



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)

PARISH SCHEDULE

Sun 17th	Adoration & Confession 09:15 Quiet Prayer	
	5th Sunday of Lent 10:30 Mass & Choir	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments 12:00 CAFOD Walk	
	Holy Hour 14:00 Prayers for our parish	
Mon 18th	Lent: Week 5 08:00 Mass	
Tue 19th	St Joseph 09:15 School Mass	
20th	Lent: Week 5 08:00 Mass	
Thu 21st	Lent: Week 5 12:00 Mass	
	Parish Community 12:30 Friendship Group	
	Seeking Sacraments 19:00 Meeting	
Fri 22nd	Lent Week 5 06:30 Mass & Breakfast	
	Lent Week 5 09:15 School Mass	
	Parish Community 13:30 Flower Club	
Sat 23rd	Parish Community 09:30 Church Clean	
	Seeking Sacraments 10:00 Retreat Meeting	
	Lent Week 5 11:00 Stations of the Cross 12:00 Mass	
	Adoration & Confession 17:00 Quiet Prayer	
	Palm Sunday 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 24th	Adoration & Confession 09:15 Quiet Prayer	
	Palm Sunday 10:30 Mass & Choir	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
	Holy Hour 14:00 Prayers for our parish	

“SIR, WE SHOULD LIKE TO SEE JESUS”

In the Gospel reading, some Greeks approach Philip and say, “Sir, we should like to see Jesus.” It is clear from all four Gospels that Jesus’ reputation spread quickly and all sorts of people were attracted to him and went out of their way in order to meet him, including sinners, outcasts and foreigners.

Surely, as we continue on our journey of faith, the request of the Greeks is one that we should be making all the time: “We should like to see Jesus.” The prophet Jeremiah in fact predicts a time when people will no longer have to say, “Learn to know the Lord,” because they will have come to know God and experienced his forgiveness.

There are still two weeks of Lent left and still opportunities to “see Jesus” in the Sacrament of Confession, on Saturday mornings, before the two weekend Masses, and at the Reconciliation Service on Tuesday 26 March.



Holy Week

Then Holy Week itself offers profound opportunities to “see Jesus” as we commemorate the Institution of the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, Christ’s Passion and Death on Good Friday, and his glorious Resurrection at the Easter Vigil Mass on

Saturday and Easter Sunday Masses. I urge you to make the most of these opportunities.

God bless, Fr Kevin.

CHURCH LIGHTS - SACRED HEART

This week, smart meters were fitted around the premises of the Church and unfortunately, a consequence was that the main lights in Sacred Heart Church were “knocked out” and it may take a little while to repair them. Please be patient: I am treating this as a priority.

PARISH “BIG LENT WALK”, SUNDAY 17 MARCH

Our parish will do the “Big Lent Walk” **Sunday 17th**, after the 10.30 Mass. We will leave from outside Sacred Heart Church at 12.00. All are welcome, but please note that anyone under the age of 18 will need to be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. We will not be able to include any younger ones who turn up unaccompanied. This promises to be a great parish occasion so please do support, whatever the weather.



But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33

LAUNCH MASS FOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Launch Mass for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes - marking our centenary year - will be taking place at 7pm on Tuesday 16th April at St Patrick's, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, M4 5HF. Whether you are planning to join the trip to Lourdes this summer, or will be praying along at home, all are most welcome to join the Mass next month.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK

As we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Tuesday let us pray for all fathers, that, through their example, they may demonstrate the loving provision and compassion of Almighty God to their children. **Lord hear us**

HOLY WEEK

Tuesday 26 March

19:00 Reconciliation Service (SH)

Thursday 28 March

19:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper (SH)

Friday 29 March

10:00 Walk of Witness with Stations of the Cross (SF)

12:00 Stations of the Cross (SH)

Saturday 30 March

19:00 Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday 31 March

09:00 Easter Sunday Mass (SF)

10:30 Easter Sunday Mass (SH)



Thank you very much indeed for the extra offerings on Mothering Sunday. I made a change to the Blessing of Mothers at Sacred Heart Church so that this took place just after the homily, rather than the end of Mass. Perhaps that was the reason that the many mothers in the parish did not process up at the Offertory. This was greatly missed and so I would like mothers to come forward in the Offertory Procession this Sunday.

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ONE SPACE LEFT



One space is available for an overnight stay 3/4th May. Single room £150 payment due 22nd March. If interested, please email the parish office. Pope Leo XIII's prophesy that "when England returns to Walsingham, Mary will come back to England".

LGBTQ+

The next Salford Diocese Mass in fellowship with brethren who identify as LGBTQ+, their friends, families, and supporters will be celebrated on **Sunday March 17th at 18:00 by Canon Paul Daly**. This space is inclusive and diverse. There will be the opportunity to meet and chat after Mass. All are welcome. St. Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Street, M15 6BW. Allow time to park in the local area, and note that the venue is accessed by stairs.



PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS:

The greatest prayer we can offer is the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. If you would like a mass to be offered for a specific intention, detail this and enclose an offering of £10 or more in an envelope (noting if it should be kept private). Pass this to Fr. Kevin or place in the offertory basket.

ANNIVERSARY: KYLE HAND, GABRIEL OLEKWU (1ST),
WINNIE EMERY, JOSEPH JORDAN (1ST)
HEALTH: MARTIN GORDON, ONE
MARRIAGE: JACOB KWOKWAIKI
BIRTHDAY: MASANTU PILAR,
MOTHERING SUNDAY: KAREN WOODHEAD

OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE UNWELL

AMBER McCOURT, ELIZABETH SENGHORE, LENNY, JOHN AND MARJORIE FISHER,
MAGGIE JOYCE, SHEILA DOWNEY, TOMMY LOFTUS.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The parish Lenten Reconciliation Service takes place on Tuesday 26 March at 7.00 p.m. and several visiting priests will be available for Confession. This is the perfect way to begin the celebration of Holy Week.




WALK OF WITNESS – GOOD FRIDAY

Following the very successful "Walk of Witness" from St Francis Church to Sacred Heart Church last Good Friday, in which 80 parishioners turned out, the event will be repeated. This year, the walk begins with Stations of the Cross at St Francis Church at 10.00 a.m. En route, we will stop at St James's Church for prayers and end up at Sacred Heart for Station of the Cross at midday, either in the garden (weather permitting) or in church.

MASS OF SACRED CHRISM

This Mass, traditionally celebrated on Maundy Thursday, takes place this year on **Wednesday 27 March at 11.00 a.m.** and, because of renovation work at the Cathedral, will be held at **St Patrick's, Collyhurst**. The Mass involves the blessing of the holy oils and is also the occasion when priests renew their vows. Our parish has been allocated **SIX** tickets only (admission is strictly by ticket only), so please see me as soon as possible if you would like to take a ticket. However, please only do so if you are certain to attend.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND 9-10/03/24		
	Basket	£172.00
	Basket	£542.00
	Online	£177.66

Please consider switching to making your offertory contributions by **Standing Order**. Forms are available at the back of each church, or you can set up with your bank directly using these details:

**TSDT SACRED HEART &
ST FRANCIS GORTON,
20-55-34**

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First reading: Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15

A pure heart create for me, O God.
A pure heart create for me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.
A pure heart create for me, O God.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
A pure heart create for me, O God.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.
A pure heart create for me, O God.

Second reading: Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.'

Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.