

We conclude our reading of Pope Leo’s Letter on the Church’s option for the poor, Dilexi Te

Our love and our deepest convictions need to be continually cultivated, and we do so through our concrete actions. Remaining in the realm of ideas and theories, while failing to give them expression through frequent and practical acts of charity, will eventually cause even our most cherished hopes and aspirations to weaken and fade away. For this very reason, we Christians must not abandon almsgiving. It can be done in different ways, and surely more effectively, but it must continue to be done. It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing. Whatever form it may take, almsgiving will touch and soften our hardened hearts. It will not solve the problem of world poverty, yet it must still be carried out, with intelligence, diligence and social responsibility. For our part, we need to give alms as a way of reaching out and touching the suffering flesh of the poor.

Christian love breaks down every barrier, brings close those who were distant, unites strangers, and reconciles enemies. It spans chasms that are humanly impossible to bridge, and it penetrates to the most hidden crevices of society. By its very nature, Christian love is prophetic: it works miracles and knows no limits. It makes what was apparently impossible happen. Love is above all a way of looking at life and a way of living it. A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today.

Through your work, your efforts to change unjust social structures or your simple, heartfelt gesture of closeness and support, the poor will come to realize that Jesus’ words are addressed personally to each of them: “I have loved you”.

Given in Rome, at Saint Peter’s, on 4 October, the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, in the year 2025, the first of my Pontificate.
LEO PP. XIV

Pope Leo’s Intention for October that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

In our Diocese during the coming week we hold in prayer the people of the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gregory the Great, Farnworth, Father David Chinnery, their parish priest, their parish primary schools and Mount Saint Joseph’s High School. We also pray for Fr Bob Hayes and the chaplaincy to the Royal Bolton Hospital.

In our parish we pray for all who live or work on Clive St and Moorhead St and Mossbank Court.

For Pope Leo, Austin Daly, Gerard Downey, Maria Yates and all the sick.

For Norman Maylett, Barry O’Grady, Maura Groarke and all who have died recently, and all remembered at this time.

The lamp in front of the Blessed Sacrament burns for in Our Lady’s Chapel in St. Patrick’s for in St. Joseph’s Chapel for Jack Knowles.

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.

Pope Leo published his first Encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas. We read and reflect on it each week:
An attitude of openness to truth, which is at the same time both one and diverse, profoundly expresses the catholicity of the Church, for she embraces the entire human family yet is also immersed in the concrete situations of peoples and cultures. The Second Vatican Council reminds us that, in virtue of this catholicity, “each part contributes its own gifts to other parts and to the entire Church.” The Church grows as a whole and as individual communities thanks to a mutual exchange and shared efforts toward ever fuller communion. The People of God are not only gathered together from many peoples, but are intertwined through different functions, vocations, cultures and traditions, each being called to support and enrich one another. From this perspective, Pope St Paul VI acknowledged that, in the great variety of historical situations, it is unrealistic to think that the Church’s Social Doctrine can propose a single response that is valid in all contexts. He invited each Christian community to interpret the reality in its own country with clarity and responsibility. The fruitful tension between the universality of the Church’s mission and her local roots is an intrinsic aspect of her life, for she encompasses the whole world, while addressing the specific issues of each context as the real setting in which the Gospel takes shape.

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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 1832!



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18th OCTOBER 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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21	Confessions 9-9.15am, Rosary 9.10am, Mass 9.30am, Confessions 11-11.15am Mass 11.30am (signed) Confessions 10-10.15am Mass 10:30am (St. M) Mass (Spanish) 3pm
MON Ss John de Brebeif, Isaac Jogues and companions, St Paul of the Cross Ephesians 2:1-10 Luke 12:13-21	St Patrick’s church open 8.40am-6.40pm Exposition 8:45, Rosary 9am - Mass 9:15am
TUESDAY Ephesians 2:12-22 Luke 12:35-38	St Patrick’s church open 8.40am-6.40pm Exposition,8.45am, Rosary 9am, Mass 9:15am & 6pm
WEDNESDAY Ephesians 3:2-12 Luke 12:39-48	St Patrick’s church open 8.40am-6.40pm Exposition 8:45am, Rosary 9am, Mass 9:15am & 6pm
THURSDAY Pope St John Paul II Ephesians 3:14-21 Luke 12:49-53	St Patrick’s church open 8.40am-6.40pm Exposition 8:45, Rosary 9am, Mass 9:15am & 6pm
FRIDAY St John of Capistrano ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT Ephesians 4:1-6 Luke 12:54-59	St Patrick’s church open 8.40am-6.40pm Exposition 8:45, Rosary 9am- Mass 9:15am
SATURDAY OUR LADY OF PALESTINE Ephesians 4:7-16 Luke 13:1-9	9.40am Rosary, Mass 10am, followed by Confessions Confessions 5pm, Mass 5.30pm (St. M)
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Exodus 22:21-27 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40	Confessions 9-9.15am, Rosary 9.10am, Mass 9.30am, Confessions 11-11.15am Mass 11.30am (signed) Confessions 10-10.15am Mass 10:30am (St. M)

Young children **MUST NOT** go to the toilets unaccompanied.
Make sure your children are accompanied. Children must be supervised using the stairs and lift. The stairs are only to access the Upper Hall under parental supervision. Children must not play on or under the stairs.

USE OUR CAR PARK ON NOBBY STILES DRIVE UNLESS YOU HAVE A RESIDENTS’ PERMIT OR BLUE BADGE.

This week’s Feasts: Mon: Ss John de Brebeauf and Isaac Jogues and companions were Jesuits who volunteered to preach the Gospel in the wilds of North America in 1635. They worked among the Huron and Iroquois Indians, who treated them with at best disdain, and at worse, violence. Within seven years all eight had been brutally killed, with terrible torture.

St Paul of the Cross: Paul Francis Danei was born in Italy in 1694; he became more and more devoted to the mystery of the Cross and Passion of Our Lord, and after developing a life of prayer and mortification set up houses for those who would share his work-this would become the Passionist Order. One of Paul’s great concerns was the conversion of England. He died in Rome in 1775.

St Frideswide, a seventh century princess and abbess founded monasteries and churches in and around Oxford of which she is the patron.

St. Philip Howard, son and heir to the Duke of Norfolk, lived a worldly life until he heard Father Edmund Campion talk about the Catholic Faith. Philip became a Catholic himself and was arrested. He spent 11 years in prison in the Tower of London before his death in 1595 aged 38.



Wed: Blessed Charles of Austria was born in 1887. Upon the assassination of his uncle in Sarajevo in 1914 he became heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne. He became Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary in 1916 but was deposed in 1918 and died in exile in 1922. From the beginning, Charles conceived his office as a holy service to his people. His chief concern was to follow the Christian vocation to holiness also in his political actions. For this reason, his thoughts turned to social assistance. As Pope John Paul said at his beatification: “The decisive task of Christians consists in seeking, recognizing and following God's will in all things. The Christian statesman, Charles of Austria, confronted this challenge every day. To his eyes, war appeared as "something appalling". Amid the tumult of the First World War, he promoted the peace initiative of Benedict XV.”

Thurs: St. John Paul II was born in Wadowice, Poland, in 1920. He was an actor and a playwright, poet, philosopher, goalkeeper and skier, a hiker and mountaineer. During the War he worked in a stone quarry by day and studied to be a priest by night. He was a parish priest and a university lecturer, Cardinal Archbishop of Cracow until he was elected Pope in 1978. He survived an assassination attempt in 1981 and visited Manchester in 1982, saying Mass in Heaton Park. He died on 2 April 2005.

Fri: St John of Capistrano, born in 1386, after a legal career became a Franciscan, and travelled through Europe preaching and strengthening Christian morals. He died in 1456.

St Ethelfleda was a member of the Anglo-Saxon nobility. Following the her husband’s death, she spent the rest of her life as abbess of Romsey. Ethelfleda was frequently visited by a teenage boy who was inspired by her example. He was the future abbot of Glastonbury and archbishop of Canterbury – St Dunstan.

Bl. Thomas Thwing, born in 1635 in Yorkshire, was ordained at Douai and worked secretly in York

as a priest, saying Mass, celebrating the sacraments and even running a secret school and chaplain to a secret convent of sisters. He was arrested in 1679 and hanged, drawn and quartered in 1680.

Sat: St Anthony Mary Claret, born in 1807, was ordained and began preaching throughout Spain; he founded the Claretians, before being made Archbishop of Santiago, Cuba, where he overcame great trials (such as fifteen assassination attempts) in his ministry. He returned to Spain, but fled in 1868 after the revolution; he died in France in 1870.

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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.

**Have you ever thought of becoming Catholic?
Would someone you know be interested?
Have you ever suggested it to someone?**

Our Journey in Faith meets in the Convent at 6.30pm on Tuesday evenings. Please let one of the sisters or Fr Paul know if you are interested.

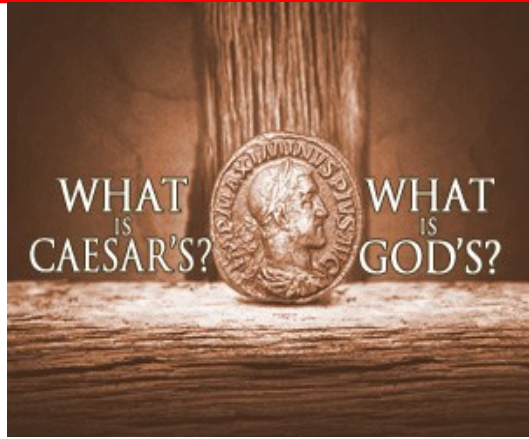
If I Must Die
By Refaat Al-Areer

If I must die,
you must live
to tell my story
to sell my things
to buy a piece of cloth
and some strings,
(make it white with a long tail)
so that a child, somewhere in Gaza
while looking heaven in the eye
awaiting his dad who left in a blaze—
and bid no one farewell
not even to his flesh
not even to himself—
sees the kite,
my kite you made,
flying up above
and thinks for a moment
an angel is there bringing back love

If I must die
let it bring hope
let it be a tale.

Well, it’s been on and off several times but finally this Sunday night **Fr. Paul will be sleeping outside to raise funds for Caritas Diocese of Salford**, and not least for the work they do on our parish sites with The Lalley Centre, Caritas House Hostel and the Thursday Senior Citizens Lunch,

Sponsorship Forms are available in church and there will be a Retiring Collection at next weekend’s Masses.



Do help the parish via **QR code** OR MACHINE in church. Thank you for your generosity on the weekend of 27th September: £367.15 (loose), £105 (giftaid).

The first Parents and Children’s Meeting for children attending St. Patrick’s or St. Edmund’s schools, and for children attending non-Catholic schools, will be in the Upper Hall at St. Patrick’s church on Thursday 22nd October at 6.30pm.

The next Parents and Children’s Meeting for children attending St. Malachy’s school is at the school on Thursday 19th November at 3.30pm

Would parents/carers please note that the two requirements for a child to make their First Holy Communion in June 2027 is regular, sustained attendance at Sunday Mass AND parent and child participation at the Sacramental Programme Meetings. If both of these are not fulfilled, a decision will be made by Fr Paul as to whether to delay the First Communion till the following year.

This Sunday, 18th October, after the 10.30am Mass at St. Malachy’s people are invited to stay behind for a Litter Pick-Up and Pizza.

Equipment and bags will be provided so that we can pick up the litter around Eggington St and so make the world a cleaner place. Meanwhile the Pizza Oven will be heating up and everyone will be able to have pizza freshly cooked.

On the weekend of 14th/15th November there will be a retiring collection at all weekend Masses for the **Diocesan Fund for Retired and Sick Clergy**. It costs the Diocese over 1.5 million pounds each year which includes housing, pension, care and nursing home fees. We hope you agree that they deserve it. There is a leaflet available in church this weekend.

On Friday 23rd October we will have the first of our Lunchtime Organ Recitals featuring our own Stephen Mann, together with the St. Francis Players. The Concert is Free of Charge and light refreshments, including cake, will be provided.

There will be a retiring collection for the Organ Restoration Fund (a new bellows is needed).

The Programme includes well-know pieces like Bach’s Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, Schubert’s Ave Maria and pieces performed by the St. Francis Players.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR STORY?

1847 Mother Magdalen had been suffering for many months from a severe internal complaint which so much increased in September that she was unable to retain the least portion of nourishment and it was clear that she could not last much longer.

Her patience and resignation during her painful and humiliating sickness was truly edifying but she was spared the long torture that generally accompanies her disease by a calm and holy death which took place on the 26th November 1847 after a fervent preparation and in full possession of her senses, humbly confident in the mercy of God and full of faith. She died in the 59th year of her life and the 31st of her religious profession.

Conformity to the holy will of God had been her consolation in all the pressing trials of this foundation which appeared to be smitten by the hand of God and sunk in sorrow and affliction without any possibility of its success. May she rest in peace and pray for those who has left to struggle in the great work she laboured so indefatigably to raise for the honour of God and the salvation of souls. Amen,

St. Patrick’s church is open Monday to Friday until 6.30pm. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings there is Mass at 6pm. Please do call in and pay a Visit to the Blessed Sacrament or attend Mass one evening. The church is covered by CCTV. If discover something untoward, let Fr Paul know on 07764791889.