

What is a Lenten Station Mass?

It's a custom going back to Lent in Rome and the Popes, when Catholics would gather together in different churches for Mass.

Each Lent there is a Tuesday evening Mass in a different Church in our Deanery when the people and priests from all our local parishes meet together for Mass and refreshments afterwards.

Never been to one? Come along this year. See the venues to your right.

Each Tuesday in Lent at 7pm there will be an online reflection about the following Sunday's Gospel via zoom. This Tuesday on the Gospel of the Woman at the Well, will be led by Sister Maureen Murphy of the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph. To book a place and access the session go to www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-readings-for-lent/

And Lent is a time for self-denial and almsgiving. Please take and return a CAFOD Family Fast Day.

LENT IS HERE!

The Deanery Lenten Station Masses are as follows:
 Each Mass begins at 7.30pm, Confessions from 7pm.
 Wednesday 4th March St. Clare's, Blackley,
 Wednesday 11th March St. Stephen's, Droylsden
 Wednesday 18th March St. Anne's, Crumpsall
 Wednesday 25th March St. Bridget's Beswick

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.

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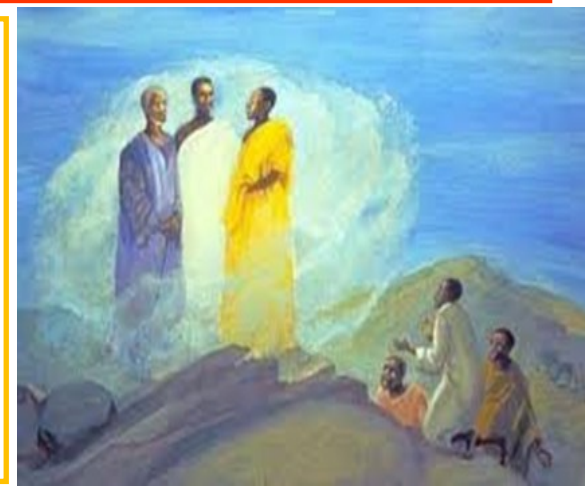


If your child is in Year 8 or above, and not yet confirmed, we are now asking you to enrol them for this year's Confirmation Preparation Programme which will start during Lent.
 Email Fr Paul with their full name and your name and address.



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

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS! To be able to keep in touch with you we invite you to register as parishioners. This will all be subject to GDPR data protection. A Google Form has been created. Please use the QR code to submit.



TRANSFIGURATION by Malcolm Guite
 For that one moment, 'in and out of time',
 On that one mountain where all moments meet,
 The daily veil that covers the sublime
 In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
 There were no angels full of eyes and wings
 Just living glory full of truth and grace.
 The Love that dances at the heart of things
 Shone out upon us from a human face
 And to that light the light in us leaped up,
 We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
 A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
 Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
 Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
 Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.

This week's Feasts: Wed: St Casimir, son of the king of Poland, born in 1458, known for his love of the poor, died at 26, remembered for his love of the Eucharist and Our Lady.

Sat: SS Perpetua and Felicity died in Carthage in 203, in the persecution under Septimus Severus; the account of their lives and martyrdom, survives.
Bl. Germain Gardner, layman, and **Bl. John Ireland**, priest, were arrested with John Heywood, in 1544. John Heywood renounced his faith and was spared; the others were martyred on this day at Tyburn.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FR PAUL Later on this year Fr Paul will offer a more detailed explanation of the parish's financial position, based on the Financial Statement we have submitted for 2025 and any feedback from the visit of the Auditors later this month.

But some bad news first. St Patrick's parish, which includes St. Malachy's church is, as of 1 January, about £750 000 in debt. Even if your wonderful generosity from the weekly collection, plus the money from Mass stipends, donations at baptisms, weddings and funerals, and other income cover our weekly outgoings and just about covers the utility bills, it goes nowhere near what we will need if major works will be possible.

Two examples: That last quotation for a new roof on St Malachy's (just before I came) was c£250 000. The work that will need doing at the Livesey St end of St. Patrick's and on the flat roofs will be at least a similar amount. We will not be able to proceed with these works UNLESS we are able to start bringing down the debt.

We need to increase our income, even at this time when so many people and families here in our parish are battling with the cost of living crisis.

But there is one way that many parishioners can help WITHOUT IT COSTING THEM A PENNY!

IF YOU PAY 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 Standing Order Form email Gracielli.polaini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

This year everyone who already contributes in this way NEEDS TO sign a new form.

In addition, if you pay tax as mentioned above, and have not signed a GiftAid form, PLEASE DO SO!

We have enclosed a form with each newsletter. Please, if you can, sign it and return it.

Personal details will be kept in accordance with GDPR.

If everyone who pays tax on earnings or pension or savings, signed one of these forms, the parish would start to repay its debt and be able to ask for permission to tackle these repairs which are needed to guarantee the future of our parish.

Lourdes - Diocesan Youth Group Are you a young person looking to take part in a pilgrimage this year? Do you want to make new friends, build community and grow in your faith? Why not join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It's simple to sign up and you can join a new "group" led by the Diocesan Youth Department. The pilgrimage and travel dates are 29th July to 6th August. The cost is £695 and this includes coach travel and full board hotel accommodation (Astoria Hotel).
 Young people can join in 3 age groups 13-15 (aspiring volunteers), 16-17 and 18+. Email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for how to register.

Following on from the success of last year's **youth pilgrimage to Lindisfarne**, we are offering young people in Years 7, 8 and 9 another opportunity to go to Lindisfarne from Friday 22 May – Sunday 24 May 2026. The cost is £120 which includes travel by coach and full board accommodation. We will be staying on the island at the SVP Camp. For more information or if you have any questions, contact youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk



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 £476.47 (loose), £57 (Gift Aid), £35 (card machine).

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.

Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, OP, gave an address at the Holy Name Church recently **'how can we keep hope alive?'** His words are serialised here:

We saw terrible things (in Rwanda) but I shall never forget 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 to the convent of our Dominican sisters. They wanted expected to hear something comforting. What could I say? When you see terrible violence, words can be empty. Then I remembered that I had something to do. On the night before he was killed, Jesus gathered his closest friends for a last supper. The community was disintegrating. Judas had already betrayed him to his enemies. Peter was about to deny him. All that seemed to lie ahead was failure, torture and death. But in this bleakest of moments Jesus did something which must have seemed crazy. He gave himself. This is my body given for you. It was an act of mad vulnerable love which made no sense at the time. It reached forward to the unimaginable victory of Easter.

Jesus says 'Do this in memory of me.' Every time we come to Mass we remember the time when Peter the Rock failed, and all was crumbling. We often complain about the state of the Church and its failures. Every Mass takes us back to when it was vastly worse, to when it was apparently hopeless.

How can we live every day the mad hope of Christianity? I will look at four ways in which we can live with hope even when we do not see the dawn. I will often share examples from my limited experience of visiting the Middle East in difficult times. There my brothers and sisters taught me to hope.

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

St John Chrysostom denounced excessive wealth connected with indifference for the poor. The attention due to them, rather than a social requirement, is a condition for Salvation. "It is very cold and the poor man lies in rags, dying, freezing, shivering, with an appearance and clothing that should move you. You, red in the face and drunk, pass by. And how do you expect God to deliver you from misfortune? You often adorn an unfeeling corpse, which no longer understands honour, with many varied and gilded garments. Yet you despise the one who feels pain, who is torn apart, tortured, tormented by hunger and cold." This sense of social justice leads him to affirm that "not giving to the poor is stealing from them, defrauding them of their lives, because what we have belongs to them."

St. Augustine's spiritual guide was St Ambrose, who insisted on the ethical requirement to share material goods: "What you give to the poor is not your property, but theirs. Why have you taken what was given for common use?" For Ambrose, almsgiving is justice restored, not a gesture of paternalism. In his preaching, mercy takes on a prophetic character: he denounces structures that accumulate things and reaffirms communion as the Church's vocation.

Augustine taught about the preferential love for the poor. Real communion is expressed in the communion of goods. He reminds us that true Christians do not neglect love for those most in need: "Observing your brothers and sisters, you know if they are in need, but if Christ lives in you, also be charitable to strangers." This sharing of goods has as its ultimate goal the love of Christ. For him the poor are not just people to be helped, but the sacramental presence of the Lord.

DO YOU KNOW OUR HISTORY? This year we focus on the story of the Presentation Sisters, with the life of Nano Nagle.

Nano died from TB on 26 April 1784 in Cork city, aged 65. She'd established links with Teresa Mulally, who had founded a Catholic girls school for Dublin's inner-city poor. In 1794, a group of women who had helped with Mulally's projects in Dublin joined with the Cork group who'd become the Sisters of the Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary in 1791.

In 2000, Nagle was voted Irish Woman of the Millennium, "in recognition of her importance as a pioneer of female education in Ireland." In a 2005 poll, she was voted Ireland's greatest woman ever.

Pope Leo's Intention: that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

In our Diocese this week we pray for the parishioners of St. Stephen's, Droysden, together with Fr. Bernard Wilson, their parish priest, Fr. Callistus Orjika, and their parish primary school.

In our parish we pray for all who live on Chevinton Dr, Penerly Dr and Windrush Dr

For all the sick. Please also spare a prayer for Fr. Paul who will be having an operation on Thursday to correct the Dupuytren's contracture on his left hand.

For Julie Maguire and all who have died recently, and all remembered at this time.

In St. Patrick's the Sanctuary Lamp burns for peace in the Middle East, the lamp in Our Lady's chapel for Ann Court and in St. Joseph's chapel for the Christians of Palestine and Israel.

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

Love for our brothers and sisters is not simply the fruit of our own efforts; it demands the transformation of our selfish hearts. This gave rise to the prayer: "Jesus, make our hearts more like your own". St Paul urged his hearers to pray not for the strength to do good works, but "to have the same mind among you that was in Jesus".



In the Roman Empire many poor, foreigners and others who lived on the fringes of society met with respect, affection and care from Christians. This explains why emperor Julian acknowledged that one reason why Christians were respected and imitated was the assistance they gave the poor and strangers, who were ordinarily ignored and treated with contempt. For Julian, it was intolerable that the Christians whom he despised, "in addition to feeding their own, also feed our poor and needy, who receive no help from us". The emperor insisted on the need to create charitable institutions to compete with those of the Christians and thus gain the respect of society: "There should be instituted in each city many accommodations so that the immigrants may enjoy our philanthropy and make the Greeks accustomed to such works of generosity". Julian did not achieve his objective, no doubt because underlying those works there was nothing comparable to the Christian charity that respected the unique dignity of each person.

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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. Jose Netto, Assistant Priest, 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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| 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) |
| MONDAY Daniel 9:4b-10 Luke 6:36-38 | Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am |
| TUESDAY Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matthew 23:1-12 | Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Stations of the Cross (St M) 7.30pm |
| WEDNESDAY (St Casimir) Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28 | Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 8.45pm - Mass 9:15am Lenten Station Mass, St Clare's, Blackley, 7.30pm |
| THURSDAY Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31 | Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am |
| FRI Abstinence Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 | Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15 |
| SATURDAY (Ss Perpetua and Felicity) Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 | Stations of the Cross 9:40am, Mass 10am Confessions 11am -11:30pm Baptism 12noon of John Paul Confessions (St. M) 5-5.15pm First Mass of Sunday (St. M) 5.30pm |
| THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42 | Mass 9.30am, Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 11.40am (signed), Confessions on request Mass 10:30am (St. M) Confessions (10-10:15am) |

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.

USE OUR CAR PARK ON NOBBY STILES DR UNLESS YOU HAVE RESIDENTS' PERMIT/BLUE BADGE

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

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