

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026

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.*

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

Diocese of Salford Pilgrimage to Walsingham

We would love to welcome you to join us on pilgrimage at our National Shrine (England's Nazareth) on Saturday 2nd May picking up in Eccles, Whitefield, Salford, and Collyhurst, with an overnight option on Friday 1st with pickups at St Luke's church Salford and St Patrick's Collyhurst. For more information, please contact the pilgrimage office at Walsingham@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2209

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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..

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. 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.

The Envelopes for your weekly offering are available at the churches. Please take the one with your surname on it.

Unfortunately more than half of those who use the envelopes have not signed a new Giftaid form which is required this year. Please do so as soon as possible. Fr Paul



Someone unwell who'd like a home visit? speak to Fr. Jose.

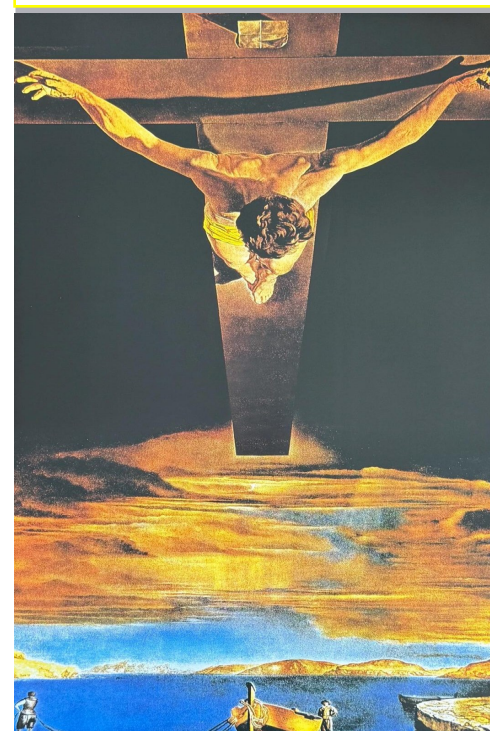


You can support the parish via the **QR code** (right) OR BY CARD VIA THE MACHINE in the church porches.

Thank you for your generosity last week £560.92 (loose), £127(Gift Aid), and £119.50 (Spanish language community).

If your child is in Year 8 or above, and not confirmed, we asking you to enrol them for this year's Confirmation Programme which has started. Email Fr Paul with their name and your name and address. The next Sessions are on WEDNESDAYS, starting April 22nd, 6.30pm-8pm.

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.



JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER A Sonnet by Malcolm Guite

This darker path into the heart of pain
 Was also hers whose love enfolded him
 In flesh and wove him in her womb. Again
 The sword is piercing. She, who cradled him
 And gentled and protected her young son
 Must stand and watch the cruelty that mars
 Her maiden making. Waves of pain that stun
 And sicken pass across his face and hers
 As their eyes meet. Now she enfolds the world
 He loves in prayer; the mothers of the disappeared
 Who know her pain, all bodies bowed and curled
 In desperation on this road of tears,
 All the grief-stricken in their last despair,
 Are folded in the mantle of her prayer.



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

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR STORY?

1832 According to Mr Lavery's instructions the £2000 had been placed at interest and now the Rev Thomas Lupton became anxious that the money should be put to its proper purpose. He spoke of it to the Bishop, the Right Rev Dr Penswick, Vicar Apostolic of the Northern District of England who, feeling the necessity of fulfilling Mr Lavery's wishes, appointed the Rev Daniel Hearne to prepare a Convent, and obtain Presentations Sisters from Ireland to carry out this new design.

A large plot of ground had been bought to build St. Patrick's Church upon and to serve as burial ground etc. It was thought that the situation would be most excellent, as it was in the most neglected part of the town, and surrounded by poor Irish labourers and their families.

Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart in his last Letter, Dilxit Nos: Christ makes fountains of fresh water well up within us: "The human soul, made in the image of God, contain and pour forth wells, fountains and rivers".

St Ambrose recommended drinking deeply of Christ, "so that the spring of water welling up to eternal life may overflow in you". Marius Victorinus was convinced that the Holy Spirit has given of himself in such abundance that, "whoever receives him becomes a heart that pours forth rivers of living water". St Augustine saw this stream flowing from the believer as benevolence. St Thomas Aquinas thus maintained that whenever someone "hastens to share various gifts of grace received from God, living water flows from his heart".



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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)
 Anthony Ngyuen (seminarian—in residence)
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 St. Malachy's, Eggington St, 0161 205 3496 St. Patrick's, Livesey St, 0161 834 9004

29th MARCH 2026 Masses at St. Patrick's unless marked St M OR St E
LIVESTREAM ON <https://st-patricks-collyhurst.click2stream.com/> Website sppatrickmalachy.org.uk

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) Mass 4pm (Vietnamese)
MONDAY Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Requiem Mass for Ellen McManus 11.30am Reconciliation Service with Absolution 7pm
TUESDAY Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-33, 36-38	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Mass (St. M) with school 9.15am
SPY WEDNESDAY Isaiah 50:4-9 Matthew 26:14-25	MASS OF THE SACRED CHRISM 11am
MAUNDY THURSDAY Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15	Confessions 6.15-6.45pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7PM Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 11pm with Night Prayer of the Church 10pm
GOOD FRIDAY Day of Abstinence from meat and of Fasting ie taking one meal with two snacks Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 4:14-16 5:7-9 John 18:1'19:42	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.30am Goan Stations of the Cross 10.30am Way of the Cross (St M) 11am Confessions 2.15-2.45pm SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3pm
HOLY SATURDAY (after sunset) THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Exodus 14:15-15:1 Isaiah 53:1-11 Ezekiel 36:16-17, 18-28 Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 28:1-10	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.30am Poswiecenie jadla wielkanocnego 12noon (No 5.30pm Mass this weekend at St. Malachy's) VIGIL OF EASTER AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER 8pm
EASTER SUNDAY Acts 10:34-37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor5:6-8 John 20:1-9	Mass 9.30am Mass 11.40am (signed) Mass 10:30am (St. M)

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

In the sixteenth century, St John of God founded the Hospitaller Order that bears his name, creating hospitals that welcomed everyone, regardless of social or economic status. His expression, "Do good, my brothers!" became a motto for active charity towards the sick. At the same time, St Camillus de Lellis founded the Order of Ministers of the Sick, Camillians, taking on the mission of serving the sick with total dedication. His rule commands: "Each person should ask the Lord for a motherly affection for their neighbour so that we may serve them with all charity, both in soul and body, because we desire, with the grace of God, to serve all the sick with the affection that a loving mother has for her only sick child." In hospitals, battlefields, prisons, and on the streets, the Camillians have embodied the mercy of Christ the Physician.

Caring for the sick with maternal affection, as a mother cares for her child, many consecrated women have played an even greater role in providing healthcare to the poor. The Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul, Sisters of Divine Providence, and many other women's congregations have become a maternal and discreet presence in hospitals, nursing homes and retirement homes. They have brought comfort, a listening ear, presence, and above all, tenderness. They have built, often with their own hands, healthcare facilities in areas lacking medical assistance. They taught hygiene, assisted in childbirth and administered medicine with natural wisdom and deep faith. Their homes became oases of dignity where no one was excluded. The touch of compassion was the first medicine. St Louise de Marillac wrote to her sisters, the Daughters of Charity, reminding them that "they have been singularly blessed by God for the service of the sick poor of the hospitals."

Today, this legacy continues in Catholic hospitals, healthcare facilities in remote areas, clinics operating in jungles, shelters for drug addicts and in field hospitals in war zones. The Christian presence among the sick reveals that salvation is not an abstract idea, but concrete action. In the act of healing a wound, the Church proclaims that the Kingdom of God begins among the most vulnerable. In doing so, she remains faithful to the One who said, "I was sick and you visited me". When the Church kneels beside a leper, a malnourished child or an anonymous dying person, she fulfills her deepest vocation: to love the Lord where he is most disfigured.

Monastic life, which originated in the silence of the desert, was from the outset a witness to solidarity. Monks and nuns left everything, wealth, prestige, family, not because they despised worldly goods but also to encounter the poor Christ in this radical detachment. St Basil the Great, in his Rule, saw no contradiction between the monks' life of prayer and contemplation and their work on behalf of the poor. and sisters."

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

So every primary school, college and university and study group is sign of hope. The human urge to understand cannot be extinguished. I saw this most dramatically in Iraq. When I went to Iraq in 2015, Da'esh - or ISIS - had overrun the north of Iraq, the plain of Nineveh. The first thing that they did was to destroy the schools, many of them Christian, many run by the Iraqi Dominican Sisters. When I went back two years later, Da'esh had been driven out, and our sisters were back. The first thing that they did was to rebuild the schools. Before they rebuilt their homes, they rebuilt the schools. Every place of study, from a primary school to a university, is a seminary of hope.

In our Catholic schools Muslim, Christian and Yazidi students sit side by side and become friends. In Baghdad a young Muslim student told me that her best friends are Christians. When a Dominican sister had to go and visit the doctor, she found on her return, a Muslim teacher giving the Christians their catechism class She said 'I did not want them to miss a class.'

Study is the fertile encounter with those with whose views you disagree. It summons us beyond the polarisation which is wounding society. Jonathan Franzen, the American novelist, wrote: 'Invisible Facebook and Google algorithms steer you towards content you agree with, and nonconforming voices stay silent for fear of being flamed, trolled or unfriended. The result is a silo in which, whatever side you're on, you feel absolutely right to hate what you hate.' But study teaches you to delight in argument, not so that you can win but so that the truth will emerge, a larger truth than either side. My friend James Alison wrote a brilliant book called *The Joy of Being Wrong*.

Our Dominican tertiary level academy in Baghdad has as its symbol a Dominican cross with an enormous question mark. Its motto is 'here all questions are permitted.' We had a novice master a hundred years ago who used to say to the novices, 'Think, for God's sake think. I don't care what you think about as long as you think.'

So we need to begin in listening to the questions of our young people. Jesus asks the disciples on the way to Emmaus, 'What are you talking about?' What are the questions in the ears and minds of your young people. Then we will be able to respond with the teaching for which they hunger.

I visited Homs in Syria a few years ago. Most of the city is a bombed-out wreck. But there amid the ruins we found a school for children with disabilities. The Dutch Jesuit, Franz van der Lugt, had refused to leave despite death threats. He was sitting in the garden when someone walked in and shot him. And there in a small class room was an old Egyptian Jesuit still teaching. That is what hope looks like.