



The Parish of St Mary & St Catherine



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Solemnity of Pentecost



Solemnity of Pentecost. Year A. 24th May	8.30am	Zakariya Waqr-Uddin
	10.30am	Isabella & Stanley Unsworth
Monday 25th May: Mary, Mother of the Church	9.30am	
Tuesday 26th May: St Philip Neri	9.30am	Margaret Dickinson, RIP. 7th Anniv
Wed 27th May: St Augustine of Canterbury	9.30am	Alan Cottam, RIP Anniv & BR
Thurs 28th May: O.L. Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9.30am	Joseph Dickinson, RIP
Friday 29th May: Feria	7pm	NOVENA & BENEDICTION
		Confessions following
Saturday 30th May: Bl Lawrence Richardson of Crosby	———	———
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Year A. 31st May	8.30am	Pro Populorum. (People of the Parish)
	10.30am	Andrew Gilman, RIP. 1st Anniv

THANK YOU for your Offerings each week.

100 Club: Maureen Shorrock. *Please collect your winnings from the sacristy.*

Fr Simon's blog is at **offerimus tibi domine** (where you will also find the Mass times each week)

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: New appointment pending.

MISSAL PAGES for today: Page 419.

Unchanging parts of the Mass in the pink pages. Prayers before Mass, Pg 510. Prayers after Mass, Pg 673.

JUST TO CHEER US ALL –PHOTOGRAPHS OF OUR MAY PROCESSION.

Thanks to David Barton for the great photos.



REGINA, caeli, laetare, alleluia:

O QUEEN of heaven rejoice! alleluia:

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,

For He whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia,

Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.

Hath arisen as he said, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

We have been singing "Regina Caeli" at the end of the 10.30am Mass. There is a different Marian Antiphon assigned to each season of the year. We join the Religious Communities throughout the world who sing this each day of Eastertide.

THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR RETURNING TO THE PRACTICE OF THE FAITH? Our meetings for prospective Converts have broadened to include those recently returning to practice of the Faith, who want to learn a little more.



Our next meeting is at 7pm this Monday 25th May. Even if you did not come to the initial meetings, anyone interested is still welcome. The meeting will be held in the Presbytery (behind the church on the Lourdes Shrine side). Please contact Fr Simon.

CHURCH GROUNDS. As many of you will know, there is a team of about 7 people who look after the cemetery grounds—and an excellent job they do in maintaining a beautiful space for our church and for the families of those buried there to be able to visit in a well-kept churchyard. Truly, a work giving quiet praise to God. The same people also maintain the grass areas around the rest of the church grounds but it might be that there could be a few more volunteers out there who might like to give a little time to maintaining the rest of the church grounds—the areas we often concentrate on in our Grounds Tidy-up days. Weeding, hedge trimming, around the Lourdes Shrine and the Calvary Cross, etc. If you might be interested in doing a little of this, please speak to Fr Simon or Nick Fish and/or send an email for contact purposes. This was discussed at the Parish Pastoral Council last week and agreed to make this appeal.

CAR PARK: This is available to parishioners and for the school run for our school (the C of E School are encouraged to use their Community Centre Car Park). The Nursery and those using our Social Centre can also use it. In times of heavy use, the car park for Papa Luigi's can be used, especially out of restaurant hours. Customers of Papa Luigi's may also use our car park if theirs is full. There is a similar understanding for use of the C of E car park and ourselves.

It seems that we are getting people with no connection to any of the above using the car park for many hours at a time.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2027.

Thank you to those who came to the meeting and others unable to attend who have expressed an interest. We have a group of around 20 interested for a date to be confirmed late September/early October 2027.



EUXTON OPEN GARDENS: THIS MONDAY 25th May. 1pm—4.30pm.

£4 per adult—Children free.

You will start in our Social Centre where refreshments and a Tombola are available to get your programme of various gardens in the Euxton area which you can go and make a tour of. Interesting collection of ordinary people with lovely gardens for you to get some ideas from, who will make you very welcome on your visit. There are Cream Teas, refreshments and a Tombola in our Social Centre throughout the course of the afternoon, which you can come along to, even if you're not visiting the gardens.

There is a box at the back of church for any donations you might like to contribute for the Tombola—and any cakes you can bring along on the day for the refreshments from 10am onwards. Thank you.

The funds raised go to support putting on the Euxton Gala on 4th July, which we are involved in this year. Although it is held on the joint playing fields of both our School and the Church of England School and our car park and hall are used, we have not been properly a part of the Gala. It seems only suitable that we should take an active part in an event at the heart of Euxton life each summer. Our High Schools of St Mary's, Leyland and Holy Cross, Chorley are also taking part with stalls selling items such as bird boxes made by the pupils. A junior football tournament is also being organised, if anyone can help with that. Thanks to Mr Miller in St Mary's School, who is going to run a football tournament. With the finals on the day of the Gala.

This would mean that we share in the work and fun of the day but also in the funds it raises.

We are particularly looking for **helpers for the Refreshments** and the **Tombola** which we will help to collect prizes for nearer the time): you can volunteer to do just an hour, so that no-one is working all afternoon Also, any general help most **especially setting up in the morning and taking everything down afterwards.**

Nearer the time, parishioners could also bake cakes etc for the cake stall. Of course, the parish will now benefit from any funds raised by the Gala as well. We are not just "helping out" as a parish but now a full partner in the Gala, so please do rally round and make our presence felt.

Please email or speak to Fr Simon or parish assistant Michael Thompson, via the parish email address.

CLOCK RESTORATION: THIS year marks the 150th anniversary of the installation of the clock and bell in the tower.

The clock face is severely weathered, the clock was last renovated in the late 1980's. The company who service the clock and bell have given me us cost for the work - taking it away and refinishing it properly to last for many years. It is a highly specialized job, and if not done properly, the paint will not last. However, with the scaffolding that would be needed, the cost would be around £20,000.



One of our parishioners is kindly pursuing a grant from a charity that supports civic projects and our local Euxton Parish Council is offering a very generous grant of £7,000. **We now have a donation of £5,000 from a parishioner! Thank you!** If anyone has any other ways of accessing funds or if you would like to donate, please do let us know!



Your Prayers are asked for all the sick, including: Rosena Stacey, Vivienne Lee, Tom Miller, Paul Casey, Linda Melling, Tilly Gee, Kathleen Ward, Clare Butler, Maureen MacDonald, Louie Baines, Margaret McNiff, Elle Miller, Mark Duncan, Mary Ann Monaghan, Bernard Lawson, Mick Marshall, Carol Parkinson, Margaret Lawler, Catherine Thompson, Pat Fishwick, Stephen Dilworth.

We pray for those who are housebound & for those who love & care for them.
Mary conceived without sin - Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

JOIN OUR PARISH 100 CLUB: Please take a SIGN UP FORM from the back of church. Numbers still available.

The Parish Centre is open during Sunday Masses, where toilets are easily accessible.



ALTAR SERVERS.



I am hoping that some of the boys from our First Communion group this year will join our Servers Team. I have mentioned this to the children and to parents over the course of the preparation. Can I ask parents to encourage and support children in taking up this great service. I appreciate that some cannot commit to every Sunday for various reasons but this should not prevent them from joining. Having received the Lord in the Holy Eucharist, it is a way of giving thanks for such a great gift. There would be some training to prepare them and they would be part of what I hope will become an annual event of a day out during the summer.

CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING TIDY DAY.

Saturday 6th June. 9am—12 noon.

Everyone welcome to come along and give a hand in whatever way you can.

Bacon butties to sustain us at about 11am.

It's the day before the Corpus Christi Procession, so a good time for a spruce up!



REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS.

All are welcome to come in for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass. Just come into the Social Centre opposite the church and say hello!

WE STILL NEED EXTRA VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 10.30am MASS.



Act of Spiritual Communion. My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Spiritual communion is a practice that allows us to connect with God and express our longing for His presence, especially during times when we cannot attend Mass or receive the Eucharist. Many saints have emphasized the importance of this prayer, as it fosters a deep spiritual relationship with Christ & helps maintain one's faith and devotion.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Confirmations for our Family of Parishes with Archbishop John will take place here at St Mary's on Tuesday 2nd June at 7pm. We continue to pray for them, that they might experience the joy of their Catholic Faith.

PILGRIM HOLIDAY TOP FRANCE. 13th—20th AUGUST 2026. 7 nights in Saint Pierre de Maillé in France.

An historic area in the heart of France, exploring history and Catholicism, staying in the Villa St Pierre, next to the River Gartempe. We presently have 15 people going. The flights will be booked this week, if there is anyone still interested in going.

Cost to be £700 per person. Younger children at a discount, travelling at £300 each.

Including transport, flights and most meals (with wine for the meals) and en-suite accommodation, entrance costs to attractions & daily Mass.

Outward: Departing Manchester Airport Thursday 13th August. Return: from Limoges Airport 20th August.