

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

In the recent Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025, we walked as pilgrims of hope and were blessed with many graces. Strengthened by these gifts, we can move forward with confidence to face the arduous tasks and demanding challenges that lie ahead. In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanization, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human. We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us and revealed in its fullness in Christ, the splendor of which no machine can ever replace. True progress always stems from a heart open to others, an intelligence willing to listen and a will that seeks what unites rather than what separates.

I address this heartfelt appeal to all the Catholic faithful, to all Christians and to all men and women of goodwill. Let us not be afraid to get our hands dirty on the “construction site” of our time. Like Nehemiah, let us pray, plan wisely and work perseveringly, placing God at the forefront of our actions and the human person at the centre of our choices. Thus, the “rejected stones” — the poor, the sick, the migrants and the least among us — will become the cornerstone, and a solid, welcoming common home will emerge on the earth, where love and faithfulness will finally meet, and righteousness and peace will embrace. This is the blessing we implore from God; and the task that stands before us is that of being builders of communion, rather than architects of Babel. We are to be servants of the coming Kingdom, instead of lords of towers destined for ruin. With the heart of a shepherd and a father, I ask everyone to abandon the construction of yet another Tower of Babel and to join forces in building up the common good, so that humanity will never lose its beauty, and the world once again will come to recognize the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell.

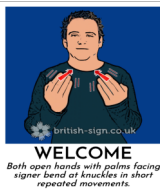
We continue our reading of Pope Leo's Letter on the Church's preferential option for the poor, Dilexi Te

The Pastoral Constitution of the Second Vatican Council, called *Gaudium et Spes*, building on the teachings of the early Church Fathers, forcefully reaffirms the universal destination of earthly goods and the social function of property that derives from it. The Constitution states that “God destined the earth and all it contains for all people and nations so that all created things would be shared fairly by all humankind under the guidance of justice tempered by charity. In their use of things people should regard the external goods they lawfully possess as not just their own but common to others as well, in the sense that they can benefit others as well as themselves. Therefore, everyone has the right to possess a sufficient amount of the earth’s goods for themselves and their family. Persons in extreme necessity are entitled to take what they need from the riches of others. By its nature, private property has a social dimension that is based on the law of the common destination of earthly goods. Whenever the social aspect is forgotten, ownership can often become the object of greed and a source of serious disorder.” This conviction was reiterated by St Paul VI in his Encyclical Letter, *Populorum Progressio*. There we read that no one can feel authorized to “appropriate surplus goods solely for his [or her] own private use when others lack the bare necessities of life.” In his address to the United Nations, Pope Paul VI spoke as the advocate of poor peoples and urged the international community to build a world of solidarity.

St John Paul II consolidated the Church's preferential relationship with the poor was consolidated, particularly from a doctrinal standpoint. His teaching saw in the option for the poor a "special form of primacy in the exercise of Christian charity, to which the whole tradition of the Church bears witness." In his Encyclical *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, he wrote: "Today, given the worldwide dimension which the social question has assumed, this love of preference for the poor, and the decisions which it inspires in us, must embrace the immense multitudes of the hungry, needy, homeless, those without medical care and those without hope of a better future. It is impossible not to take account of the existence of these realities. To ignore them would mean becoming like the 'rich man' who pretended not to know the beggar Lazarus lying at his gate." St John Paul II's teaching on work is likewise important for our consideration of the active role that the poor ought to play in the renewal of the Church and society, thus leaving behind a certain "paternalism" that limited itself to satisfying only the immediate needs of the poor. In his Encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, he forthrightly stated that "human work is a key, probably the essential key, to the whole social question."

Amid the multiple crises that marked the beginning of the third millennium, the teaching of Benedict XVI took a more distinctly political turn. Hence, in the Encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, he affirms that “the more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors, the more effectively we love them.” He observed, moreover, that “hunger is not so much dependent on lack of material things as on shortage of social resources, the most important of which are institutional. What is missing, in other words, is a network of economic institutions capable of guaranteeing regular access to sufficient food and water for nutritional needs, and also capable of addressing the primary needs and necessities ensuing from genuine food crises, whether due to natural causes or political irresponsibility, nationally and internationally.”

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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 183**



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19th July 2026 Masses at St. Patrick's unless marked St M OR St E
LIVESTREAM ON <https://st-patricks-collyhurst.click2stream.com/> **Website** sppatrickmalachy.org.uk

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)
MONDAY <i>St Apollinaris</i> Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 Matthew 12:8-42	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
TUE <i>St. Laurence of Brindisi</i> Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Matthew 12:46-50	Mass 9:15am (with St Patrick's school) Mass 2pm (St. E)
WEDNESDAY ST. MARY MAGDALENE Song of Solomon 3:1-4/2 Cor 5:14-17 Jn 20:1-2,11-18	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
THURSDAY ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN Galatians 2:19-20 John 15:1-8	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Funeral Service for Kathleen Leach 11am Reception into church of the body of Jimmy Ward 6pm
FRIDAY <i>St Charbel Makhlouf</i> Abstinence Jeremiah 4:14-17 Matthew 13:18-23	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Requiem Mass for Jimmy Ward 11am
SATURDAY ST JAMES 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Matthew 20:20-28	Mass 10am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until Benediction at 11am Confessions 5.15pm, Mass 5.30pm (St. M)
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kings 3:5-6,7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52	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 (Spanish) 3pm

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, £430.30 (loose), £140 (giftaided) and £205 (Vietnamese Mass).

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.



St Patrick, Collyhurst

Use your phone's camera to try it out

Thank you so much to the kind parishioner who spent a morning removing the weeds from St. Patrick’s church steps.

I wonder if another kind parishioner might be able to remove the weeds from the front and side of St. Patrick’s rectory (the presbytery) both inside and outside the railings. If so, please tell Fr. Paul or just turn up and get stuck in.

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes starts on Thursday 30th July. If you have any petitions that you would like us to place at the Grotto, please write your prayer intentions in a sealed envelope, do not include any money, and give them to Fr. Paul or Anthony, our seminarian, by next Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who made last Sunday morning’s Mass at St. Patrick’s so memorable. Thank you to the choir from Zimbabwe, to Esther and all who provided the food and also to all who brought up gifts for the needy and for the parish as Thanksgivings. Maybe this should be an annual event at each church?

This week’s Feasts: Mon: St Apollinaris was thought to be a disciple of Saint Peter, and the first Bishop of Ravenna (Italy), dying near the end of the first century.

Tue: St Lawrence of Brindisi, born in 1559, entered the Capuchin Order, where he taught theology to the students and engaged in many of the works of the Order. As a renowned preacher he travelled throughout Europe and wrote many works to explain the Catholic faith. He died at Lisbon in 1619

Wed: St Mary Magdalene was one of Christ’s disciples and was present at his death. On the morning of Easter day she was the first to whom the risen Redeemer appeared, according to Saint Mark’s Gospel.

SS Philip Evans and John Lloyd; Philip Evans, born in Monmouth, became a Jesuit at Saint Omer and after his ordination in 1675 ministered to Catholics in South Wales for four years. In the national frenzy occasioned by the Oates plot he was apprehended and imprisoned in Cardiff, where he was joined by John Lloyd of Brecon, a secular priest trained at Valladolid. They suffered the usual barbarous execution at Cardiff on July 22, 1679.

Thurs: St. Bridget of Sweden: Born in 1303; after the death of her husband (with whom she had had eight children) she founded the Bridgettine Order. She wrote works describing the mystical experiences she had on a penitential pilgrimage to the Holy Land. She died in Rome in 1373.

Fri: St Sharbel Makhlif: He was born in Lebanon, the son of a mule driver, and was raised by an uncle who opposed his youthful piety. Aged 23 he joined the monastery of Saint Maron where he took the name Sharbel in memory of a 2nd century martyr. He was ordained in 1859; after which he lived as model monk, but became a hermit in 1875, until his death 23 years later. He gained a reputation for holiness, and was much sought for counsel and blessing. He had a great personal devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Blesseds Nicholas Garlick, Robert Ludlam and Richard Simpson worked in Derbyshire before their arrest; they were held in Derby gaol before their execution under Elizabeth I in 1588.

Blessed Joseph Lambton, a student of the Colleges in Rheims and Rome, was ordained at the age of twenty three, but was arrested on landing at Newcastle-on-Tyne; he was hanged, drawn and quartered in 1592.

St John Boste, a native of Westmoreland, he was ordained at Rheims, and worked in the North East, before being arrested and executed at Durham in 1594.

Sat: ST. JAMES, born in Bethsaida, son of Zebedee and brother of John, was killed by Herod in Jerusalem in about 42, and is especially venerated at Compostella in Spain.

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 This week we pray for the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Langley, Middleton and for Canon Tadhg Mullins, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and Cardinal Langley High School as well as for the Daughters of Divine Charity.

In our parish we pray for all who live or work on Beswick Row, Dantzic Street and Crown Lane.

For Sister Mary O’Callaghan and all the sick.

For Sister Catherine, Jimmy Ward, Sandra Helsby and all who have died recently, and for all Kathleen Tootell and all remembered at this time.

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

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



Weeds Among the Wheat

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

Planning a baptism?
See Fr Paul

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



THE SPIRIT HELPS IN OUR WEAKNESSES

A sonnet for St Mary Magdalene by Malcolm Guite

Men called you light so as to load you down,
And burden you with their own weight of sin,
A woman forced to cover and contain
Those seven devils sent by Everyman.
But one man set you free and took your part
One man knew and loved you to the core
The broken alabaster of your heart
Revealed to Him alone a hidden door,
Into a garden where the fountain sealed,
Could flow at last for him in healing tears,
Till, in another garden, he revealed
The perfect Love that cast out all your fears,
And quickened you with love’s own sway and swing,
As light and lovely as the news you bring.

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



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR STORY?

1840 The Confraternity of the Rosary was established in the Sunday School this year. Very large numbers of children joined.

In April Mrs Wood came to live in the Convent as a parlour boarder. She brought her own furniture etc and everything possible was done to make her as comfortable as possible. Though a pious good person in her own right she was not suited to be a resident in a Convent, particularly a new foundation such as this. The constant coming and goings has a very injurious effect on this little community. She was an accomplished and entertaining companion, an excellent singer and musician and consequently had numerous visitors whom she would introduce to the sisters without consulting the Superioress. The usual reserve and restraint of religious life was removed just when the Sisters needed it most.