






















PARISH SCHEDULE

Sun 14th	Adoration & Confession 09:15 Quiet Prayer	
	3rd Sunday of Easter 10:30 Mass & Choir	
	Parish Community 11:45 Socialising	
	Holy Hour 14:00 Prayers for the parish	
Mon	Easter Weekday	
Tue	Easter Weekday	
Wed	Easter Weekday	
Thur 18th	Easter Weekday 12:00 Mass	
	Parish Community 12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 19th	Easter Weekday	
	Parish Community 13:30 Flower Club	
Sat 20th	Parish Community 09:30 Church Clean— 13:00 Choir Practice	
	4th Sunday of Easter 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 21st	4th Sunday of Easter 10:30 Mass & Choir	
	Parish Community 11:45 Socialising	
Mon	Easter Weekday	
Tues	St George	
Wed	Easter Weekday	
Thur 25th	St Mark 12:00 Mass	
	Parish Community 12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 26th	Easter Weekday 09:15 School Mass	
	Parish Community 13:30 Flower Club	
Sat 27th	Parish Community 09:30 Church Clean— 13:00 Choir Practice	
	Adoration & Confession 11:00 Quiet Prayer	
	Easter Weekday 12:00 Mass	
	Adoration & Confession 17:00 Quiet Prayer	
Sun 28th	5th Sunday of Easter 17:30 Vigil Mass	
	Adoration & Confession 09:15 Quiet Prayer	
	5th Sunday of Easter 10:30 Mass & Choir	
	Confirmation Programme 12:00 Meeting	
	Parish Community 11:45 Socialising	
	Holy Hour 14:00 Prayers for the parish	



The Sacred Heart &
St. Francis Parish, Gorton

Apr 14th 2024



3RD & 4TH SUNDAYS OF EASTER (YEAR B)

BACK FROM THE DEAD

Today's Gospel reading features another Resurrection appearance of Jesus. Two of the disciples had just been telling others about how the Lord had appeared to them on the road, when, right then and there, he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

These disciples, we hear, were put into "a state of alarm and fright" and thought that they were seeing a ghost. I wonder if we can be harsh about the disciples' failure to recognise Jesus on some occasions after his Resurrection? They can seem slow and disbelieving and lacking in faith.

However, we need to try to put ourselves in their position. They had watched Jesus die in agony on the cross and must have been traumatised when he was pronounced dead and placed in a tomb. No wonder, then, that when some of them come face to face with him again, they react as they do.

In the homily this weekend, I am going to be speaking about Ian McCormack, a man who I genuinely believe returned from the dead and underwent a Christian conversion that he has now testified to for over forty years as an evangelist. His experience really helps us to understand how Jesus' death and Resurrection offer life to us.

God bless, Fr Kevin.

CONFIRMATION IN 2024

The programme for both our younger and adult parishioners who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation begins this month with a presentation at Mass this weekend, and the first session on Sunday April 28th 12:00-13:00. There is still time to register. www.sacredheartstfrancisgorton.co.uk/sacraments.

YOUNG ADULTS

The next Salford Diocese gathering for Young Adults (up to approx. age 35) will be on **Sunday 14th April** starting with Stations of the Cross at **16:00** followed by private prayer and Confessions then Mass at **17:30**. There will be music provided by a string-quartet and an opportunity to meet and chat after. 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.



NEXT TWO WEEKS

Please note that this newsletter covers the next two weeks. Please also check the changed Mass times very carefully.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Launch Mass takes place at 7pm on Tuesday 16th April at St Patrick's RC Church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, M4 5HF. Whether you are planning to join the centenary pilgrimage or pray along at home, all are welcome to attend the Mass.

HOME THEATRE TRIP

We have 12 x £1 tickets (usual price, £15) to see "The Promise" at HOME on April 26th, starting at 19:45 and finishing at 21:05. The performance includes integrated British Sign Language, Captions and spoken English. *This striking world première from the nationally acclaimed British theatre company Deafinitely Theatre is inspired by extraordinary experiences of deaf people living with dementia.*

MICHAEL AHEARNE

Sadly, Michael Ahearne has just died. Please pray for the repose of Michael's soul and the consolation of his family and friends. Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. **Amen.**

LEGION OF MARY VISIT

One of the recent "Parish Plans" was to reach out to Catholics in the area, especially those who have fallen away from the practice of the faith. I am pleased to say that I have provisionally arranged for a team from the Legion of Mary to visit the parish for the week of **6 – 13 July, 2024**. However, it is dependent on finding accommodation for them. If you could accommodate one member of the team during this time (all members are DBS checked), you receive a payment of £100.00 and only need to provide breakfast as other meals are provided in the parish. Please let me know if you would like to offer or discuss the possibility of providing accommodation.

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RIGHT TO LIFE UK

On Monday, we celebrated the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, the day we commemorate when the Lord Jesus took on human flesh and Our Lady said 'Yes' to God. We pray for pregnant women who feel they are facing a difficult decision. We ask that they may be given hope, filled with the love of God, and guided away from a course of despair and onto one of love and acceptance of the gift of life. **Lord hear us**

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

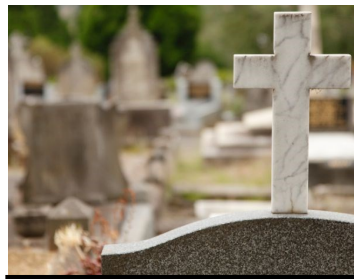
MASS INTENTIONS: *The greatest prayer we can offer is the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. If you would like a mass to be offered for a specific intention, detail this and enclose an offering of £10 or more in an envelope (noting if it should be kept private). Pass this to Fr. Kevin or place in the offertory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

PRIVATE INTENTION: Two

SPECIAL INTENTION: O'LEARY AND NEVIN FAMILIES

OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE UNWELL:

AMBER MCCOURT, ELIZABETH SENGHORE, LENNY, JOHN & MARJORIE FISHER, MAGGIE JOYCE, SHEILA DOWNEY, TOMMY LOFTUS.



CEMETERY MASS

An outdoor Mass will take place at St Joseph's RC Cemetery, Moston, M40 9QL on Monday 27th May at 11am. The Mass, led by Canon Paul Daly. In the event of wet weather, Mass will take place at St Dunstan's church.

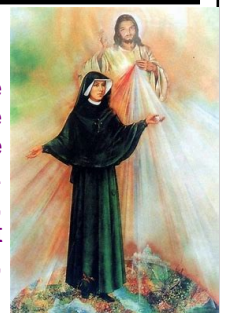
TALKS ON THE CONSTITUTIONS OF VATICAN II

In preparation for the Holy Year of Jubilee 2025, Pope Francis has asked us to revisit the great constitutions of the Second Vatican Council. Our speakers will be reflecting on the relevance and importance of these four great documents at the present time. There will also be time for discussion. Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP.




- ✱ Wednesday 17 April, 7pm: Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum) – Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp.
- ✱ Wednesday 24 April, 7pm – The Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium) – Fr James Manock

DIVINE MERCY – DAIRY, 1219

Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Church. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to glorify the generosity of Your mercy



WEEKEND: 6-7 APRIL 2024

 Basket	£179.10
 Basket	£424.40
 Digital	£135.00

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

Please consider switching to making your offertory contributions online or by card payments. **Standing Order.** forms are available at each church, or you can set up directly with your bank:

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