



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

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TRINITY SUNDAY

God is Love. It is a statement we make so easily, and yet the implications of this simple truth often remain beyond our grasp. Deep down, we know God as all righteous, and we readily think of him as one who will love us if we keep to his ways. But for God, there is no "if" – his love is absolute. Our task is simply to believe and to accept.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus promise the Holy Spirit to his followers. That Spirit is no small gift. Within the Holy Trinity, we see the Spirit as that absolute bond of love between the unbegotten Father and his only-begotten Son. As Jesus himself is the visible manifestation of everything the Father is, and the Father is the invisible One through whom all things were made, so the Spirit is the everlasting exchange of all that is good between them. The love between Father and Son is given, by Jesus, to the Disciples – and through them, to us – that "we may all be one as [Jesus] and the Father are one." (Our Lords' own prayer, at the last Supper). This love, implanted in our hearts, calls us daily to be more like God ourselves – to turn from our human failings and live our lives as Christ himself lived. As we read of

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people kindly in your prayers:

The sick: Mr George, Colette, Stanley, Patricia, Marion, John, Adam, Jake, Sue, Betty, Sylvie, Patricia, Yves, Win, Joy, Fr Devaney, Tricia, Barry, Marie, Catherine, James, Alan, Betty, Evelyn, Elizabeth, Elizabeth, Anne, Mary, Elizabeth, Joan, Amanda, Pat, Eunice, Billy, David, Evie, Mary, Chamari, Sheila, Monica, Joan, Clare, John, Eileen, Kathleen, Joyce, Margaret, Christine, Jean, Margaret, Deborah, Patrick, Sister Olivia, Fr Connelly, Jean, Vincent, Maureen, Eleanor, Margaret, Robert, Ken, Catorina, Michaela, Tony, Bernard, Elaine, Ellen, Alec, Glenes, Sheila, Caroline, Lynne, Joe, Jackie, Gemma, Sheila, Martin, Joanne, John, Joan, Janice, Bill, Marie, John, Kenneth, Vera, Lilly, Gerald, May, Louise, Peggy, Matthew, Evelyn, Margaret, Anthony, Debbie, Mary, Peter, Theresa, Sylvia, Maureen, Johnny, Robin and Steven, Sister Alphonsus, Sister Regina, Nijole, Josie, Stephen, David, Bernard, Jack and Joan, Kevin.

Lately Dead: Robert Jones, Les Retford, Bunty Bradley, Francis "Raymond" Leigh, Carol Wroe, Steve Kelly.

Anniversaries: John Tighe, William Chapman, Pauline Cuomo, Paula and Felix McLernon, Cecelia Jackson, Brendon, Jimmy, Anthony and Frank Fahy, Anne Maguire, Jack Billington, Margaret and John Stafford.

Remembrance: Charles Geeney, William Hindley, Pat Cromey, Edna Smith, Jimmy Shaw.

We also pray: for world peace, for those who suffer domestic violence, in thanksgiving, for the people of Southern Cameroon, for Bishop John and the restructuring of our diocese, for the housebound and those in hospital, nursing and residential homes, and for a number of special intentions.

humanity in today's Psalm: "You have made [us] little less than a god" – and this is true by the presence of the Holy Spirit within us. How can we live up to so great a calling?

Throughout history, the human race time and again falls short of the perfection to which it is called by God, our Creator. Yet time and again for those who will accept it, God's love and forgiveness give new opportunities to turn back. This is why the Father sent his Son to share our human lot and to face rejection at our hands. This is why Jesus, at Pentecost, sent his Spirit to dwell in our hearts and guide us to the truth.

The Holy Trinity shows us so many facets of God's love. Let us pray for the faith to accept, to receive and to share that love which is the One living and true God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME MEETINGS

This week we are holding two Sacramental Programme meetings for **parents and children**. The first will be on Wednesday at St Mary's church, and the second on Thursday at Holy Cross church, each beginning at 6.30pm and expected to last for around 45 minutes. At the meeting, the children will be prepared for the ceremony so they will be clear about what will be happening, and questions of parents and children will be answered to the best of our ability. We ask each family to attend **just one** of the meetings—it does not matter which. If your child is to receive First Communion at St Mary's but the Holy Cross meeting is more convenient, or the other way round, this will be absolutely fine.

SUMMER FAIR

...now in preparation. Come along to St Mary's Small Hall on Wednesday at 7.30pm to help us plan! All welcome.

DAY FOR LIFE

This year, the Day for Life will focus on all those who are suffering or have survived domestic abuse. It provides an opportunity to pray, reflect and choose the ways in which action, as well as practical and emotional support, can ensure the dignity of human life is upheld at every stage of human life. Please visit www.dayforlife.org for information and ideas.

THANKING OUR SUPPORTING PRIESTS

Thank you to Fr Patrick Poku of the Spiritans who will this week be celebrating the 9.30am Sunday morning Mass at St Mary's.

OFFERTORY

Collection: 1st/2nd June:

See print version

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This week: Day for Life. *The collection supports the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other projects which work to protect life at every stage and in every condition.*

Next week: No retiring collection next week

- New to one of the parishes?
 - Know someone who is sick or in hospital?
 - Like a visit from the priest?
 - Think the parish may be able to help you, or you us, in any way?
- Please speak to Fr Martin, after Mass or at any convenient time

MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil Mass):	6.15pm at Holy Cross
Sunday Morning:	9.30am at St Mary's 11.00am at Holy Cross (with Children's Liturgy throughout the academic year) <i>Refreshments served after morning Mass at Holy Cross and as announced at St Mary's</i>
Sunday Evening:	6.15pm at St Mary's
Weekdays:	See Weekday Calendar below
Holydays:	As announced beforehand

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Usual times: Friday: 6.30-6.50pm at Holy Cross
Saturday: 11.00-11.50am at St Mary's
and 5.45-6.05pm at Holy Cross
(or at any reasonable time on request)

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 speak to Fr Martin or Sr Jenny after Mass

Weekday Calendar (Week beginning Monday 17th June)

Monday:	9.00am Morning Prayer at Holy Cross followed by 9.15am Eucharistic Service
Tuesday:	12 noon Eucharistic Service at St. Mary's 7.00pm Choir practice at Holy Cross Church
Wednesday:	8.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross Church followed by 9.15am Mass 6.30pm Sacramental Programme Meeting at St Mary's Church—see separate entry on opposite page 7.30pm Meeting in St Mary's Small Hall in preparation for the Summer Fair —all volunteers welcome!
Thursday:	12 noon Mass at St Mary's 6.30pm Sacramental Programme Meeting at Holy Cross Church—see separate entry on opposite page
Friday:	6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Cross followed by 7pm Mass and Divine Mercy
Saturday (daytime):	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's followed by 12 noon Mass and Novena.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

First Communion Masses will be:

- 1 **Next Saturday** (22nd June), 6.15pm Mass at Holy Cross
- 2 **Next Sunday** (23rd June), 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
- 3 **Next Sunday** (23rd June), 2.00pm additional Mass at St Mary's
- 4 Sunday 30th June, 11.00am Mass at Holy Cross
- 5 Sunday 30th June, 2.00pm additional Mass at Holy Cross

All of these Masses (including additional Masses) are open to all parishioners. Please be aware that the First Communion Masses will be slightly longer than a regular Sunday Mass, and will be quite crowded. However, we hope as many parishioners as possible will choose to come along as usual to support the children and their families. Thank you!

CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS!

On **Saturday 29th June at 3pm**, the annual APF Mission Mass for the diocese will be taking place. Once again, our parish choir has been invited to provide the music—and by pure coincidence the Mass this year will take place at St Mary's church in our own parish. We will discuss appropriate rehearsal arrangements with you. **ALSO**, following on from the diocesan music day at Salford Cathedral last year, musicians from every parish are being invited to Deanery music ministry events. The first of these, for the Salford Deanery of St John, will take place at St Mary's Hall (again in our own parish) on **Thursday 27th June from 7.30pm**. This should be an enjoyable and worthwhile experience, and we cordially invite all our parish musicians (and any others interested in joining them!) to attend.

15th/16th June 2019



This weekend we pray for:

the people of the parish of St. Anne, Crumpsall, and for Fr. David Glover, their parish priest. We pray for their primary school. We pray that their mission continues to grow and be blessed.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

We are grateful to Melody, who will be launching this new initiative, part of a world-wide programme, in the parish in July.

"Mothers Prayers is a prayer group for mothers who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren. At our meetings, we place a basket on the table at the foot of the Cross. During the meetings, we each put the names of our children one by one in this basket, accompanied by a prayer, as a symbol of our handing our children into the Lord's care. This is often a wonderful healing moment, as we realise that He has taken our problems. We welcome all women, single or married with or without children who have a desire to pray for children. Being part of Mothers Prayers is a wonderful comfort to us, especially knowing that we are reunited with many other mothers throughout the world and that they too are praying for our children."

We will be meeting every Tuesday from 10.00am at the Parish meeting room at Holy Cross, **beginning Tuesday 2nd July**.

INTERNATIONAL MASS

...at Salford Cathedral, **next Saturday** (22nd June) at 2pm. This year the chosen theme is 'No one left behind'. All Welcome!

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