

Under no circumstances are young children allowed to go to the toilets unaccompanied. Make sure your children are accompanied. Children must be supervised when using the stairs and lift. The stairs are only for accessing the Upper Hall under parental supervision. Ensure your children do not play on or under the stairs.

LENT IS HERE!

During Lent the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed on Saturdays at 9.40am, prior to Mass at 10am at St. Patrick's and on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm at St. Malachy's.

The Deanery Lenten Station Masses are as follows: Each Mass begins at 7.30pm, with Confessions from 7pm.
 Wednesday 25th February St. Patrick's, in thanksgiving for the first 190 years of the Presentation Convent
 Wednesday 4th March St. Clare's, Blackley, in this Year of St. Francis
 Wednesday 11th March St. Stephen's, Droylsden
 Wednesday 18th March St. Anne's, Crumpsall
 Wednesday 25th March St. Bridget's Beswick

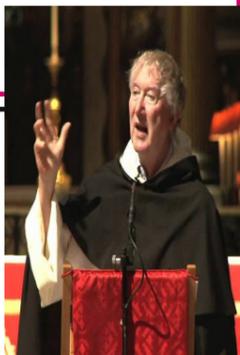
Each Tuesday in Lent at 7pm there will be an online reflection about the Sunday Gospel via zoom. This Tuesday on the Gospel of the Transfiguration, will be led by Sister Teresa Brittain, of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion. To book a place and access the session go to www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-readings-for-lent/

And, of course, **Lent is a time for self-denial and almsgiving.** Family Fast Day this year is this Friday 27th February. **PLEASE TAKE A FAMILY FAST DAY ENVELOPE AT MASS THIS WEEK-END, DENY YOURSELF A LITTLE SOMETHING ON FRIDAY AND PUT THE MONEY YOU SAVE INTO THE ENVELOPE AND RETURN IT NEXT SUNDAY.**

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Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, OP, gave an address at the Holy Name Church last week on the theme 'how can we keep hope alive?' His words make great Lenten reading and will be serialised here:



Teilhard de Chardin said 'the future belongs to those who give the next generation reason to hope.' The greatest challenge is how to transmit our hope to the young today. God knows that you need it. I will not list all the reasons for being gloomy today. You know them as well as I do.

I will begin with the rock on which our hope is founded, and then suggest some simple ways in which we live this hope. The great sacrament of hope for Christians is the Eucharist. I discovered this when I first visited Rwanda in Africa in 1993. It was around the beginning of the troubles that led to the genocide. At least half a million people died. I wanted to visit our sisters in the north of the country but the Belgian ambassador told us not to go since the country was on fire with violence. But I was young and foolish. Now I am old and foolish! We saw terrible things that day but I shall never forget visiting a room filled with children who had lost arms and legs to bombs and land mines. One little boy had lost both legs and an arm and an eye. His father was beside the bed weeping. I went out into the bush and wept accompanied by two young lads, hopping on one leg each.

I went to the convent of our Dominican sisters. I was expected to say something comforting. But what could I say? When you see terrible violence, all your words can seem empty.

If your child is in Year 8 or above, and not yet confirmed, we are now asking you to enrol them for this year's Confirmation Preparation Programme which will start during Lent.

Email Fr Paul with their full name and your name and address.

Pope Leo's Intention: that children with incurable diseases and their families receive necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

In our Diocese this week we pray for the people of the parish of St. Anne, Crumpsall, and for Father Joshy Joseph, SSP, their parish priest, together with their parish primary school and the chaplaincy to the North Manchester General Hospital.

In our parish we pray for all who live on Ruskington Drive, Kirklington Dr and Lathbury Rd.

For Sister Dolores, Gina Fitzpatrick, Joanna Easton and all the sick.

For Ann McCrystal, Ann Court, Andrew Fleck, John Patrick Joyce, Jack Kelly, Jack Hall, John Sheridan and all who have died recently, and all John Pennington and all remembered at this time.

In St. Patrick's the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Sr Dolores, the lamp in Our Lady's chapel for Sr Ann Court and in St. Joseph's chapel for Joanna Easton.

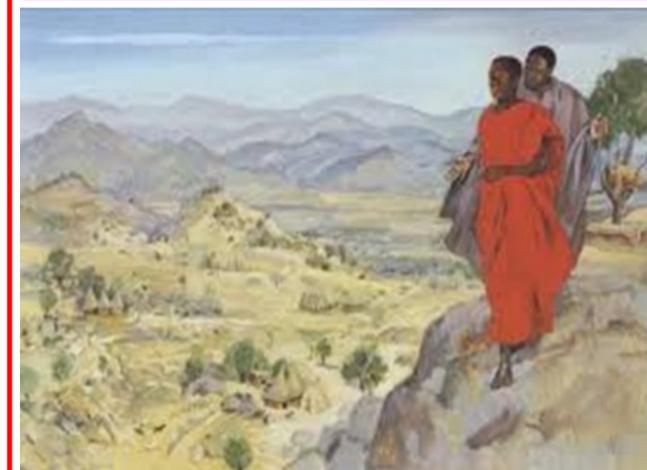


ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT PARTY,
 Friday 13th March, Upper Hall.
 Tickets now available, £10.

THE SECOND TEMPTATION by Malcolm Guite

'So here's the deal and this is what you get:
 The penthouse suite with world-commanding views,
 The banker's bonus and the private jet
 Control and ownership of all the news
 An 'in' to that exclusive one percent,
 Who know the score, who really run the show
 With interest on every penny lent
 And sweeteners for cronies in the know.
 A straight arrangement between me and you
 No hell below or heaven high above
 You just admit it, and give me my due
 And wake up from this foolish dream of love...'
 But Jesus laughed, 'You are not what you seem.
 Love is the waking life, you are the dream.'

From next Sunday Mass at St. Malachy's will be at 10:30am and the 11:30 Mass at St. Patrick's at 11:40am.



You can support the parish via the **QR code** (left) OR **BY CARD VIA THE MACHINE** in the church porches.



Thank you for your generosity last week £583.63 (loose), £85 (Gift Aid), £40 (card machine) and £335 (Vietnamese community).

IF YOU PAY INCOME TAX ON YOUR EARNINGS OR PENSION OR SAVINGS THE PARISH CAN GET BACK FROM THE GOVERNMENT 22p FOR EVERY POUND YOU GIVE TO THE PARISH since we are a charity. All we need is your signature on a gift aid form and do ONE of these:

- You sign the form and we give you a set of envelopes for your weekly collection
- you give via a Standing Order set up with your bank (we have the forms)
- or via Contactless machine or QR code

For a GiftAid form or Standing Order form email Gracielli.polaini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

If you would like the lamp in front of the Blessed Sacrament, the statue of Our Lady or St. Joseph, write the intention on the front of an envelope and return it with a suggested donation of £10.



DO YOU KNOW OUR PARISH HISTORY?

This year we focus on the history of the Presentation Sisters in Manchester closely entwined with the history of St. Patrick's parish. We continue with the life of the Venerable Nano Nagle, their holy founder.



On Christmas Eve 1775, Nano founded the Society of Charitable Instruction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in Cork. She resisted the local bishop when he expressed fears that the establishment of the convent might provoke a Protestant backlash. She received the habit on 29 June 1776, taking the name of "Mother Mary of St John of God". The sisters made their first annual vows on 24 June 1777.

Sr Carmel is arranging a Raffle in aid of the Christians in the Holy Land. Tickets are available this weekend.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!

To be able to communicate with you we invite you to register as parishioners. This will all be subject to GDPR data protection. A Google Form (right) has been created.



USE THE PARISH CAR PARK ON NOBBY STILES DR UNLESS YOU HAVE RESIDENTS' PERMIT OR BLUE BADGE

Know someone unwell at home who'd like a home visit? speak to Fr. Jose.

Planning a wedding? Six months notice is needed. Contact Deacon Stephen.

We continue to read **Pope Leo's Letter** on the Church's option for the poor, Dilexi Te

St Justin explained that Christians bring all that they can to those in need because they see them as brothers and sisters in Christ. Writing about the assembly gathered on Sunday for Mass, he stressed that at the heart of the liturgy, it is not possible to separate the worship of God from concern for the poor. Consequently, at a certain point in the celebration: "they who are well-to-do, and willing, give what each thinks fit; and what is collected is deposited with the president, who succours the orphans and widows, and those who, through sickness or any other cause, are in want, and those who are in bonds, and the strangers sojourning among us, and in a word takes care of all who are in need." The early Church did not separate belief from social action: faith without witness through concrete actions was considered dead, as St James taught us .

Among the Eastern Fathers, was St John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople from the late 300s to the early 400s. In his homilies, he exhorted the faithful to recognize Christ in the needy: "Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not allow it to be despised in its members, that is, in the poor, who have no clothes to cover themselves. Do not honour Christ's body here in church with silk fabrics, while outside you neglect it when it suffers from cold and nakedness. The body of Christ on the altar does not need cloaks, but pure souls; while the one outside needs much care. Let us therefore learn to think of and honour Christ as he wishes. For the most pleasing honour we can give to the one we want to venerate is that of doing what he himself desires, not what we devise... So you too, give him the honour he has commanded, and let the poor benefit from your riches. God does not need golden vessels, but golden souls."



Affirming that, if the faithful do not encounter Christ in the poor who stand at the door, they will not be able to worship him even at the altar, he continues: "What advantage does Christ gain if the sacrificial table is laden with golden vessels, while he himself dies of hunger in the person of the poor? Feed the hungry first, and only afterward adorn the altar with what remains." He understood the Eucharist as a sacramental expression of the charity and justice that both preceded and accompanied it. That same charity and justice should perpetuate the Eucharist through love and attention to the poor.

This week's Feasts: Mon: St Polycarp was one of the disciples of the Apostles. He became bishop of Smyrna, but was arrested in Rome and burned to death for his faith; the account of his martyrdom emphasises that his death, like his life, was a fragrant offering to God.

St. Milburga, daughter of King of Mercia and sister of St. Mildred, founded a monastery at Wenlock, dying in 727.

Tue: St. Ethelbert was King of Kent. His wife, Bertha, was Christian; he was baptised by St. Augustine. He died in 616.

Sat: St. Oswald, monk and Archbishop of York.

Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart in his last Letter, Dilexit Nos

In the spiritual experiences of St Margaret Mary Alacoque, we encounter, along with an ardent declaration of love for Jesus Christ, a profoundly personal and challenging invitation to entrust our lives to the Lord. The knowledge that we are loved, and our complete confidence in that love, in no way lessens our desire to respond generously, despite our frailty and our many shortcomings.

Jesus spoke of his thirst for love and revealed that his heart is not indifferent to the way we respond to that thirst. Jesus asks for love. Once the faithful heart realizes this, its spontaneous response is one of love, not a desire to multiply sacrifices or simply discharge a burdensome duty: "I received from my God excessive graces of his love, and I felt moved by the desire to respond to some of them and to respond with love for love". Pope Leo XIII pointed out, through the image of his Sacred Heart, the love of Christ "moves us to return love for love".

We need once more to take up the word of God and to realize, in doing so, that our best response to the love of Christ's heart is to love our brothers and sisters. There is no greater way for us to return love for love. The Scriptures make this patently clear: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40).

"For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'" (Gal 5:14). "We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death" (1 Jn 3:14).

"Those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen" (1 Jn 4:20).



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THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK with ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH, COLLYHURST and ST JOSEPH'S CHAPLAINCY TO DEAF PEOPLE
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 Fr. Jose Netto, Assistant Priest, Rev. Stephen Scott, Deacon;
 Sister Anne, Sister Regina, Parish Sisters; Gracielli Polaini (Parish Secretary)



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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Mass 9.30am , Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 11.30am (signed), Confessions (11-11.15am) Mass 11am (St. M) Confessions (10:30-10:45am) Rite of Election, with Bishop John 2.30pm
MON (St Polycarp) Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46	Exposition of the BI Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
TUESDAY Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15	Exposition of the BI Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Mass with school children (St M) 9.15am Stations of the Cross (St M) 7.30pm
WEDNESDAY Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32	Exposition of the BI Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Confessions 7-7.30pm Lenten Station Mass here 7.30pm
THURSDAY Esther 4:17-22 Matthew 7:70-12	Exposition of the BI Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Requiem Mass for John Patrick Joyce 12.30pm
FRIDAY Abstinence (St Gregory of Narek) Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:2-26 FAMILY FAST DAY	Exposition of the BI Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Requiem Mass for Andrew Fleck 11am
SATURDAY Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Matthew 5:43-48	Stations of the Cross 9:40am, Mass 10am Confessions 11am –12.10pm Baptism 12noon (St M) of Brian Luke Power and Bryson Michael Power. Confessions (St. M) 5-5.15pm First Mass of Sunday (St. M) 5.30pm
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9	Mass 9.30am , Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 11.40am (signed), Confessions on request Mass 10:30am (St. M) Confessions (10-10:15am)