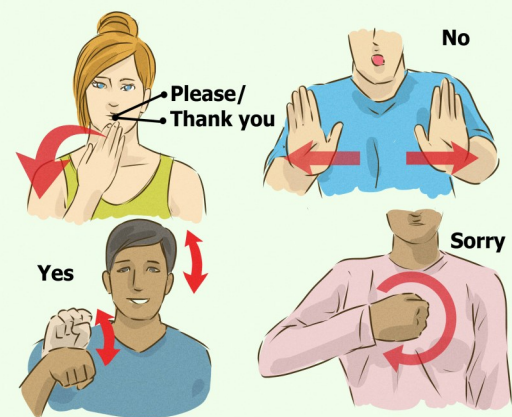


St. Patrick's is proud to host Caritas and the Diocese's first ever Deaf Awareness and Conversational British Sign Language (BSL) course, for adult parishioners across the diocese.



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

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 people of St. Margaret Mary's, New Moston, for Fr. Andrew Starkie together with the Manchester Ordinariate Mission. We pray for their parish primary school and for the Presentation Sisters.

In our parish we pray for all who live on Tollard Avenue, Sedgeford Road and Trimley Avenue.

For all the sick.

For Deacon Stephen O'Connor, John Derek Kearney, Katherine Moran, Megan Hamer, Jim Cooney, Mary Burgess and all who have died recently, and Andrew James Dyer, Paul Dyer, Sean Dynan, Dympna Murden and all remembered at this time.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Tracey and family.

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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 and address. The next Sessions are on WEDNESDAYS, starting April 22nd, 6.30pm-8pm.

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



Diocese of Salford Pilgrimage to Walsingham

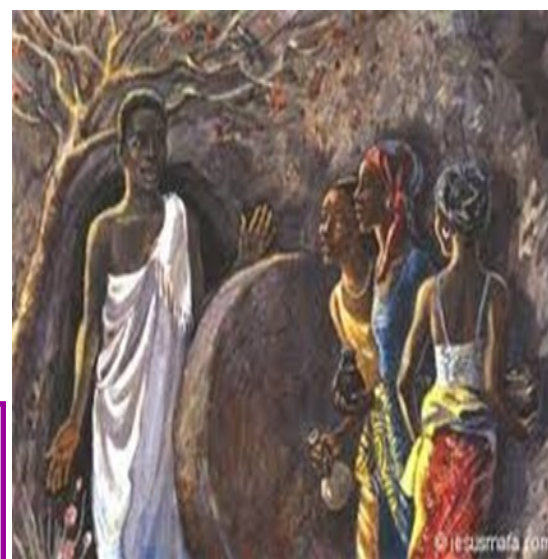
We would love to welcome you to join us on pilgrimage at our National Shrine (England's Nazareth) on Saturday 2nd May picking up in Eccles, Whitefield, Salford, and Collyhurst, with an overnight option on Friday 1st with pickups at St Luke's church Salford and St Patrick's Collyhurst. For more information,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



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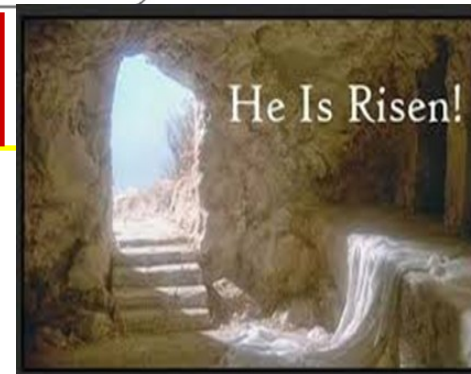
Unwell and like a home visit? speak to Fr. Jose.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR PARISH STORY?



St Patrick, Collyhurst

1832 The Rev D Hearne was Rector of St. Patrick's at that time and it was decided by the clergy that the ground should be given for a Convent, but the clergy were most desirous to have the Sisters of Mercy or Daughters of Charity instead of Presentation Nuns but Mr Lavery had been most explicit in his instructions to Rev Mr Lupton that if Presentation Nuns could not be obtained for Manchester, the money should be given to Navan for a Convent to be built there.



EASTER
Christina Rosetti

Words cannot utter
Christ His returning;
Mankind, keep jubilee,
Strip off your mourning,
Crown you with garlands,
Set your lamps burning.

Speech is left speechless;
Set you to singing,
Fling your hearts open wide.
Set your bells ringing:
Christ the Chief Reaper
Comes, His sheaf bringing.

Earth wakes her song-birds,
Puts on her flowers.
Leads out her lambkins.
Builds up her bowers:
This is man's spousal day,
Christ's day and ours.

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

St Francis de Sales was particularly taken by Jesus' words, "Learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart". Even in the most simple and ordinary things, he said, we can "steal" the Lord's heart. "Those who would serve him acceptably must give heed not only to lofty and important matters, but to things mean and little, since by both alike we may win his heart and love. I mean the acts of daily forbearance, the headache, the toothache, the heavy cold; the tiresome peculiarities of a husband or wife, the broken glass, the loss of a ring, a handkerchief, a glove; the sneer of a neighbour; the effort of going to bed early in order to rise early for prayer or communion, the little shyness some people feel in openly performing religious duties... Be sure that all these sufferings, small as they are, if accepted lovingly, are most pleasing to God's goodness". Ultimately, however, our response to the love of the heart of Christ is manifested in love of our neighbour: "a love that is firm, constant, steady, unconcerned with trivial matters or people's station in life, not subject to changes or animosity... Our Lord loves us unceasingly, puts up with so many of our defects and our flaws. Precisely because of this, we must do the same with our brothers and sisters, never tiring of putting up with them".



St Patrick, Collyhurst

Use your phone's camera to try it out

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 £489 (loose), £93(Gift Aid), £14 (Contactless) and £250 (Vietnamese community) and also £457.49 for Mary's Meals.

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

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

During a trip to Algeria, I drove to north Sahara with the Dominican bishop of Oran. Flights had been cancelled due to fighting. We drove into a skirmish between a mob and the army. Our car was surrounded by people with rocks. I will never forget the face of a young man who stood in front of us with a stone the size of a football, hanging over the windscreen. His face was angry, but beneath the anger one could see waves of fear, and beneath the fear, I could see a face of a gentle young man, the face of someone whom one could like. I hope that here, you learn the art of reading faces, seeing other people and understanding them. Understanding another human being is a step into the mystery of our God for whom nothing human is alien.

The next way of living our hope may sound a bit strange. I said that when Jesus celebrated the Last Supper, he enacted a hope that must have seemed mad at the time. But Mark tells us that at the end of the Last Supper, they sang. Music is one way in which we express a hope which is beyond our words. In the Book of Revelation, the victory of the Resurrection is celebrated with a new song. Song and music are the victory of harmony over discord. It breaks the silence of the grave. We sing in a psalm ‘It is not the dead who praise the Lord, nor those who descend into silence.’ So we sing now not just because it is joyful but in anticipation of the ultimate harmony of heaven. Music is the breathing of hope, which is why every Mass is really supposed to be sung.

A few of years ago, I visited Syria. Our base was a monastery in the hills between Damascus and Homs. We were just three miles from the front line with Daesh and we were kept awake at night by gunfire. There was artillery fire from a gun emplacement just fifty yards away. Actually I was rather glad since I had to share a room with an Anglican clergyman who snored heroically. His wife was happy that he went to Syria from time to time!! This is the great advantage of the celibate life: no one else snoring!

Every morning the monastery bell summoned us to the chapel to sing. The sound of gun fire was transcended by song and music. I could not understand a word of the songs since they were in Arabic, but their beauty challenged the ugly noise of war.

There is a wonderful film, *des hommes et des dieux*, (available in English on Youtube as *Of gods and Men*) about a Trappist monastery in Algeria during the violent 90s, there is a marvellous scene. The monks are silently in prayer when a helicopter hovers menacingly over the monastery with making a brutal dumb noise. The monks rise and sing a beautiful song, *O Père des lumieres*. Song drives away the noisy, menacing beast.

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

In Caesarea, where he was Bishop, St Basil built a place which included lodgings, hospitals and schools for the poor and sick. The monk was not only an ascetic, but a servant. Basil showed that to be close to God, one must be close to the poor. Concrete love was the criterion of holiness. Praying and caring, contemplating and healing, writing and welcoming: everything was an expression of the same love for Christ,

St Benedict of Norcia gave a Rule that would become the backbone of European monastic spirituality. Welcoming the poor and pilgrims occupies a prominent place: “The poor and pilgrims are received with all care and hospitality, for in them Christ is received.” These were not just words: for centuries Benedictine monasteries were places of refuge for widows, abandoned children, pilgrims and beggars. For Benedict, community life was a school of charity. Manual labor not only had a practical function, but also formed the heart for service. Sharing among the monks, caring for the sick and listening to the most vulnerable prepared them to welcome Christ who comes in the person of the poor and the stranger. Today, Benedictine monastic hospitality remains a sign of a Church that opens its doors, welcomes without asking and heals without demanding anything in return.

Benedictine monasteries became places for overcoming the culture of exclusion. Monks and nuns cultivated the land, produced food, prepared medicines and offered them, with simplicity, to those most in need. Their silent work was the leaven of a new civilization, where the poor were not a problem to be solved, but brothers and sisters to be welcomed. Sharing, working together and helping the vulnerable established an economy of solidarity, in contrast to the logic of accumulation. The monks’ witness showed that voluntary poverty, far from being misery, is a path of freedom and communion. They did not limit themselves to helping the poor: they became their neighbors, brothers and sisters in the same Lord. In the cells and cloisters, they created a mysticism of God’s presence in the little ones.

In addition to providing material assistance, monasteries played a key role in the cultural and spiritual formation of the humblest. In times of plague, war and famine, they were places where the needy found bread and medicine, but also dignity and a voice. It was there that orphans were educated, apprentices received training and ordinary people were taught agricultural techniques and how to read. Knowledge was shared as a gift and a responsibility. The abbot was teacher and father, and the monastic school was a place of freedom through truth. John Cassian writes that the monk must be characterized by “humility of heart which leads not to knowledge that puffs up, but that enlightens through the fullness of charity.” By forming consciences and transmitting wisdom, monks contributed to a Christian pedagogy of inclusion. Culture, marked by faith, was shared with simplicity. Knowledge, illuminated by charity, became service. Monastic life thus revealed itself as a style of holiness and a concrete way to transform society.

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 Sister Anne, Sister Regina, Parish Sisters; Gracielli Polaini (Parish Secretary)

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5th APRIL 2026 Masses at St. Patrick’s unless marked St M OR St E
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EASTER SUNDAY Acts 10:34-37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 John 20:1-9	Mass 9.30am Mass 11.40am (signed) Mass 10:30am (St. M)
EASTER MONDAY Acts 2:14,22-33 Matthew 28:8-15	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
EASTER TUESDAY Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Requiem Mass for Katherine Moran 10am
EASTER WEDNESDAY Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:13-35	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Requiem Mass for John Derek Kearney 11am (St. M)
EASTER THURSDAY Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-4	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
EASTER FRI No Abstinence Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
EASTER SATURDAY Acts 4:13-21 Mark 16:9-15	Mass 10am, followed by Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 11am Baptism of David Kirkin 12noon Baptism of Oyekanmi Philomena Mendy 12noon (St. M) Confessions 5.15pm, Mass 5.30pm (St.M)
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Of Divine Mercy Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 9.30am Confessions 11-11.15am Mass 11.30am (signed) Confessions 10-10.15am Mass 10:30am (St. M)

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.

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.

