

Pope Leo published his first Encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas. We read and reflect on it section by section:

Building a city founded on the common good implies building on a firm relationship with God. It means recognizing that the truth of his love calls us to life “in all its fullness” and communion with him. Like St Augustine, we can say, “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.” God has inscribed in our hearts a desire for happiness that embraces all dimensions of life. The Church, in dialogue with men and women of our time, recognizes the urgent need to safeguard and guide this aspiration toward its deepest truth.

Secondly, building for the common good means accepting the limits and weakness of humanity without considering them an error to be corrected. Today, the human desire for fullness of life is at risk of being misled by deceitful goals, such as the prospect of a technology that promises to free us from all weakness, and models of wellbeing that leave behind entire populations. All too often, we place our hope in unlimited “upgrades,” in forms of progress that exacerbate inequalities, and in immediate solutions incapable of healing people’s wounds. As a result, while some pursue the illusion of unlimited self-assertion, many are deprived of basic necessities. The Church reminds us, with a firm yet humble voice, that true fulfilment is not achieved by eliminating weakness but through harmonious growth. It is found where freedom and responsibility are intertwined with mutual care and true solidarity, and where progress is measured by the dignity of each person and the good of all peoples.

Thirdly, building a world in which everyone can flourish requires shared responsibility and courage. No one can single-handedly bear the weight of the challenges the world is facing, just as no one is so weak that they cannot play their part, for “power is made perfect in weakness”. All are given their own section of the wall: scientists and researchers, entrepreneurs and workers, educators and legislators, civil society, popular movements and faith communities. This is the logic of subsidiarity, which values the cooperation between generations, peoples, disciplines and cultures as the best way for fostering stability, prosperity and peace. We should not be intimidated by tensions or differences because they can become creative forces when guided by shared responsibility.

Finally, building for the common good requires an evangelical language. We must avoid humiliating or antagonistic words, opting rather for a clarity that sheds light and a frankness that unlocks new possibilities. We cannot condone naïve enthusiasms, nor fuel unfounded fears. Instead, let us establish standards for discernment — the dignity of the human person, the universal destination of goods, the preferential option for the poor, care for our common home and peace — and let us translate these standards into practices such as responsible planning, the assessment of human and social impact, the inclusion of the most vulnerable, the promotion of digital literacy and guiding research and industry toward justice and peace.

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We continue our reading of Pope Leo's Letter on the Church's preferential option for the poor, Dilexi Te

The Second Vatican Council represented a milestone in the Church's understanding of the poor in God's saving plan. Pope St John XXIII, in his Radio Message of 11 September 1962, a month before the opening of the Council, called attention to the issue. In his memorable words, "the Church presents herself as she is and as she wishes to be: the Church of all and in particular the Church of the poor." The intense efforts of bishops, theologians and experts concerned with the renewal of the Church — with the support of St John XXIII himself — gave the Council a new direction. Many Council Fathers supported this approach, as eloquently expressed by Cardinal Lercaro in his intervention of 6 December 1962: "The mystery of Christ in the Church has always been and today is, in a particular way, the mystery of Christ in the poor." He went on to say that, "this is not simply one theme among others, but in some sense the only theme of the Council as a whole." The Archbishop of Bologna, in preparing the text for this intervention, noted: "This is the hour of the poor, of the millions of the poor throughout the world. This is the hour of the mystery of the Church as mother of the poor. This is the hour of the mystery of Christ, present especially in the poor." There was a growing sense of the need for a new image of Church, one simpler and more sober, embracing the entire people of God and its presence in history. A Church more closely resembling her Lord than worldly powers and working to foster a concrete commitment on the part of all humanity to solving the immense problem of poverty in the world.

At the opening of the second session of the Council, St. Paul VI took up this concern voiced by his predecessor, namely that the Church looks with particular attention “to the poor, the needy, the afflicted, the hungry, the suffering, the imprisoned, that is, to all humanity that suffers and weeps: she is part of them by Gospel right.” In his General Audience of 11 November 1964, he pointed out that “the poor are representatives of Christ,” and compared the image of the Lord in the poor to that seen in the Pope. He affirmed this truth with these words: “The representation of Christ in the poor is universal; every poor person reflects Christ; that of the Pope is personal. The poor man and Peter can be one in the same person, clothed in a double representation; that of poverty and that of authority.” In this way, the link between the Church and the poor was expressed symbolically and with clarity.

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23	MASS, this Sunday only, at 10.30am (St P) (signed) Confessions 10-10.15am Mass 10:30am (St. M) No 9.30 and 11.30am Masses at St P this Sunday. Baptism of Luna An NGUYEN, Luis Anh Hoang NGUYEN and Mia Phuong Nhi DANG 3pm Mass (Vietnamese) 4.30pm
MONDAY <i>St Henry</i> Isaiah 1:10-17 Matthew 10:34-11:1	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Requiem Mass for Betty Poole 11.30am
TUE <i>St. Camillus de Lellis</i> Isaiah 7:1-9 Matthew 11:20-24	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Primary School Leavers' Mass 9.15am (St. M)
WED <i>St. Bonaventure</i> Is10:5-7, 13-16 Mt 11:25-27	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
TH OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL Zech2:10-13 Mt12:46-50	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
FRI Abstinence Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Mt 12:1-8	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
SATURDAY Micah 2:1-5 Matthew 12:14-21	Mass 10am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until Benediction at 11am Baptism of Ezra & Izaiah Reid Spencer 12noon Confessions 5.15pm, Mass 5.30pm (St. M)
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wisdom 12:13,16-19 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43	Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 9.30am, Confessions 11-11.15am Mass 11.30am (signed) Confessions 10-10.15am Mass 10:30am (St. M) Mass 3pm (Spanish)

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, £407.06 (loose), £205 (giftaid) and on the preceding weekend £328.90 (loose), £172,10 (Giftaid) and £195 (Vietnamese Mass). Approval has just been granted for repairs to the roof of the kitchen in the Deaf Club, costing £15 000.

If you would like an 8 day light to burn for a particular intention in front of the Blessed 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: St Henry, born in 973, became Duke of Bavaria and Holy Roman Emperor aged 41; he concentrated on the good of his people, building monasteries and helping the poor. He fostered missionary activity. He died in 1024.

Tue: St Camillus de Lellis, born in Italy 1550, became a soldier, underwent a conversion and began ministering to the sick. He was ordained, founding the Servants of the Sick, which set up hospitals for the poor, dying in 1614, and is patron of health care workers.
Bl Richard Langhorne, barrister, advised the Jesuit provincial in London. He was executed at Tyburn 1679.

Wed: St Bonaventure: born in Italy in 1218, became a Franciscan and studied in Paris; he became Minister General of the Order and Cardinal Bishop of Albano near Rome. He is remembered for his spiritual works and teaching. He died in 1274.

Thu: Our Lady of Mount Carmel: the Sacred Scriptures speak of the beauty of Mt Carmel, where the prophet Elijah defended the faith of the people of Israel in God. In 1156 a group of hermits settled there and afterwards set up the Carmelite Order to lead a contemplative life under the patronage of the Mother of God. Under this title she is revered as Principal Patron of the Diocese of Salford.

Now that our Cathedral is Salford is open once again, after three years, Bishop John, in his weekly email to the clergy of the Diocese, has written:

I must offer sincere thanks to Canon Paul Daly and all those kind volunteers of St Patrick’s Church, Collyhurst who – over the three years of the Cathedral’s closure - have taken on numerous major events and provided very generous hospitality.

Once the schools reopen after the summer holiday, we will keep St. Patrick’s church open each day until evening. More information over the summer.

Are there one or two (or more) kind parishioners who could remove the weeds from the church steps and the front of the presbytery both inside and outside the railings? If so, please tell Fr. Paul or just turn up and get stuck in.

Planning a wedding? See Deacon Stephen. Six months notice is required.

USE OUR CAR PARK AT THE END OF NOBBY STILES DRIVE UNLESS YOU HAVE A RESIDENTS’ PERMIT FOR THIS ZONE OR A BLUE BADGE.



Pope Leo’s Intention for July: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God. . If you wish to join Pope Leo in a moment of prayer for this intention click here [\(274\) Pray with the Pope: For respect for human life | July 2026 - YouTube](#)

In our Diocese this week we pray for the parish of Our Lady of Dolours, Kersal, and for Father Vincent Coyne, OSM, their parish priest, and for the Servite Friars. We pray for their parish primary school and St. Monica’s High School, together with the Sisters of Nazareth and the Faithful Companions of Jesus.

In our parish we pray for all who live or work on Millow St, Red Bank and Corporation St.

For Mbala Helen and all the sick.

For Jimmy Ward, Betty Poole, Stella Ryan, Carl Storah and all who have died recently, and for Pat Taylor, Annie Dunn, Kathleen Tootell, John Lynch and all remembered at this time.

This week the lamp in front of the Blessed Sacrament burns for Jude Asongwe, the lamp in Our Lady’s Chapel burns for the sick and the lamp in St. Joseph’s chapel for those who are close to death.



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

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.



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GOOD GROUND
A sonnet for today’s Gospel by Malcolm Guite

I love your simple story of the sower,
With all its close attention to the soil,
Its movement from the knowledge to the knower,
Its take on the tenacity of toil.

I feel the fall of seed a sower scatters,
So equally available to all,
Your story takes me straight to all that matters,
Yet understands the reasons why I fall.

Oh deepen me where I am thin and shallow,
Uproot in me the thistle and the thorn,
Keep far from me that swiftly snatching shadow,
That seizes on your seed to mock and scorn.

O break me open, Jesus, set me free,
Then find and keep your own good ground in me.

Child poverty is increasing in our area, with latest statistics from government showing almost one in three children are growing up in poverty. Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford supports local families facing crisis and is asking us to join them in taking action to help. There are lots of different ways our parish can get involved. Visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/endchildpoverty to find out more.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR STORY?

1838 In July Mother Magdalen received a summons to appear at Court on account of a plane for a line of railway intended to run close to the Convent and would encroach upon part of the Convent grounds. Many Catholic gentlemen were there and great respect was shown to Mother Magdalen. When she rose to make her objection she made the Sign of the Cross quite largely and in a few words she told the gentlemen that she considered a railway to close to the Convent would prevent young ladies joining the community. There was much consideration and at last £600 was offered to the Convent in compensation and the Railway purchased the land for £150. Mother Magdalen had to give the money to Fr Hearne to pay off part of the debt on the Convent building.

1839 Fr Hearne very much urged the propriety of a Benefit (ie fee-paying) school for a better class of children. Mother Magdalen represented to him the large number of poor children and that any money obtained for teaching must be applied to the poor children.

