



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

27th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Daily
Prayer
Week 3

GOD'S VINEYARD

We may not be familiar with the sight of vineyards or of absentee landlords sending messengers to tenant farm workers around Eccles, but the stories from Isaiah and St Matthew that we hear today are nonetheless clear enough in their meaning. God chose his people, the children of Israel, and expected great things of them, but instead they turned away so their inheritance was offered to others—to anyone who would follow in the footsteps of Christ.

In stories like these we are reminded of our own call, as "Gentiles," to the Kingdom of God—but let them never make us complacent in our calling. If some in Jesus' time were rejected because they failed to produce good fruit, where then is the spiritual fruit of our own labours? Are our "good deeds" an example to the world of today? Let us be filled with the hope God's Word brings, but also let us rise to the challenge—may that Word transform us, and through us transform the world.

St MARY'S SCHOOL WELCOME MASS

At the 9.30am Mass this week we offer a special parish welcome to the new Nursery and Reception families at St Mary's school, along with children from other year groups, and First Holy Communion certificates will be presented to their Y4 children. *More about these Masses next week!*

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD envelopes, given out last week, can be returned with your collection over the next three weeks. (More envelopes should be available if needed).

MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEK

Each year, there is an appeal on behalf of the missions allocated by the diocese to a particular missionary organisation. This year, the appeal will be made by one of the SMP Fathers (the Missionary Society of St Paul), and in this parish it will take place at all Masses next weekend.

POPE LEO'S INTENTION for this month

"For mental health ministry." Pope Leo XIV dedicates his October prayer intention to mental health ministry, calling on the Church to listen without judging and accompany those who suffer without excluding them.

MEDICINE BLISTER PACK COLLECTION

Thank you to those who make use of the blister back recycling system at the back of the churches. When putting blister packs in the boxes please remember:

- Blister packs must be empty of all tablets.
- Milk bottle tops cannot be recycled this way, please find an alternative way to recycle or put them in your black bin.
- Pipettes cannot be recycled this way, please find an alternative way to recycle or put them in your black bin.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- Thank you to all those who supported the "super 50:50". The winner was Marilyn M who won £250 on ticket 55. The same amount goes to parish funds.
- The monthly prize draw will take place after the 9.30 Mass at St Mary's. Members are reminded that their subscription must be up to date to be eligible for a prize.
- The parish Christmas fair will be held on Saturday 12th December. More details to follow.

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.**

SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY FUND

Our diocesan Sick and Retired Clergy Fund ensures our retired priests can begin the next chapter of their vocation with confidence, knowing the Church they have served will continue to accompany them as they age. Every gift to the fund helps to provide the care, dignity and practical support our priests deserve after years of dedicated service. Please remember our retired clergy in your prayers and if you can, and were not able to do so last week, please consider making a gift to the appeal. (Scan the QR code to go to the donation page.)



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

The sick: Dave, Michael, Margaret, Colleen, Tayo, Kathleen, John, Monica, Robert, Doreen, Adam, Jackie, Julie Ann, Pauline, Natallie, Edna, Sheila, Juliana.

Lately Dead: Teresa Lai Kuen Chan, Bridget Stafford, Tony Scott, Kathrryn McCloud, John Holroyd, Josie Muggleton, Pat Nicholson, Marty Hickey, Clare Callaghan.

Anniversaries: Ena Lea (Birthday Anniv), Eddy and Pat Hosey, Annie Smith, Frederick ("Eric") Bailey, Margaret Maher, Norman Helps, Jean Holmes, Richard Jackson, Rose Hosey, George Sewell (Birthday Anniv).

Remembrance: Bernard and John Payne, Josephine Doherty, James Carson.

We also pray: for Pope Leo, for those affected by the recent earthquakes and floods, 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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sat 3rd Oct: 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday) *
 Sunday 4th: 9.30am Mass at St Mary's with Welcome for St Mary's schoolchildren
 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross
 6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's (with Fr Stanto) * Livestreamed
Monday 5th: *No Mass in the parish on Mondays*
 2.00pm Monthly Prayer Group in St Mary's Sacristy—All welcome
Tues 6th: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
 10.00am Eucharistic Service at Holy Cross *
Our Lady of the Rosary **Wed 7th:** 1.00pm Funeral Mass at Holy Cross for Bridget Stafford—May she rest in peace
Thursday 8th: 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
 10.00am Eucharistic Service **at St Mary's**
St John Henry Newman **Friday 9th:** 11.00am Funeral at Peel Green Crematorium for Tony Scott—May he rest in peace
 6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament */Confessions followed by
 6.30pm Holy Rosary for the month of October * and
 7.00pm Benediction and Mass, all at Holy Cross *
Sat 10th: 11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Confessions available)
 followed by 12 noon Benediction and Mass, all at St Mary's
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 11th: 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday with Mission Appeal) *
 9.30am Mass at St Mary's with Mission Appeal
 11.15am Mass at Holy Cross with Mission Appeal
 6.30pm Evening Mass at St Mary's with Mission Appeal

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 £851.90. The retiring collection for the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund raised £347.01. 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.



CYCLE of PRAYER



This week throughout the diocese we pray for the parish of the Holy Infant, Astley Bridge, and for Fr Kieran Anderson, SDB, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, for Thornleigh College, and for the Salesian community.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This week: Monthly collection for the work of our SVP Group
 Next week: Annual Mission Appeal

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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Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey