



St Katharine, Blackrod ~ Sunday 22nd March 2026

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

THE PARISH EUCHARIST with Holy Baptism

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



READINGS AND PRAYERS

THE COLLECT for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READING Romans 8. Verses 6–11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL READING John 11. 1-45

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the

Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

CONTACTS

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Fire Action

-  **Raise the alarm**
-  **Leave the building by the nearest exit**
-  **Report to assembly point**

CAR PARK

What's on

PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers:

Fern and Robert (Bobby) Shaw to be baptised today

For those who are sick:

Sheila Edwards, Rachel Lowe, Josie Woods

Pat Morris, Brian Inglis, Steven Hyatt, Annie Shaw

Lauren Reid, John Green, Damian McCabe

Margaret Martinez, David Ratcliffe, Marlene Atherton

Derek Kinrade, Andrew Stott, Roger Cooper

Pray for all those with Covid to make a full recovery.

For those who have died:

Frank Topping, Margaret Ryding

Malcolm Charles Holbrook

(Funeral on Tuesday 31st March at 1pm)

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Charles Parr, Neil Taylor, Alice Crossen

Edna Rawlinson, David Williamson

Let us know? If anyone is aware of someone sick or in hospital, wishing to be included on the Prayer List, please notify the Vicar, or the Churchwardens.

Please ensure you have the permission of the person, or their family, before asking for their name to be added.

After Easter we will be revising our prayer list. It's getting very long and some people have been on for a long time and we don't know if they still need our prayers. If you know someone on the prayer list and they want to remain on, please let the wardens know. Thank you.

Please Pray for Ukraine

PCC Next Meeting - Monday 23rd March at 7.00pm. Items of Any Other Business should be sent in at least 24 hours before the meeting. Thank you.

HELP for Wiggle Worship!

The Wiggle team are looking for more people to join in on Monday mornings 9.00am to 11.30am. Please get in touch if you can spare a bit of time. Thank you.



Messy Church

Saturday 28th March at 3.45-6pm

Fun, Crafts, Food

All welcome. All free!

Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.

SumUp You may have noticed a new free-standing Sumup device which has been given to us by Manchester Diocese. You can use it with your card. Just ask one of the wardens for help if needed. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING As part of the Manchester Diocese, St Katharine's Church follows the safeguarding guidelines, the national legal and procedural framework for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and the Church of England policy and practice.

Safeguarding Officer: Janet Hollick 07514041611

SERVICES AT ST KATHARINE'S THIS WEEK

Monday	9.00am	Wiggle Worship: - Baby & Toddler group
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	10.30am	Lent Meditation
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
	7.30pm	Holy Communion
Thursday	2.00pm	Lent Study group
<u>Sunday 29th March: Palm Sunday</u>		
11.00am	The Parish Eucharist & Sunday School	



Today's Hymns - Sunday 22nd March

- 806** There's a wideness in God's mercy
- 157** When I survey the wondrous cross
(Omit verse 4)
- 666** I cannot tell why he
- 145** It is a thing most wonderful
- 236** Breathe on me, Breath of God
- 818** To God be the glory, great things he has done!

ELECTORAL ROLL OF ST KATHARINE'S CHURCH

What is the Electoral Roll? The electoral roll is the list of names and addresses of a church's membership. Every person listed on the Roll is eligible to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. It means a person can vote at the APCM, or be on the PCC.

The number of people on the Electoral Roll determines how many people we can have on our PCC and the number of Deanery Synod reps we can have.

It's a way of showing your support for your church.

Everyone is invited to fill out an application form. The forms are available at the back of church. Once completed please leave it in the box provided. Your details are held securely and will not be shared with any other party.

Please fill in the form before 5th April as we have to update the Electoral Roll in time for the Annual Meeting on **Thursday 30th April.**

Thank you. *Mary Pryle, Electoral Roll Officer*

Blackrod Art Group are running several coach trips this year. As always, visitors are welcome to book. The first is to The Harris Museum in Preston, on Tuesday, 24th March. Cost of the day trip is £15 which includes a driver's gratuity. Coach leaves from Blackrod Sports and Community Centre. Please contact Jean Spencer to book or find out more, 07767154895.

If you wish to make a donation to support St Katharine's, you can use this QR code. Thank you.

