

Monday of last week Pope Leo published his first Encyclical Letter. An Encyclical Letter is addressed to the Church and to all people. It is the Pope, as Successor of St. Peter, teaching in one of the most solemn ways.

We are reading it paragraph by paragraph. This week paragraph 3 in which Pope Leo explains why he is writing this Letter at this time:

In Pope Leo XIII published his Encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, the 135th anniversary of which we celebrate with deep gratitude this year. With that document, my beloved predecessor gave impetus to the reflection on society, the economy and politics, which is now known as the “Social Doctrine of the Church.” When some objected that the Church should not waste energy on worldly matters, but instead focus on communicating the message of eternal life, Leo XIII responded with realism and wisdom, saying that the proclamation of the Gospel cannot overlook the concrete lives of people. Many decades have passed since then, and the bishops, pastors, theologians and faithful have continued to reflect on social issues in the light of the Gospel. Today, the Social Doctrine of the Church is a legacy of wisdom, where we find principles for thought, criteria for discernment and judgment, and concrete guidelines for action. Founded on Sacred Scripture and Tradition, and in engagement with the sciences, it helps us clearly interpret the challenges of the present and identify appropriate ways for living out a clear Christian witness, with joy and in service to the world. It is not an dead set of concepts, but a living *body* of truth that safeguards and interprets humanity’s vocation to a full and just life. I therefore wish to add my own voice to this living tradition, invoking the help of the Spirit of wisdom, who has dwelt in the world since its beginning.

Pope Leo in his Letter on the Church's option for the poor, *Dilexi Te*:

Christian holiness often flourishes in the most forgotten and wounded places of humanity. The poorest of the poor — those who lack not only material goods but also a voice and the recognition of their dignity — have a special place in God’s heart. They are the beloved of the Gospel, the heirs to the Kingdom. It is in them that Christ continues to suffer and rise again. It is in them that the Church rediscovers her call to show her most authentic self.

St Teresa of Calcutta, canonized in 2016, has become a universal icon of charity lived to the fullest extent in favour of the most destitute, those discarded by society. Foundress of the Missionaries of Charity, she dedicated her life to the dying abandoned on the streets of India. She gathered the rejected, washed their wounds and accompanied them to the moment of death with the tenderness of prayer. Her love for the poorest of the poor meant that she did not only take care of their material needs, but also proclaimed the good news of the Gospel to them: “We are wanting to proclaim the good news to the poor that God loves them, that we love them, that they are somebody to us, that they too have been created by the same loving hand of God, to love and to be loved. Our poor people are great people, are very lovable people, they do not need our pity and sympathy, they need our understanding love. They need our respect; they need that we treat them with dignity.” All this came from a deep spirituality that saw service to the poorest as the fruit of prayer and love, the source of true peace, as Pope John Paul II reminded the pilgrims who came to Rome for her beatification: “Where did Mother Teresa find the strength to place herself completely at the service of others? She found it in prayer and in the silent contemplation of Jesus Christ, his Holy Face, his Sacred Heart. She herself said as much: ‘The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service.’ It was prayer that filled her heart with Christ’s own peace and enabled her to radiate that peace to others.” Teresa did not consider herself a philanthropist or an activist, but a bride of Christ crucified, serving with total love her suffering brothers and sisters.

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

Christ asks you never to be ashamed to tell others, with all due discretion and respect, about your friendship with him. He asks that you dare to tell others how good and beautiful it is that you found him. “Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven”. For a heart that loves, this is not a duty but an irrepressible need: “Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!” “Within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot”.

We should not think of this mission of sharing Christ as something only between Jesus and me. Mission is experienced in fellowship with our communities and with the whole Church. If we turn aside from the community, we will be turning aside from Jesus. If we turn our back on the community, our friendship with Jesus will grow cold. This is a fact, and we must never forget it. Love for the brothers and sisters of our communities – religious, parochial, diocesan and others – is a kind of fuel that feeds our friendship with Jesus. Our acts of love for our brothers and sisters in community may well be the best and, at times, the only way that we can witness to others our love for Jesus Christ. He himself said, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”.

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7th June 2026 Masses at St. Patrick's unless marked St M OR St E

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SUNDAY THE MOST BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Deut 8:2-3, 14-16 1 Cor 10:16-17 John 6:51-58	Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 9.30am, Confessions 11-11.15am Mass 11.30am (signed) Confessions 10-10.15am Mass 10:30am (St. M)
MONDAY 1 Kings 17:1-6 Matthew 5:1-12	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
TUESDAY <i>St Ephrem, St. Columcille (Columba)</i> 1 Kings 17:7-16 Matthew 5:13-16	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Mass (St M) 9.15am
WEDNESDAY 1 Kings 18:20-39 Matthew 5:17-19	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
THU St Barnabas Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3 Matthew 5:20-26	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
FRIDAY THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS NO Abstinence Deut 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16 Matthew 11:25-30	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15
SAT <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary/ St. Anthony of Padua</i> 1 Kings 19:19-21 Luke 2:41-51	Mass 10am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until Benediction at 11am Confessions 5.15pm, Mass 5.30pm (St. M)
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Exodus 19:2-6 Romans 5:6-11 Matthew 9:36-10:8	Mass with First Communions 9.30am, Mass 11.30am (signed) Mass with First Communions 11am (St. M) <i>(please note time for this weekend)</i> Baptism of Caine Carlo Williams 1pm Mass (Vietnamese) 4.30pm

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 to access the Upper Hall under parental supervision. Ensure your children do not play on or under the stairs.

Do help the parish via **QR code** OR BY MACHINE in the church porches.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend, £348.20 (loose), £144.60 (giftaided) and £20 via the Card Machine.

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.



This Week’s Feasts: Mon: Bl. William Fitzherbert, Archbishop of York and peacemaker. **Bl. William Day**, monk at the London Chaterhouse, martyred under Henry VIII.

Tues: St. Ephrem, born in Nisibis (present day Turkey) in 306, ordained deacon, was a writer of homilies, poems and hymns for the liturgy and called “The Harp of the Holy Spirit”. He died in 373. **St Columba** or ColmCille, was born Donegal c.521, dying Iona in 597. He founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow, Kells and Iona, from where he converted much of Western Scotland, and his followers took the Gospel to Northern England. **Bl. Robert Salt**, martyr of the London Charterhouse.

Wed: St. Ithmar, bishop of Rochester. **Bll. Thomas Green** and **Walter Pearson**, monks of the London Charterhouse and martyrs.

Thur: St. Barnabas (=son of encouragement), born in Cyprus, a journey companion of St. Paul before returning home to preach the Gospel.

Fri: St. Eskil, English monk and bishop in Norway, stoned to death in 1080 for disrupting a pagan ritual.

Sat: St. Anthony of Padua, born Lisbon 1195, inspired by the Franciscan martyrs in Morocco joined the order; though he hoped to preach in Africa, he was sent to Italy, becoming a great preacher and theologian, dying in Padua in 1231, aged 36.

Planning a baptism? see Fr. Paul.

Planning a wedding? See Deacon Stephen

If you, or someone you know, unwell and would like to receive a home visit, tell Fr. Jose.

The children of our parish will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time next Sunday, 14th June, at St. Patrick’s church at 9.30am and at St. Malachy’s church at 11am. Please note the later time at St. Malachy’s.

Young people from our parish and other parishes in our Deanery will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop John at St. Patrick’s on Saturday 20th June at 1pm.

HIDE AND SEEK
A SONNET FOR CORPUS CHRISTI
by Malcolm Guite

Ready or not, you tell me, here I come!
And so I know I’m hiding, and I know
My hiding-place is useless. You will come
And find me. You are searching high and low.
Today I’m hiding low, down here, below,
Below the sunlit surface others see.
Oh find me quickly, quickly come to me.
And here you come and here I come to you.
I come to you because you come to me.
You know my hiding places. I know you,
I reach you through your hiding-places too;
Touching the slender thread, but now I see –
Even in darkness I can see you shine,
Risen in bread, and revelling in wine.

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



On Sunday 28th June we will be joined at the 9.30am Mass by some visitors from Bolivia who are sharing in the work of Caritas. They speak no English so all Spanish speakers are welcome to come and meet them!



Pope Leo’s Intention for June: That sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

In our Diocese this week let us pray for the people of the parishes of SS Aidan and Oswald, Royton, and St. Joseph, Shaw, and Fr Gavin Landers, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and the chaplaincies to the Royal Oldham Hospital and Dr Kershaw’s Hospice.

In our parish we pray for all who live or work on Porter Drive, Tadcaster Drive and Easington Drive.

For Fr Chris Lough and all the sick.

For Deborah Kirby, Harry Roberts, Michelle Reeves, Christopher Cosgrave and all who have died recently, and for Margaret Dyer and all remembered at this time.

This week again the lamp in front of the Blessed Sacrament burns for David Asongwe, the lamp in Our Lady’s Chapel burns for Mbena Mbala Helen and the lamp in St. Joseph’s chapel for Berni Clarkin.

USE OUR CAR PARK AT THE END OF NOBBY STILES DR UNLESS YOU HAVE A RESIDENTS’ PERMIT FOR THIS ZONE OR A BLUE BADGE OR YOU MAY GET A FIXED PENALTY NOTICE

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR STORY?

In June 1836 Miss Lupton and her youngest sister, who became a Cistercian Nun, came to see Mother Magdalen to make some enquiries about being admitted here as Postulant (*the first stage in become a nun*). Miss Lupton was niece to the Rev Thomas Lupton and she had entertained the Nuns at her Uncle’s house when they went to see the Bishop. She was in every respect a most desirable person for the new foundation with sincere love of religious life and a true vocation particularly devoted to the education of youth. She was often engaged in this work of charity when in her father’s house, where she enjoyed every blessing that could make a home happy and agreeable.

Mother Magdalen gave her encouragement and they agree that Miss Lupton could come as soon as she could obtain her father’s consent.

She entered the Convent as postulant in July and with all the ardour of her fervent would she threw herself into her new duties, which she performed with great exactitude. It was wonderful to see her at once give up her comforts and be content with the want of all comfort. As the season changed , the damp of the house increased, their being no fires.

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BREAD HEAVEN LIVE
EVER FLESH DRINK
BLOOD ETERNAL FATHER
ANCESTORS DEAD ANYONE



On Sunday 5th July the Italian Madonna Del Rosario Procession starts from George Leigh St, in Ancoats, processing with the Bands, Statues and Parish Banners to St. Peter’s Square and return. It starts at 1.15pm.

Thank you to everyone from our two churches that takes part. We want this year to have even more parishioners taking part.

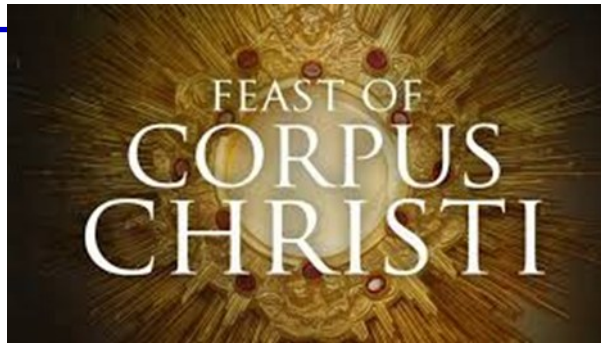
Everyone is invited to walk behind the St. Patrick’s and St. Malachy’s Banners. The First Communion Children are asked to walk in their First Communion outfits.

We need some volunteers to carry the banner. The more we have, the easier it is. Please email Fr. Paul paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk if you will be able to help. Without men to carry the banners, there will be no parish contingent.

We will also need another couple of volunteers to act as marshals for our group.

Please sign the lists at the back of our churches.

Want to find out more? Email Fr. Paul paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk



Might you be called to become a priest? Open to explore?

Come along to a day of Reflection at St John Fisher, Manchester Rd, Kearsley, Saturday 13th June, 10am-2:30pm. Talks; Mass; Adoration; time for personal prayer and strolls around the beautiful grounds, lunch.

Spaces are limited, so to register your interest, email michael.deas@dioceseofsalford.org.uk and your booking will be confirmed in due course.