

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026

PALM SUNDAY 29th March Palms will be blessed at the beginning of each Mass. WHY NOT, for a change, CUT DOWN A SMALL BRANCH FROM A GARDEN TREE OR BUSH (your own garden, please) and bring that along to be blessed. The people of Jerusalem didn't buy palms; they got branches from the trees!

For the Masses at St. Patrick's, take a palm and/or bring a branch and gather outside the front of the Convent, weather permitting, ready to start Mass at 9.30 or 11.40am.

For the Masses at St. Malachy's, take a palm and/or bring a branch and gather outside the front of church (5.30pm Mass Saturday) or at the back of church near the woodland path (10.30am Sunday morning), weather permitting, ready to start Mass.

After the 9.30 Mass next Sunday would as many people as possible help in bringing chairs down from the Upper Hall in preparation for the Chrism Mass.

Monday 30th March PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE WITH ABSOLUTION 7pm

Spy Wednesday The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 11am. *Admission is by free ticket only so that every parish is represented. WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to be stewards at the Car Park on Nobby Stiles Drive, at the junction of Nobby Stiles Drive/Livesey St, and outside church as well as welcomers inside the church. Volunteers are asked to gather on church at 9.45 am on the day for a briefing.*

We will need altar servers (from St. Patrick's and St. Malachy's for the Chrism Mass and for the Easter services. As usual they will be paid in Easter Eggs!!

MAUNDY THURSDAY Confessions 6.15-6.45pm

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7pm

THERE IS A LIST IN EACH CHURCH FOR PARISHIONERS TO SIGN UP TO HAVE THEIR FEET WASHED AT THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ON MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING.

Compline (Night Prayer) 10pm, Watching til Night Prayer 11pm

GOOD FRIDAY Office of Readings and Morning Prayer of the Church 9.30am

Goan Stations of the Cross 10.30am

Stations of the Cross, 11am (St. Malachy's) *This may take place outdoors weather permitting; come suitably dressed. Children must be accompanied by a parent or other adult family member.*

Confessions 2.15-2.45pm

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.30am Confessions 10am-11am

Poswiecenie jadla wielkanocnego/ Blessing of Easter foods 12noon

(No 5.30pm Mass this weekend at St. Malachy's)

GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER 8pm

EASTER SUNDAY Mass (St. Patrick's) 9.30am and 11:30am (signed) Mass (St. Malachy's) 10.30am

Vietnamese Mass (St. Patrick's) 4pm

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 even if you have signed one in a previous year.

Personal details will be kept in accordance with GDPR.

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

Pope Leo's Intention: that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament; that world leaders choose dialogue and diplomacy rather than violence.

In our Diocese this week Let us hold in prayer the parishioners of St. Anne's parish, Openshaw, Fr. Churchill Emeghera, MSSCC, their parish priest, and their parish primary school.

In our parish we pray for all who live or work on Monsall St, Palgrave Ave and Tuxford Walk

For all the sick.

For Julie Sheridan, John Derek Kearney, Katherine Moran, Megan Hamer, Ellen McManus, Maura Matthews and all who have died recently, and Canon Gaetano Maspero, Ryan Benson, Angela Murphy and all remembered at this time.

In St. Patrick's the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Dominic Leech, the lamp in Our Lady's chapel also in memory of Dominic Leech and in St. Joseph's chapel for vocations to the religious life.

The final Lenten Station Mass is this Wednesday at 7.30pm at St. Brigid's Beswick



This final online reflection for Lent is this Tuesday on the Gospel of Palm Sunday, led by Bishop John. To access the session go to www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-readings-for-lent/ or use the QR code (left)

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



Thank you for your generosity last week £516.13 (loose), £77 (Gift Aid), and £325 (Vietnamese community).

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

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

The Opening Session is at St. Patrick's this TUESDAY 24th March, 7-8pm.

The other Sessions are on WEDNESDAYS, starting April 22nd, 7-8pm.

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Święconka

Poswiecenie jadla wielkanocnego.

Drodzy Wierni, serdeczenie zapraszam na oswiecenie potraw, ktore to bedziemy spozywali na sniadaniu wielkanocnym. Poswiecenie potraw przewidziane jest w kosciole Swietego Patryka o godz. 12.00 w Wielka Sobote. Prosze o przyniesienie potraw ktore to poswiecimy. Serdecznie zapraszamy!!! Ksiedz Kanonik Pawel, Proboszcz.



Blessing of Easter Foods; it is a Polish custom to bring eggs, meat and bread for Easter Sunday in a basket to church on Holy Saturday to be blessed. Fr Paul will bless the food on Holy Saturday 30th March at 12noon. All welcome. If you have polish neighbours or work colleagues, spread the word.



On March 25th, 7pm till 8.30pm, Greater Manchester Citizens (with Caritas) are hosting an inter-faith event at St Patricks Church.

It will bring together people from all faiths and none from across north Manchester to build relationships across our differences. Bishop John Arnold, and the Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester Kate Green, will be attending.

Please sign up using the QR code (above) or email m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!

To be able to keep in touch with you we invite you to register as parishioners. A Google Form has been created. Please use the QR code (right) to submit it.



LAZARUS— A POEM BY JANET MORLEY
(the prayer of Mary, Lazarus' sister)

I waited patiently for you, O God,
But you did not hear me;
I prayed earnestly, and you took no heed.
In time of trouble, you were very absent,
and in my desolation, you abandoned me.

In my anger I cried out against you;
I could not forgive you.
For you abandoned your beloved friend,
you gave my brother over to the grip of death.
His pain consumed him, body and soul,
and you were not there;
his blood cried out from the ground,
and you were still unmoved.

Who are you, O God, that you should not weep?
And what is your power, that you stand idly by?
Where is your compassion, that it flows not for the needy,
and your heart, that it is not broken by the pleading of the poor?

Yet in the midst of my despair you challenged me,
and when I had no hope, you required me to speak.
My heart was ashes, and you promised life;
my mouth was full of bitterness,
and you drew forth words of faith.

For you address the powers of death;
like a woman in labour, you cry out.
At the sound of your voice
even the dead are shaken;
Those forgotten by God
are condemned to another birth.
My brother came forth from the pit;
he could not refuse your voice.
Blind in his graveclothes and terror,
he did not withhold his love,
but he has come back to be unbound;
he has received resurrection.

So I will praise my God
who reaches into the grave:
and those who sit on the edge of
the dark
shall open their hearts and sing.

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

The bond between devotion to the Sacred Heart and service of our brothers and sisters is part of Christian spirituality.

St John's words, "out of his heart flow rivers of living water", refer to those who, having drunk of Christ, put their faith in him. Our union with Christ not only satisfies our own thirst, but to make us springs of living water for others.

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

Despair makes us doubt whether life has any meaning. It is the horror that our lives are pointless. Primo Levi describes how in Auschwitz one day he was thirsty and so he broke off an icicle to suck. 'A large heavy guard brutally snatched it away from me. I asked. He answered 'Here there is no Why.' We should never stop searching for the 'Why?'.

Study, especially in the middle of crisis, expresses our hope that in the end everything will somehow make sense. It prepares us for that ultimate revelation when we see God face to face. St Paul says: 'Now I know in part; then I shall understand even as I have been understood.'

Any attempt to make sense of our lives, whether through science or literature or history is our ally as we seek to understand. I love novels and films because they help me to understand the complexity of being human, and so what it means for our God to have become human. It does not matter if the authors or film makers have different beliefs.

We continue **Pope Leo's Letter** on the Church's option for the poor

Christian compassion shows itself in care of the sick and suffering. Based on the signs present in Jesus' public ministry, healing the blind, lepers and paralytics, the Church understands that caring for the sick, in whom she recognizes the crucified Lord, is an important part of her mission. During a plague, St Cyprian reminded Christians of the importance of caring for the sick: "This pestilence and plague, which seems so deadly, searches out the righteousness of each one, and examines the minds of the human race, to see whether the healthy serve the sick; whether relatives love each other with sincerity; whether masters have pity on their sick servants; whether doctors do not abandon the sick who beg for help." The Christian tradition of visiting the sick, washing their wounds, comforting the afflicted is not simply a good deed but action through which the members of the Church "touch the suffering flesh of Christ."

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR PARISH HISTORY?

Take a look at the updated display, in the entrance to St. Patrick's church, of the life of Nano Nagle, who founded the Presentation Sister 250 years ago.

1820 Mr Patrick Lavery lived for many years in Manchester, and, by silk manufacture, made his fortune. He was inspired with the good thought of giving money to establish a Convent of Presentation Sisters in his native town of Navan, Co. Down, for the benefit of young girls as he considered that by the work of young girls he had made his money and he desired to do something that would contribute to the glory of God in the person of the poor. He told Fr Lupton of St. Mary's Chapel, Mulberry St who proposed it to be such a great blessing for Manchester where the children of Irish parents were without proper schools and in danger of losing the Faith.

Mr Lavery bestowed his money on the poor in the town where he had been so successful in business and placed £2000 (=£170 000 in today's money) in the hands of the brother of Fr. Lupton to put it to interest until the Presentation Nuns could be brought into England.

1821 Mr Lavery died and was buried at St. Augustine's, Granby Row.

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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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22nd MARCH 2026 Masses at St. Patrick's unless marked St M OR St E
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45	Mass 9.30am, Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 11.40am (signed), Confessions on request Mass 10:30am (St. M) Confessions (10-10:15am) Mass 3pm (Spanish)
MON (St Turibius of Mongrovejo) Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 Jn 8:1-11	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
TUESDAY Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Stations of the Cross (St M) 7.30pm
WED THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (Lady Day) Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38	Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 8.45– Mass 9:15am Lenten Station Mass , St Brigid's, Bradford 7.30pm
THURSDAY Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Funeral Service of Julie Sheridan 10.30am
FRI Abstinence Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15
SATURDAY Ezekiel 37:21-28 John 11:45-56	Stations of the Cross 9:40am, Mass 10am Confessions 11am –11:30pm Baptism of Ares Alvarez Marrufo 12noon (Spanish) Baptism of Buddy James Pollard 12noon (St. M) Confessions (St. M) 5-5.15pm First Mass of Palm Sunday (St. M) 5.30pm
PALM SUNDAY Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66	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 A RESIDENTS' PERMIT OR BLUE BADGE