



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

28th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time
Daily
Prayer
Week 4

MISSION APPEAL TODAY

This weekend we welcome Fr Lawrence Danladi MSP, of the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP), who will be making our annual mission appeal. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses. Additionally, you can donate by setting up a direct debit or by cheque using the provided account details:

Account Name: The Missionary Society of St Paul

Sort code: 202963

Account No: 73306224

Bank Name: Barclays Bank

Alternatively, you can use your smartphone to donate via the QR code, right.



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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Thank you for the wonderful start the children have made! Just a little reminder to parents/carers—if your children are seated at the front with the Catechists, please ensure that you yourself sit near the front of the church on the opposite side, so that you can easily be found if they need you. Thank you.

NEWS FROM St PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL

We hope all parishioners enjoyed a wonderful summer! We are glad to be back in school for this new academic year, and able to share our updates from September with you—it has been a busy but brilliant start to term:

- Thank you to Fr Martin for beginning our school year with a Mass for all staff in school on our first INSET day, and our Year 7 Welcome Mass at Holy Cross (a special thanks to the Headteachers of our partner primary schools for joining us, alongside parents/carers and parishioners).
- We have also celebrated the Eucharist with Year 8 on their First Friday Mass, and with new Pupil Chaplains during their Commissioning Mass at Holy Cross alongside pupils from St Mary's and St Gilbert's.
- Year 7 have engaged brilliantly with Chaplaincy, loving God and our neighbours, so far this term! Each week, a different form plans and participates in our Wednesday Prayer Service, brings in donations for Pat's Pantry (our school food bank) and litter-picks around school to care for our common home.
- We are proud to have supported Macmillan and Fairtrade during September, raising awareness of and funds for two very important causes.
- As September was the month of creation, Pupil Chaplains created and led a pop-up focused on stewardship and the teachings of Pope Francis' Laudato Si.
- On 8th September, we celebrated our Blessed Lady's birthday in school.
- In addition to Pupil Chaplaincy, Faith in Action and Care for Creation, we now also have a 'Bible & Biscuits' club running every week. It's been wonderful to see so many pupils participating in the Catholic life of the school beyond the classroom in so many different ways.

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.**

BAPTISMS

Please pray for Harry, Felix, Bonnie, Kane, Annalise, Maddison, Eunice and Gigi who have recently been baptised in the parish.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

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

£ 100	257	Bernie W
£ 30	251	Sue S
£ 20	133	Tina P
- The Christmas Fair will be held on 12th December. More details to follow.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

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

Latently Dead: Vincent Kelly, Mary O'Regan, Teresa Lai Kuen Chan, Bridget Stafford, Tony Scott, Kathrryn McCloud, John Holroyd, Josie Muggleton, Pat Nicholson, Marty Hickey, Clare Callaghan.

Anniversaries: Michael and Francis Lavin, 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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sat 10th Oct: 6.00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Vigil Mass for Sunday with Mission Appeal) *
 Sunday 11th: 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 * **Livestreamed**
Monday 12th: No Mass in the parish on Mondays
Tues 13th: 10.00am Harvest Mass at St Gilbert's School—All welcome
 2.00pm Pro-Life Rosary at St Gilbert's Presbytery
Our Lady of the Rosary **Wed 14th:** 9.45am Rosary for world peace, followed by:
 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross *
Thursday 15th: 10.00am Mass at St Mary's School with Y2, 4 & 6—All welcome
 1.00pm Funeral Mass at Holy Cross for Teresa Chan—May she rest in peace
St John Henry Newman **Friday 16th:** 6.30pm Rosary for the month of October * and
 7.00pm Benediction and Mass, all at Holy Cross *
Sat 17th: 11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Confessions available)
 followed by 12 noon Benediction and Mass, all at St Mary's
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 18th: 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

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 £1,633.38.
 The retiring collection for the SVP raised £245.88.
 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: Annual Mission Appeal
 Next week: No retiring collection next week

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD envelopes can be returned with your collection over the next two weeks.

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!

CYCLE of PRAYER



This week throughout the diocese we pray Let us pray, this week for the parish of Corpus Christi, Bromley Cross, for Father Alfred Rebello, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools and for Fr Freddie Shanthikumar Fernando, chaplain to the Sri Lankan community.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Advance notice—this will take place sat Barton Airport on 16th December. Bookings, please, with Fran Phipps before the end of November.

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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 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