 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: Nora McPartland, 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: Jessie Wilde, Fr Michael Ryan, Shirley Parkes (Birthday Anniv), Harold Yates, 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.

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sat 8th Aug: 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
 Sunday 9th: 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross (with Mgr Paul Smith)
 6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's
St Lawrence Monday 10th: *No Mass in the parish on Mondays*
St Clare Tuesday 11th: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
No Rosary at St Gilbert's this week
 Wed 12th: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
 Thursday 13th: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
St Maximilian Kolbe Friday 14th: 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 *
 Sat 15th: 12 noon Annual Mass for the Sick at St Mary's
(No Benediction or Confessions today)
The Assumption Sunday 16th: 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
 9.30am Mass at St Mary's (with Fr Stanto)
 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross
 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 £778.37. 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. **The contactless device at St Mary's is now working again. If you attempted a payment on it which failed some time ago, please check your bank account for any unexpected payment to St John Paul II, Eccles in the afternoon of Friday 7th August when the device came back online. If you wish to dispute a payment, Dona (the service provider) can provide a refund or you can contact the parish office. Our sincere apologies for any inconvenience.**



CYCLE of PRAYER



This week throughout the diocese we pray for the parish of Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich and for Father Gerard Byrne, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for the chaplaincy to Prestwich Hospital and for the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

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

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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 St Mary's: 0161 789 4532
 St Patrick's High School: 0161 921 2300

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Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey