



St Katharine, Blackrod ~ Sunday 2nd August 2026

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



READINGS AND PRAYERS

Welcome to Revd Carol Pharaoh today, who will preside at this service. Thank you, Revd Carol.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

FIRST READING Isaiah 55.1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

PSALM 145. 15 to end

Response: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all those who are bowed down. The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand and fill all things living with plenty.

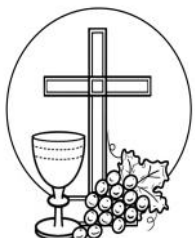
Response: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works. The Lord is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully. He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

Response: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

The Lord watches over those who love him, but all the wicked shall he destroy. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Response: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.



Home Communion If you are unable to go to a service at St Katharine's and would like to receive communion at home, please get in touch.

And please get in touch if you would like a visit from the clergy or one of the team of licensed Lay Eucharistic Assistants.

SECOND READING Romans 9. 1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ, I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit. I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 14.13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.'

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Sonto share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th August: TRINITY 10

9.30am All Age Worship

What's on

PRAYERS

For those who are sick:

**Rachel Lowe, Pat Morris, Brian Inglis
John Beech, Malcolm Goring, Felicity Poole**

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

For those who have died:

Paul Dickinson, Curtis Jackson

Andrew Gorton

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mary Cooper

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.

Please Pray for Ukraine

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY Boxes are due to be emptied. If you have a collecting box please bring it to church and leave in the office. Thank you for your donations.

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

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



Coffee Morning
St Katharine's Church
Saturday 15th August
10am to 12 noon

Brew & Toast
All Welcome



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Paperbacks - £1 each
Jigsaws - all sorts!

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Today's Hymns - Sunday 2nd August

- 676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
- 116 Be thou my guardian and my guide
- 533 All things bright and beautiful
- 604 Brother, sister, let me serve you
- 545 Morning has broken, like the first morning
- 576 And did those feet in ancient time (Jerusalem)

FLOWER CLUB



Next meeting on **Friday 7th August** at 2pm.
A Workshop - Bring your own flowers. Help and Advice always on hand., just ask! All welcome. £3 for refreshments. Prize Raffle.

MIND THE GAP!



Wednesday 19th August 2026 - 2.00pm

Join Cath Galaska to hear about her experiences on a Senior Gap Year! Including travel to Canada, Alaska, USA & South America.

At St Katharine's Church, Blackrod
In the Upper Room with Afternoon Tea
Tickets £7.50 each from the Church office

In aid of church funds

Fire Action



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Leave the building by the nearest exit



Report to assembly point

CAR PARK