

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.

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 to submit it.



LENT IS HERE!

The Deanery Lenten Station Masses are as follows:
 Each Mass begins at 7.30pm, Confessions from 7pm.
 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.



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 Man born Blind will be led by Fr. Michael Winstanley, Salesian and Scripture Scholar. To book a place and access the session go to www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-readings-for-lent/ or use the QR code (left)

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

ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT PARTY 7.30pm Friday 13th March, Upper Hall Tickets £10.

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 we pray for the people of the parish of St. Anne, Crumpsall, and for Fr 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 Grangewood Dr, Goodwin Sq and Parkstead Dr.

For all the sick.

For Julie Sheridan, Harry Marshall and all who have died recently, and Moira Thompson, Patricia Hutton 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 Maureen Carroll and in St. Joseph's chapel for the Christians of Palestine and Israel.

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 coach travel 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 Many of our Catholic High Schools grant an Authorised Absence for young people on pilgrimage with the Diocese.



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 Preparation Programme which will soon start. Email Fr Paul with their full name and your name and address.

The Opening Session will be at St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 24th March, 7-8pm.

The other Sessions will be on WEDNESDAYS, starting on Wednesday April 22nd, 7-8pm.

On March 25th, 7pm till 8.30pm, Greater Manchester Citizens (in collaboration with Caritas) are hosting an exciting 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 (right) or email m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk



There is one way that many parishioners can help us sustain our parish into the future 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 financial future of our parish.

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

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

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SAMARITAN SYCHAR JACOB
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 WATER DRINK JEW
 BUCKET CATTLE HUSBAND



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 £554.99 (loose), £119 (Gift Aid), £35 (card machine).

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.



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 dates are 29th July to 6th August. The cost is £695 and this includes coach travel and full board 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.

The Woman at the Well

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 4:5-26 (NIV)

1. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

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JESUS
SAMARITAN

MESSIAH
WOMAN
HUSBAND

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

St. Augustine saw caring for the poor as concrete proof of the sincerity of faith. Anyone who says they love God and has no compassion for the needy is lying. Commenting on Jesus' encounter with the rich young man and the "treasure in heaven" reserved for those who give their possessions to the poor. Augustine puts the following words in the Lord's mouth: "I received the earth, I will give heaven; I received temporal goods, I will give back eternal goods; I received bread, I will give life. I have been given hospitality, but I will give a home; I was visited when I was sick, but I will give health; I was visited in prison, but I will give freedom. The bread you have given to my poor has been consumed, but the bread I will give will not only refresh you, but will never end." The Almighty will not be outdone in generosity to those who serve the people most in need: the greater the love for the poor, the greater the reward from God.

Song of the Brightness of Water, by Karol Wojtyla (original in Polish)

From this depth—I came only to draw water in a jug—so long ago, this brightness still clings to my eyes—the perception I found, and so much empty space, my own, reflected in the well.
Yet it is good. I can never take all of you into me. Stay then as mirror in the well.
Leaves and flowers remain, and each astonished gaze brings them down
to my eyes transfixed more by light than by sorrow.

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

To do the good for its own sake

On that last night Jesus did something which looks very small. He shared with them bread and wine, just as baptism involves something very unspectacular, being splashed with some water. To look at, nothing much to get excited about.

When Jesus asks the disciples to feed the 5000, the disciples reply 'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish'. But that is enough. The small loaves and fish that we can bring may seem little in the face of the vast challenges of our world, but in the hands of the Lord of the harvest they will achieve more than we can imagine. Every day.

We have to get out of bed every morning ready to spot whatever good deeds can be done that day. Terry Eagleton writes: 'The most flourishing acts are those performed as though they were one's last, and done not for their consequences but for their own sake.'

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

By associating with the lowest ranks of society Jesus brought the novelty of recognizing the dignity of every person, especially those who were considered unworthy. This new principle in human history, which emphasizes that individuals are even more 'worthy' of our respect and love when they are weak, scorned, or suffering, even to the point of losing the human 'figure', has changed the face of the world. It has given life to institutions that take care of those who find themselves in disadvantaged conditions, such as abandoned infants, orphans, the elderly who are left without assistance, the mentally ill, people with incurable diseases or severe deformities, and those living on the streets.

This week's Feasts:

Mon: St. Frances of Rome, born in Rome in 1384, was married and had three children. She was known for her exemplary love of the sick, ministering to the victims of the frequent epidemics among the poor. She founded an order in 1425 to continue this work and died in 1440.

St. John Ogilvie from Banff became a Jesuit and was ordained a priest on the continent. In 1613 he returned to Glasgow disguised as a horse-trader and began to minister to the Catholics. Betrayed in 1614, imprisoned, tortured with sleep deprivation for 8 days and nights, in 1615 he was paraded through the streets of Glasgow and executed at Glasgow Cross. As he was pushed off the stool, he threw his rosary into the crowd and the man that caught it became, from that day, a life-long Catholic.

Wed: St. Constantine, king of Cornwall, Scotland's first martyr; on his wife's death became a monk in Ireland and went to Scotland under Columba and Kentigern. Going to Kintyre, he was killed by pirates.

Sat: St. Longinus, the name tradition gives to the centurion who pierced the side of Jesus on the cross with a lance.

DO YOU KNOW OUR HISTORY? This year we focus on the story of the Presentation Sisters in our parish.

In A LAITY GAZETTE, dated 1838, we read: The Presentation Order has for many years diffused throughout a great part of Ireland, and conferred many incalculable benefits on that country in the education of its female poor. Countless thousands of children owe the blessings of religious instruction to those true disciples of the God of charity, who have forsaken their lives to this important task. The manufacturing towns in England stand in great need of such institutions and it must be admitted that the establishment of a Convent in a town like Manchester, where the number of the clergy bears no proportion to the dense Catholic population whom they have to instruct, is a great public blessing.

Under this impression, a Convent of the Presentation Order was opened about two years since in Manchester, in the immediate vicinity of St Patrick's church and in a district containing 20 000 Catholics. There are three large, commodious and well-ventilated school rooms, capable of holding 600 scholars. At present only one of the rooms is occupied by 200 scholars. Thrice that number might be got to attend, if the religious community were sufficiently large enough to attend to their instruction.

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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 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)
MON (St Frances of Rome) 2 Kings 5:1-15 Luke 4:24-30	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
TUESDAY Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Matthew 18:21-35	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Stations of the Cross (St M) 7.30pm
WEDNESDAY Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Matthew 5:17-19	Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 8.45am – Mass 9:15am Mass 10am (St. E) Lenten Station Mass , St Stephen's, Droylsden, 7.30pm
THURSDAY Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
FRIDAY Abstinence Hosea 14:1-9 Mark 12:28-34	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15
SATURDAY Hosea 6:1-6 Luke 18:9-14	Stations of the Cross 9:40am, Mass 10am Confessions 11am –11:30pm Baptism of Ruby Marie Cunningham 12noon Holy Hour (Spanish) 2.30p, Confessions (St. M) 5-5.15pm First Mass of Sunday (St. M) 5.30pm
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT Laetare Sunday Mothering Sunday 1 Samuel 16:1,7-7,10-13 Ephesians 5:8-15 John 9:1-41	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)

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.

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