St Katharine, Blackrod THE PARISH EUCHARIST Sunday 25th October 2026

Last Sunday After Trinity – Bible Sunday

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today

THE COLLECT FOR Bible Sunday

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

PSALM 119. 9-16

Response: ***Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.***

How shall young people cleanse their way to keep themselves according to your word? With my whole heart have I sought you; O let me not go astray from your commandments. Your words have I hidden within my heart, that I should not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; O teach me your statutes.

Response: ***Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.***

With my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of your mouth. I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies than in all manner of riches. I will meditate on your commandments and contemplate your ways. My delight shall be in your statutes and I will not forget your word.

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SECOND READING Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 24.30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

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What's On……

October

PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers, McIntyre & Russell to be married at St Katharine's on Wednesday 28th October,

And Doyle and Fernandez to be married at St Katharine's on Saturday 31st October.

Please pray for ……. Rachel Lowe, Pat Morris, Brian Inglis, John Beech, Joyce Beech, Felicity Poole, Sally Little, Bev Greenhalgh.

Pray for all those with Covid to make a full recovery

For those who have died…..Joyce Cashmore, Joan Grady and Malcolm Goring

For those whose Anniversaries occur at this time…..

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 Churchwarden. Pleas ensure you have permission from the family, before asking for their name to be included. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR UKRAINE

ANNUAL INCOME SURVEY

Each year, the Diocese requires us to take a survey of Parishioners income in October. All those who are aged 16 and over, and who have attended worship services at the church at least 12 times in the last 12 months, are asked to complete a form.

The survey is used to calculate the amount of Parish Share, which is the amount of money requested from us by the Diocese each year to contribute to the costs of – amongst other things – clergy stipends, housing and training.

We would be grateful if you could complete the form and post it in the box on the table at the back of church. It is completely anonymous and confidential. Information on how to complete the survey is given on the form. Thank you.

SERVICES THIS WEEK (Half term week – NO Wiggle Worship on Monday)

- **Tuesday: 9.30am Holy Communion**
- **Wednesday: Wedding – McIntyre & Russell**
- **Saturday: Wedding – Doyle & Fernandez**
- **Sunday 1st November: All Saints Sunday**

11.00am The Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
3.00pm All Souls Memorial Service

HYMNS FOR TODAY – Sunday 25th October

584 All my hope on God is founded
608 Chris is our corner-stone
678 In Christ alone my hope is found
664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
790 Teach me, my God and King
644 God is Love: let heav'n adore him

With apologies for incorrect hymns shown last week.

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday 1st November at 3pm

There is a list at the back of church for you to add the names of those you wish to be remembered on this day. All are welcome to the service, and to stay for a brew and a chat afterwards.

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

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