

**MANY MANY THANKS** to everyone who helped with the visit of the Relics of St Carlo Acutis last weekend. Many people commented on how many volunteers were involved from our parish and how smoothly it went. Over 3500 people came to church at the weekend. The equivalent of 24 hours of Confessions were heard! Mgr Anthony Figureido remarked on how welcome he and his colleagues felt. Let us pray that St. Carlo will continue to bless us and our young people.

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

Please email Fr Paul [paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) giving their full name and your name and address.

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**On Saturday of this week, St Valentine's Day, Canon Peter Hopkinson, VG, will celebrate Mass at 2pm during which he will ask God's blessing on engaged couples preparing for marriage.** Engaged couples, married couples, all are welcome.

**LENT IS COMING!**  
18th February is ASH WEDNESDAY, start of our annual Lenten Journey through Easter to Pentecost!

Fuller details of the Ash Wednesday Mass times and our Lent programme will be available next week.

For this week all we ask is that you decide to make this Lent a special time of grace and blessing for yourself. **God will do the rest!!**



**ARE YOU LIVING AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD?**

**SYNOD UPDATE PART TEN: Our Vision for the Next Decade and the beginning of an Implementation Plan**

**A Church in Action: Outreach, Dialogue, and Healing**

We want our diocese to be known for its outreach and dialogue, both within the Church and with the wider community. We will renew our sense of community, respond to changing demographics, and building our interfaith relationships. We are committed to healing and changing the narrative with survivors of abuse, ensuring our Church is a place of safety and compassion.



**Initial Actions building on our Recommendations:**

- Promote the ministry of charity as a core expression of our baptismal calling to love our neighbour, through practical engagement, volunteering, and partnership with Caritas and other diocesan and Catholic organisations.
- Promote interfaith relationships and community cohesion through joint events and dialogue
- Address the needs of those affected by abuse with compassion and transparency, changing the narrative through listening and support

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

In our Diocese let us hold in prayer this week the people of the parish of St. Chad's and for Fr. Richard and the Manchester Oratory. We pray for their parish primary school and for the chaplaincy, staff and residents of His Majesty's Prison Manchester.

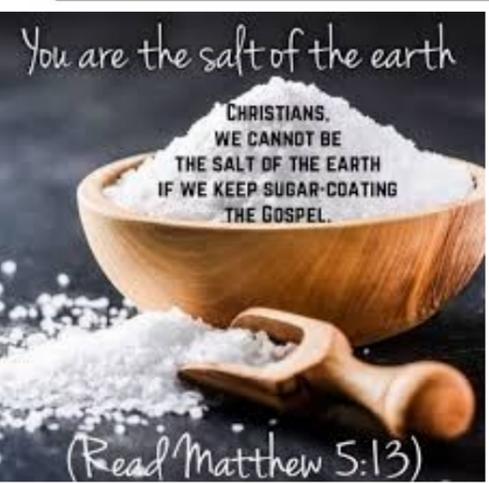
In our parish we pray for all who live on Thorp Road, Northampton Road and Madison Place.

For all the sick.

For Andrew Fleck, John Kelly, John Patrick Joyce, Jackie Hilton, Joan Kirby and all who have died recently, and Sister Philomena, PBVM, Sean and Breda Dynan, Elizabeth Dynan Joyce and all remembered at this time.

In St. Patrick's the Sanctuary Lamp burns for peace in the world, the lamp in Our Lady's chapel in gratitude for graces received from the visit of the relics of St. Carlo Acutis and in St. Joseph's chapel for vocations to the priesthood.

*You are the salt of the earth*



CHRISTIANS, WE CANNOT BE THE SALT OF THE EARTH IF WE KEEP SUGAR-COATING THE GOSPEL.

*(Read Matthew 5:13)*

On 17 February, Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP will give a talk on *How we can keep our hope alive today.*

The talk begins at 6pm at the Holy Name Church, Oxford Rd, Manchester. BSL interpretation

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**CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!**  
To be better able to communicate with you we are inviting you to register as parishioners. This will all be subject to GDPR data protection. A Google Form (left) has been created. Please do complete it.

Our parish website IS LIVE [sppatrickmalachy.org.uk](http://sppatrickmalachy.org.uk)

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

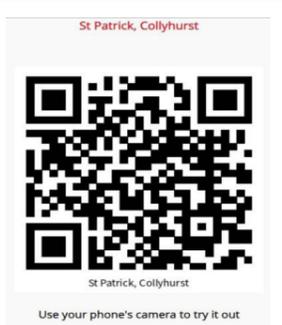
Planning a wedding? Six months notice is required. Contact Deacon Stephen.



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"Everybody talks about being the salt of the earth. What's so wrong with being pepper?"

You can support the parish via the QR code (left) OR CONTACTLESS in the church porches.



St Patrick, Collyhurst

Use your phone's camera to try it out

Thank you for your generosity last week £561.48 (loose), £142.82(Gift Aid), and £315 (Vietnamese community) as well as £10 Contactless. Thank you for your generous donation of £208. 85 to Caritas.

**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](mailto: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.

**Fr Paul is aware that he very rarely is able to celebrate the 11am Mass on Sunday mornings at St. Malachy's since he is needed to sign the 11.30am Mass at St. Patrick's.**

He would like to suggest that the St. Malachy's Mass start at 10.30am and the 11.30 signed Mass at 11.45am. This would allow him on alternate weeks to say both these Masses.

Would those who attend both these Masses let Fr. Paul know what they think so that he can make a decision.

Sonnet 116 William Shakespeare

Let me not to the marriage of true minds  
Admit impediments; love is not love  
Which alters when it alteration finds,  
Or bends with the remover to remove.  
O no, it is an ever-fixed mark  
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;  
It is the star to every wand'ring bark  
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.  
Love's not time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks  
Within his bending sickle's compass come.  
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,  
But bears it out even to the edge of doom:  
If this be error and upon me proved,  
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

**Exploring God's Creation within Catholic Theology** Dr Finlay Malcolm from the University of Manchester will be delivering an interactive teaching session exploring how creation and the environment are integral to Catholic faith and theology. The session will involve theological and environmental teaching, spiritual reflection, and discussion of how we can be part of God's work, through the Church, in redeeming God's creation. It will take place on 25 February 2026, 7-9pm, at Guardian Angels Church in Bury. Refreshments will be provided. For more information and to sign up for the event, please use the following link: [Exploring God's Creation within Catholic Theology - Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford](#)

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

St Paul recounts that among the faithful of the early Christian community not many were "wise according to the flesh, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth". However, despite their poverty, the early Christians were clearly aware of the necessity to care for those who were most in need. Already at the dawn of Christianity, the Apostles laid their hands on seven men chosen from the community. To a certain extent, they integrated them into their own ministry, instituting them for the service — *diakonia* in Greek — of the poorest. It is significant that the first disciple to bear witness to his faith in Christ to the point of shedding his blood was Stephen, who belonged to this group. In him, the witness of caring for the poor and of martyrdom are united.

**This week's Feasts: Tue: St Scholastica**, sister of St Benedict, was born in Umbria, Italy around 480; like her brother, she dedicated her life to God, founding a community of contemplative religious, and ending her days at Monte Cassino in 547.

**Wed: Our Lady of Lourdes:** in 1858 the Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous near Lourdes in France, in the grotto of Massabielle. Mary called sinners to penance and to prayer and pilgrimage.

**Thur: Bl Thomas Hemerford**, from Dorset, **James Fenn**, Somersetman, widower, father of two and priest, **John Nutter**, priest from Burnley, **John Munden**, from Dorset and **George Haydock**, from Cottam, martyred at Tyburn in 1584.

**Sat: Ss. Cyril and Methodius**, brothers, missionaries, carried the Gospel into the Slavonic countries: they translated the liturgical books into the Slavonic language (inventing a script, Cyrillic, to do so). Cyril died in 869, Methodius in 885.

**St. Valentine**, priest of Rome and martyr, buried on the Flaminian Way during the early persecutions.

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

The natural desire to console Christ, which begins with our sorrow in contemplating what he endured for us, grows with the honest acknowledgment of our bad habits, compulsions, attachments, weak faith, vain goals and, together with our actual sins, the failure of our hearts to respond to the Lord's love and his plan for our lives. This experience proves purifying, for love needs the purification of tears that, in the end, leave us more desirous of God and less obsessed with ourselves.

In this way, we see that the deeper our desire to console the Lord, the deeper will be our sincere sense of "compunction". Compunction is "not a feeling of guilt that makes us discouraged or obsessed with our unworthiness, but a beneficial 'piercing' that purifies and heals the heart. Once we acknowledge our sin, our hearts can be opened to the working of the Holy Spirit, the source of living water that wells up within us and brings tears to our eyes. This does not mean weeping in self-pity, as we are so often tempted to do. To shed tears of compunction means seriously to repent of grieving God by our sins; recognizing that we always remain in God's debt. Just as drops of water can wear down a stone, so tears can slowly soften hardened hearts. Here we see the miracle of sorrow, that 'salutary sorrow' which brings great peace. Compunction, then, is not our work but a grace and, as such, it must be sought in prayer." It means, "asking for sorrow in company with Christ in his sorrow, for anguish with Christ in his anguish, for tears and a deep sense of pain at the great pains that Christ endured for my sake".

I encourage everyone to consider whether there might be greater reasonableness, truth and wisdom in certain demonstrations of love that seek to console the Lord than in the cold, distant, calculated and nominal acts of love that are at times practised by those who claim to possess a more reflective, sophisticated and mature faith. In contemplating the heart of Christ and his self-surrender even to death, we ourselves find great consolation. The grief that we feel in our hearts gives way to complete trust and, in the end, what endures is gratitude, tenderness, peace; what endures is Christ's love reigning in our lives.

**DO YOU KNOW OUR HISTORY?** This year we will focus on the history of the Presentation Sisters in Manchester closely entwined with the history of St. Patrick's parish.

Nano Nagle's first school opened with about 30 students. At first alone, and later with the support of her family, particularly her uncle Joseph Nagle who had used Protestantism to preserve the family's wealth, she established a network of Catholic schools in Cork. Not everyone in Cork welcomed the initiative: "She was insulted in the street on occasion, and her pupils were dismissed as 'beggars' brats.'" Within nine months, she was educating 200 girls. Within a few years, she had opened seven schools, five for girls and two for boys. These provided pupils with a basic education and religious instruction.

She described in a letter her ideas for education, and how she wanted the spiritual and temporal welfare of her pupils to be interwoven and to flow naturally together.

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**THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK with ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH, COLLYHURST and ST JOSEPH'S CHAPLAINCY TO DEAF PEOPLE**  
**SERVING THE PEOPLE OF COLLYHURST & N. MANCHESTER CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 1832!**  
 incorporating parts of the former parishes of St. Michael, Ancoats, Corpus Christi, Miles Platting, St. Edmund, Monsall, St. Joseph, Goulden St, St. William, Gould St and St. Casimir, Collyhurst



Parish Team: Canon Paul Daly, Parish Priest;  
 Fr. Anthony Nnajofofor, Assistant Priests, Rev. Stephen Scott, Deacon;  
 Sister Anne, Sister Regina, Parish Sisters; Gracielli Polaini (Parish Secretary)



Fr. Cletus Magugu, (Chaplain to the Zimbabwean Catholic Community –in residence)  
 Fr. Anthony Nnajofofor (Chaplain to the Central Manchester Hospitals-in residence)  
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 St. Malachy's, Eggington St, 0161 205 3496 St. Patrick's, Livesey St, 0161 834 9004

**8th FEBRUARY 2026 Masses at St. Patrick's unless marked St M OR St E**

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| <b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br><b>RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY</b><br>Isaiah 58:6-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16 | <b>Mass</b> 9.30am, Confessions 9-9.15am<br><b>Mass</b> 11.30am (signed), Confessions (11-11.15am)<br><b>Mass</b> 11am (St. M) Confessions (10:30-10:45am)<br><b>Mass</b> (Spanish) 3pm  |
| <b>MONDAY</b> 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Mark 6:53-56   | Exposition of the BI Sacrament 8:45 - <b>Mass</b> 9:15am   |
| <b>TUE St Scholastica</b> 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Mark 7:1-13   | Exposition of the BI Sacrament 8:45 - <b>Mass</b> 9:15am   |
| <b>WED Our Lady of Lourdes</b> 1 Kings 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23  | Exposition of the BI Sacrament 8:45 - <b>Mass</b> 9:15am,<br>followed by Procession to the Lourdes Grotto<br>Funeral Service for John Kelly 10.45am  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b> 1 Kings 11:4-13 Mark 7:24-30   | Exposition of the BI Sacrament 8:45 - <b>Mass</b> 9:15am   |
| <b>FRI Abstinence</b> 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Mark 7:31-37   | Exposition of the BI Sacrament 8:45 - <b>Mass</b> 9:15am   |
| <b>SATURDAY SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS</b><br><b>St. Valentine</b><br>Acts 13:46-49 Luke 10:1-9                                | <b>Mass</b> 10am, followed Confessions and Adoration of the BI Sacrament until Benediction at 11am<br>Baptism of Theo McDermaid, Enzo Fullerty and Zander Dyer 12noon (St. M)<br><b>Mass</b> of Blessing for Engaged Couples 2pm<br>Confessions (St. M) 5-5.15pm<br>First <b>Mass</b> of Sunday (St. M) 5.30pm |
| <b>THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br>Sirach 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37                               | <b>Mass</b> 9.30am, Confessions 9-9.15am<br><b>Mass</b> 11.30am (signed), Confessions (11-11.15am)<br><b>Mass</b> 11am (St. M) Confessions (10:30-10:45am)<br><b>Mass</b> (Vietnamese New Year (of the horse) 4pm  |

**Under no circumstances are young children allowed to go to the toilets unaccompanied. Our toilets are at the church entrances which is a risk. 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, near or under the stairs.**