

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

The Holy Spirit challenges us today regarding our relationship with technology and the ongoing digital revolution. Scientific discoveries are talents entrusted to humanity so that they may bear fruit. Technology has the power to heal, connect, educate and protect our common home; but it can also divide, exclude and generate new forms of injustice. Technology in and of itself is not a solution to humanity’s problems, just as it is not inherently evil. However, technology is never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate and use it. Therefore, the primary choice is not between a “yes” or “no” to technology, but rather between constructing Babel or rebuilding Jerusalem; between a power that claims to dominate the heavens and a people who work together in the presence of God to rebuild the walls of fraternal coexistence.

We must avoid the “Babel syndrome,” idolatry of profit that sacrifices the weak, uniformity that neutralizes differences, and pretense that a single language, even a digital one, can translate everything, including the mystery of the person, into data and performance. The risk of dehumanization, building a future that excludes God and reduces the other to a means, is an ancient and ever-new temptation that today takes on a technical guise. Instead, let us choose the “way of Nehemiah,” which highlights the importance of working together to make the City of God a safe place for returning exiles. Rebuilding today means recognizing that, precisely from the plurality of voices and visions which, even though they sometimes remind us of the confusion caused by the diversity of spoken languages, a bright possibility emerges. This is the possibility of building together, transforming diversity into a resource and making listening and dialogue the common ground upon which to cultivate justice and fraternity. Within this shared task, Christians discover their unique role of guiding actions toward God so that, in his light, pluralism does not dissipate into disorder, but instead, through the practice of synodality, it becomes the space in which humanity rediscovers its solid foundations and its final end. In the Book of Revelation, John sees the New Jerusalem “coming down out of heaven from God” as a gift for all humanity. And this vision of grace is an invitation for us Christians to work together in order to foster a peaceful, just and dignified life in community within today’s “cities.”



On 1 July 1940, the SS Arandora Star set sail from Liverpool. Canada had reluctantly agreed to take Italian internees and German prisoners of war from Britain. Around 1678 men were piled on board a ship designed for 500. Of these, around 734 were Italian internees, many of whom had come from Manchester’s Little Italy, and many of whom had lived in England since the beginning of the century. With them was the parish priest of Ancoats, Father Gaetano Fracassi.

The ship wasn’t displaying the International Red Cross symbol to signify civilians were on board, and access to lifeboats was obstructed by heavy wire mesh. It was also sailing without an escort.

At 7am on 2 July 1940, the SS Arandora Star was torpedoed by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland.446 Italian men lost their lives.

Those who survived were once again interned and put on another ship and deported to Australia.

To listen to some of the Italian Mancunian survivors tell of their experience access the following website www.warthmillsproject.com/stories/tragedy-of-the-arandora-star

A complete list of the Italian victims can be found here [Arandora Star Victims \(anglo-italianfhs.org.uk\)](http://Arandora Star Victims (anglo-italianfhs.org.uk)) It also gives the places in Ireland and Scotland where those whose bodies washed up were buried.

Fr. Gaetano Fracassi was born in Pescaroli, Cremona, Italy, 15th April 1876. He was ordained priest 30th November 1898 and served first as chaplain to the Good Shepherd sisters in Blackley, then as curate at St. Brigid’s in Beswick till 1908.

In 1917 he was summoned before a conscription board for the Italian Army (Italy being one of the Allies in the First World War) but, with the help of the Italian Ambassador, he was excused.

He was arrested at his presbytery on 11th June 1940 for being an Italian citizen and was interned at Warth Mills, Bury.

When the Arandora Star was torpedoed Fr, Fracassi refused to leave the sinking ship and was last seen on deck giving Benediction and Absolution to his parishioners and all on the ship.



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SERVING THE PEOPLE OF COLLYHURST & N. MANCHESTER CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 1832!



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Anthony Nguyen (seminarian on placement)



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5th July 2026 Masses at St. Patrick’s unless marked St M OR St E
LIVESTREAM ON <https://st-patricks-collyhurst.click2stream.com/> Website sspatrickmalachy.org.uk

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Zechariah 9:9-10 Romans 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30	Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 9.30am, Confessions 11-11.15am Mass 11.30am (signed) Confessions 10-10.15am Mass 10:30am (St. M) Baptism of Ted Caolán McCarthy 12.30pm
MON St Maria Goretti Hosea 2:14,15-16,19-10 Mt 9:18-26	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
TUESDAY Hosea 9:4-7,11-13 Matthew 9:32-38	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Funeral Service for Lisa Osman, Blackley Cemetary 9.30am
WEDNESDAY Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Matthew 10:1-7	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Requiem Mass for those who died on the Arandora Star 7.30pm
THUSt Augustine Zhao Rong & companions Hos11:1-4, 8-9 Mt10:7-15	Mass 10am with the schools of the Emmaus Trust.
FRIDAY Abstinence Hosea 14:1-9 Mt 10:16-23	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
SATURDAY ST BENEDICT Proverbs 2:1-9 Matthew 19:27-29	Mass 10am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until Benediction at 11am Confessions 5.15pm, Mass 5.30pm (St. M)
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.

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.

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

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

Thank you for your generosity last weekend, £469 (loose), £202 (giftaided).

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: St Maria Goretti, born into a poor family in Ancona, Italy in 1890, spent her childhood at Nettuno, helping her mother in the chores. She was a religious girl, much given to prayer. In 1902, while defending her chastity against a neighbour trying to rape her, she was fatally stabbed. She forgave her attacker before she died the following day.

St. Palladius, a missionary from Rome to Scotland, died on this day.

Bl. Thomas Alfield, having been ordained and returned to work in England, renounced his Catholic faith after arrest and imprisonment; reconciled to the Church after his release, he returned to England where he was arrested and executed at Tyburn in 1585.

St. Monenna, a friend of SS Patrick and Bridget, founded the monastery of Killeevy, Co. Armagh. She died in 518

Tue: St. Hedda was bishop of the West Saxons, moving the relics of St Birinus, founder of the See, from Dorchester-on-Thames to his new seat, Winchester. He died in 705.

Bl. Roger Dickinson, Ralph Milner and Laurence Humphrey, were executed at Winchester in 1591 under Elizabeth I; Ralph, farmer, father of a family and rich in faith, was arrested and executed with Roger; Laurence is commemorated today because the exact date of his death is uncertain.

St. Mael Ruain, died 792, founded of the monastery of Tallaght, Co. Dublin.

Thur: St. Augustine Zhao Rong (and 119 Chinese Martyrs 1648—1930) was a diocesan priest. As a soldier accompanying a priest to Beijing, he was moved by his patience and was baptised; he was ordained a priest. Arrested, he suffered cruel tortures dying in 1815.

Bl. (Sir) Adrian Fortescue was a cultured country gentleman under Henry VIII, beheaded in 1539 because of his “adherence to the Pope of Rome”.

Sat: St. Benedict, born Norcia in 480, gathered followers in Subiaco before moving to Mt Cassino in 529 where he composed his Rule. He died in 547.

Bl. Thomas Benstead, from Norfolk, and **Thomas Spratt**, from Kendal, were arrested at the Saracen's Head in Lincoln for possessing the holy oils and were martyred in 1600.

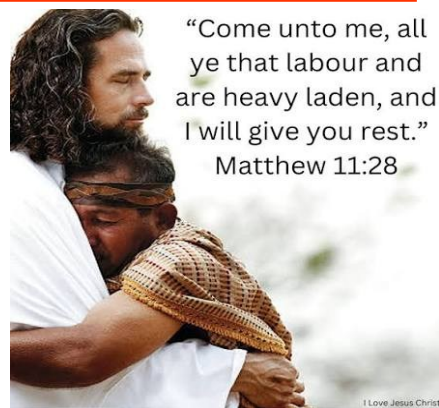
Next Sunday at St. Patrick's there will be only one Mass, at 10.30am. This will be a chance to give thanks for our very many parishioners from the different countries of Africa. During the Mass there will be an opportunity for Thanksgivings. Our African parishioners will know what this is. The Mass will be followed by some wonderful food in the Upper Hall. Please come and enjoy.

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.



Welcome back to Anthony Nguyen, our seminarian for the Diocese of Salford who has just completed his first year at Allen Hall Seminary in London.

For the next three weeks he is with us on a Parish Placement. After Lourdes he will be with us as his holiday home for the summer.



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BLESS EARTH CLEVER
ENTRUSTED LABOUR YOKE
GENTLE HUMBLE HEART
REST BURDEN LIGHT



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 and St. Joseph, Heywood, for Father Franklin Ebuka Umekachikelu, MSP, their parish priest, their parish primary schools and Holy Family Roman Catholic and Church of England College.

In our parish we pray for all who live or work on Miller St, Angel Square and Angel Meadow.

For Fr Chris Lough and all the sick.

For John Ryan, Lisa Osman, Nel Cox and all who have died recently, and for Margaret Dyer and all remembered at this time.

This week the lamps in front of the Blessed Sacrament and St Joseph burn for Gerard and Kathleen Connolly and the lamp in Our Lady's Chapel burns for Dominic Leech.

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

Planning a baptism? see Fr. Paul.

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



Apples by Laurie Lee

Behold the apples' rounded worlds:
juice-green of July rain,
the black polestar of flowers,
the rind mapped with its crimson stain.

The russet, crab and cottage red
burn to the sun's hot brass,
then drop like sweat from every branch
and bubble in the grass.

They lie as wanton as they fall,
and where they fall and break,
the stallion clamps his crunching jaws,
the starling stabs his beak.

In each plump gourd the cidery bite
of boys' teeth tears the skin;
the waltzing wasp consumes his share,
the bent worm enters in.

I, with as easy hunger, take
entire my season's dole;
welcome the ripe, the sweet, the sour,
the hollow and the whole name.

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?

1837 Sister Mary Baptist had a very severe attack of pleurisy which rendered her very weak and Rev Hearne planned to send her back to Clonmel but she soon got aware of it!!

Worn with fatigue and cold, Mother Magdalen had a serious attack of inflammation of the lungs.

In February Sister Francis was very ill. She had become weak and a heart complaint consumed her little stock of strength. She was unable to labour in the school in which she took a great delight and for which she was wonderfully well adapted. She could still work with her needle and knit and she could take nourishment. However, within a few weeks her muscular strength gave way and with increasing suffering, her recovery became hopeless. She lingered until 20th March when she yielded her holy soul into the hands of God with great confidence in his unbounded goodness. May she rest in peace.

Her body was taken to the Church and Solemn High Mass was sung for her repose after which she was buried in the Convent enclosure.

The 2026 National Eucharistic Congress takes place on Saturday, 10 October 2026, at St George's Cathedral, London.

It is a Day organised by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to deepen our devotion to the Eucharist and encourage Eucharistic adoration.

It begins with a talk by Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, OP, and Mass at 12noon. In the afternoon there will be a Blessed Sacrament Procession from St. George's Cathedral, across the river, past the Houses of Parliament, ending with Benediction at 5.30pm

The Diocese hopes to organise a coach which will leave (probably from St. Patrick's) at 6am and return about midnight. A charge will be made for the coach journey.

Register your interest by emailing Helen Carey formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk Find out more here [Adoremus 2026 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

A decision will be taken based on the number of enquirers.