



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

The
Assumption
of the
Blessed
Virgin Mary
Daily
Prayer
Week 4

THE ASSUMPTION

Today's Gospel relates for us the story of Our Lady's "visitation" to her cousin, Elizabeth. She has accepted the message from the Angel Gabriel that she will be the mother of Jesus, and has rushed off to help her elderly relative who, against all worldly odds, has also found herself expecting a child. The words exchanged at this meeting clarify for us the significance of what is happening: the great task which Mary has been chosen to undertake, and the symbolic meeting of the unborn Jesus with John the Baptist who will announce his coming—and Mary's "Magnificat" sums up not only her own joy at God's choice of her, but also every choice and preference of God. It is a prayer for us, today, as we seek justice for the poor and the needy, and wonder at the apparent prosperity of those who care for none but themselves. With Mary, our souls too can "proclaim the greatness of our God," and marvel at the love he has shown in sending his Son to die for us.

Mary's task was great and glorious, and of all women—indeed of all people—only she was found worthy to bring Christ into the world. Therefore, from ages past in the Church, Christians have been unable to accept that the one who alone became the perfect temple of God's presence on earth, would then suffer bodily decay. Faith tells us that God's will is for all of us to rise into the joy of his presence on the last day—a resurrection not as some vague, disembodied spirit, but with a real, glorified body like that of the risen Christ himself. The ancient belief for Mary was simply that she achieved this fullness of the life to come from the very moment of her earthly passing. And in 1950, this was finally declared as an article of our Faith.

The dogmatic definition of the Assumption expresses the hope "that faith in the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven may make our faith in the resurrection both stronger and more active." Let us pray that today's great feast might indeed deepen our understanding of the mystery of the Incarnation of Christ, and strengthen our faith in the fulfilment of all of God's promises in spite of and even within the challenges of the modern world.

POPE LEO'S INTENTION for the month of AUGUST

"For evangelization in the city." Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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.

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: Ryan Fellows (Sunday's 11.15am Mass), Brenda Evans, Nora McPartland, Fr Michael O'Leary, Fr Peter McGiveron, Bernard Payne, Ada Glynn.

Anniversaries: Aliason Dapato, 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.

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

We also pray: for Sr Anne FMSJ (Diamond Jubilee), 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

Sat 15th Aug:	6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
<i>The Assumption</i> Sunday 16th:	9.30am Mass at St Mary's (with Fr Stanto) 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross 6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's
Monday 17th:	<i>No Mass in the parish on Mondays</i>
Tuesday 18th:	9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross * <i>No Prayer Group at St Gilbert's this week</i>
Wed 19th:	9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by: 10.00am Eucharistic Service at Holy Cross
<i>St Bernard</i> Thursday 20th:	9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by: 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
<i>St Pius X</i> Friday 21st:	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 *
<i>Our Lady, Queen and Mother</i> Sat 22nd:	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Confessions available) followed by 12 noon Benediction and Mass, all at St Mary's
<i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Sunday 23rd:	6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday with Fr Stanto) * 9.30am Mass at St Mary's 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 £944.95. The retiring collection raised £213.06 for the work of the SVP. 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 St Mary and St Philip Neri, Radcliffe, and for Father Philip Brady, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

No retiring collection this week or next

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