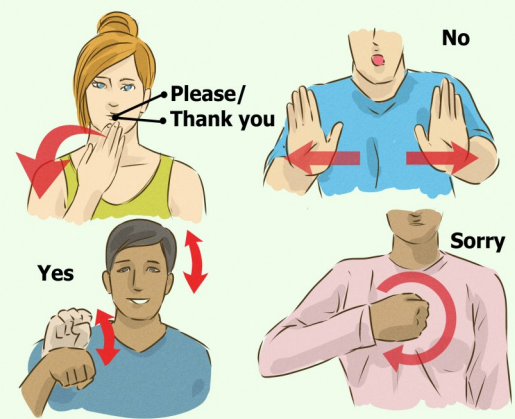


St. Patrick's is proud to host Caritas and the Diocese's first ever Deaf Awareness and Conversational British Sign Language (BSL) course, for adult parishioners across the diocese.



The course will commence 14 April 2026 and will run for 12 weeks. Sessions will be held weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm (with no class on Tuesday 26 May).

Why? There are over 11 million people registered with a hearing loss in the UK today. There are more than 12,500 British Sign Language users in the North West of England.

This 12-week programme will equip participants with basic BSL skills and greater awareness of accessibility and inclusion in parish life. Participants will:

- Learn to hold simple conversations in BSL, introduce themselves, and discuss parish roles.

- Ask and answer questions about time, dates, and events.
- Describe people, places, and emotions.
- Understand and use signs relevant to parish life (clergy, Mass, sacraments, refreshments, directions).
- Navigate church spaces using BSL spatial grammar.
- Gain real-life practice with invited Catholic Deaf guests.
- Develop awareness of accessibility needs and inclusive pastoral practice.
- Foster a culture of mutual respect, shared belonging and greater accessibility.

A certificate will be awarded for 75 per cent attendance.

For information and to book please contact Minna Moffatt-Feldman by emailing [m.moffatt-feldman@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:m.moffatt-feldman@caritassalford.org.uk)

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the services of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The sacristans, church cleaners, welcomers, stewards, musicians, readers, altar servers, those who decorated the church, those who made the tea, moved the chairs and in so many other ways.

Special welcome to for Rachel, Nina, Grace, Natalie and Julie, who were baptised confirmed and admitted to Holy Communion, together with Dan, received into the full communion with the Church and confirmed.

As Bishop Burke used to say every year after the Easter Vigil, 'sure, it was the best yet!'

**This Week's Saints:**

**Mon: St Martin**, born in Todi, in Italy, having become Pope called the Lateran Council in 649 to decree against the Monothelite heresy, but was abducted by the Emperor and died in exile in Crimea in 655.  
**St. Caradoc**, harpist to the King, left the royal palace to become a priest and hermit.

**Thurs: St. Magnus**, king of the Orkneys, martyred by the Norwegians in the 11th century.

**St. Benedict Joseph Labre** was born in 1748 in France, eldest of 15. At 16 he tried to enter religious orders but was refused on the grounds of suspected mental illness. He began to travel, on foot, to Rome and other shrines in Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain and elsewhere. Sleeping on the floor, his clothes dirty and ragged, he ate only what food and drink he begged/was given. He was a daily Massgoer. In his 30s he lived in the ruins of the Colosseum, visiting each church for their 40 Hours. On April 16th, in church, he collapsed, dying the next day of malnutrition aged 35.

**Fri: St. Donnanus**, Abbot of Egge, in the Hebridees. He and 52 companions were martyred by the Vikings while celebrating the Easter ceremonies.

**Bl. Henry Heath**, Franciscan, reconciled to the church a criminal in the cart with him carrying them to their execution in London in 1643.

**Diocese of Salford Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

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](mailto:Walsingham@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or call 0161 817 2209



**DOUBTING? THOMAS, by Malcom Guite**

"We do not know... how can we know the way?"  
 Courageous master of the awkward question,  
 You spoke the words the others dared not say  
 And cut through their evasion and abstraction.  
 Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,  
 You put your finger on the nub of things  
 We cannot love some disembodied wraith,  
 But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.  
 Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,  
 Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.  
 Because He loved your awkward counter-point  
 The Word has heard and granted you your wish.  
 Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine  
 The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

**Pope Leo's Intention:** For priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

In our Diocese this week we pray for the parishioners of Christ the King, Newton Heath, for Fr. Derek McCartney, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school.

In our parish we pray for all who live on Pitsford Road, Rathmore Avenue and Redbrook Avenue.

For all the sick.

For all who have died recently, and Pope Francis, Bishop Henry Vincent Marshall, Canon Charles Hollywood, Danny Cooney, Joe and Kath Wilcox, Marie Downey, Joseph Fitzpatrick and all remembered at this time.

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

Congratulations to Nico O'Reilly, a former pupil, who scored both goals in a Man of the Match performance for Manchester City in their League Cup Final win over Arsenal. We are proud of him as he joins a proud list of our cup-winning parishioners.

**HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR STORY?**

1833 Many and great were the difficulties the Rev D Hearne had to encounter in his work. He had only Mr Lavery's donation and its interest to commence with. He set out on foot a general subscription through the town and went all over England, begging for aid, and was very successful (though the sums obtained were not known at the time to the Nuns. He was obliged to discontinue the collections on account of the falling in of the roof of St. Mary's Chapel, Mulberry St.

Mr Hearne went to Ireland to seek Nuns who would be willing to come to England to found a house of the Order. He made known his mission to several houses of the Institute but was unsuccessful. He then went to Clonmel where he found three Nuns who could be spared and were willing to undertake this great work.

1834 On May 22nd, being the Thursday of Whitsun Week, the foundation stone of the Convent was laid by the Rev Thomas Lupton, assisted by Rev D Hearne and several other priests, with a procession of 600 children, the girls wearing white frocks and caps trimmed with white, having a white ribbon with a cross on their hearts, as was the custom with Catholic processions.

Mr Hearne proposed that he would provide for them a suitable house and school close to the Church where they could hear Mass daily, that they would be free of rent, and that we would give £30 per year to each for their support. This was a verbal agreement; not a word of it was written down.

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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 over the Easter weekend, especially for the Good Friday offering of £250 for the Christian community in Bethlehem served by the Presentation Sisters, and all year round.

If you would like an 8 day light to burn for a particular intention in front of the Bl Sacrament, Our Lady or St. Joseph please write the intention on an envelope. If you can enclose a donation we suggest £10.

The Envelopes for your weekly offering are available at church. 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

