

**St. Ambrose Barlow,
Swinton and Pendlebury
Newsletter
11 October 2020.
Twenty Seventh Sunday**



Now "Open All Hours"!

Well, at least our regular hours during the week and at weekend for Mass. This will commence next Sunday.

However, it will not be Mass as we are accustomed to celebrating it because of all the precautions we need to take in the midst of our Covid-crisis.

The following are what we need to observe....

There will be a maximum of thirty-eight individuals in Saint Mark's church, forty-four in Saint Charles. However, the same household can sit together, increasing capacity.

Sadly this means having to turn away any extra to that capacity. But you can go to one of the weekday Masses as an alternative and I advise to keep away if you are particularly vulnerable.

Once again, don't forget there is no obligation at the moment.

WHEN YOU COME IN CHURCH:
Wear face masks. (spares are available)

No Holy water on entering and leaving.

Use hand sanitizer on entry.

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The Coming Week.

Sunday

11 October

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Masses in church:

9.30am Saint Mark's

11.15am Saint Charles'

4.00pm Saint Mark's

Today is a special day of prayer for Prisoners and their families. It's also the start of Prisons Week where we remember all those involved in the Justice system and victims of crime.

Monday

12 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass in Saint Mark's.

Tuesday 13 October.

Saint Edward the

Confessor. King of England from

1042-1066. Renowned for his piety and care of the poor. Westminster Abbey is the church of the Abbey he built and where his shrine now resides. He was patron saint of England until replaced by Saint George.

8.30am Mass in St. Charles.

Wednesday

14 October.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7.00pm Mass in St. Charles

Thursday

15 October

St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila)

Virgin & Doctor; born in 1515,

she entered the Carmelite Order and made great progress in the way of perfection and enjoyed mystical revelations. She undertook the reform of the order despite great opposition. She died in 1582.

8.30am Mass in St. Charles

Friday

16 October

Saint Margaret Mary

Alacoque, virgin.

10.00am Mass in Saint Mark's.

Saturday

17 October

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Bishop & Martyr, second

bishop of Antioch; he was sentenced to death in 107 and taken to Rome, where he was thrown to wild beasts. En route he wrote letters to Church communities known to him that give a great insight into the life of the early Church.

Sunday

18 October

Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year.

'World Mission Day'

World day of prayer for the spread of the Gospel

Masses:

9.30am Saint Mark's

11.15am Saint Charles'

4.00pm Saint Mark's

The End of the Zoom Mass! so what next?

I have explored some possibilities and have decided to buy in to the streaming service "Churchservices" for Saint Charles which I believe many parishioners use to access Mass locally and in all corners of the globe. It is a resource that many parishes in the diocese use (including the cathedral) and find it very good. And of course it is not only for Mass but for baptism, weddings, funerals, Holy Hours etc.

There may be a few weeks' until this is installed, so please be patient during the hiatus.

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Sit only in benches that are open, and at each end of bench unless you are the same household.

Remain seated for Mass.

Only the first reading and psalm before the Gospel.

Very short homily!

No Prayers of the Faithful.

No collection taken !! - but please place your offertory collection in plate by door on exit

No sign of peace.

For Holy Communion,
Holy Communion will be ministered by a lay minister,

Follow direction of stewards as we begin from the front of church. Approach via middle aisle - even if you are in the side benches)

Keep distance of two metres.

Receive Holy Communion on hand only.

Hold hands out-stretched.

Remove face covering and consume the host immediately before replacing your face covering and return to bench via side aisle.

Leave church beginning from the back. Please take all your belongings and papers with you.

Do not gather at the back of church.

Keep distance even outside.

Hope in the Future Prayer Cycle

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Edward, Lees, for Mgr John Marsland, their parish priest, and Fr. Callum Brown and for their parish primary school.

Prayer for Prisoners and their Families.

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exists. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercifully and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day.

Young Adults' Mass

The newly formed CathSoc at Salford University invites you to join them for **Mass every Sunday at Saint James' church, Salford at 5.30pm on Sundays.**
It might be something you might encourage your children/grandchildren to take advantage of.

New Offertory Envelopes

This year's envelopes are now available for collection. However, we cannot leave them at the back of church this year as we need to prevent the gathering and bunching of people. We will make sure that you get yours to you.

The envelopes have been re-numbered to include all those from the whole parish who use envelopes.

If you do not get your envelopes please call the Presbytery.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

there's still time to help

- Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.(texts cost £10 plus your standard message rate. **IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS, please text CAFONNOINFO to 70085)**

- send the money direct to CAFOD, either on-line at **cafod.org.uk/give** or by post - **(do not send cash in the post).**

- **or put a cheque** (payable to CAFOD) through the door of the presbytery and I will send it.

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Meanwhile..... Sacramental Life of the parish

Weddings.....

I mentioned last week that four had to be postponed last year because of the health situation. I know that it is still uncertain what the situation is next year. If you were thinking of getting married next year, even though you might not be able to have a firm date, do let me know and we can at least begin the paperwork that needs to be done.

Confirmations.....

As you will know from previous newsletters this is to be celebrated with the Year 8 children and Sister Anna will be co-ordinating the programme. The application forms have now gone out through Saint Ambrose Barlow High school and now are coming in. Again, we cannot fix a firm date yet. Watch this space.

RCIA...

The "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" in which individuals prepare for Baptism or Reception into Full Communion with the Church will not be able to commence just at the moment but I hope to have something in place before too long. It will probably be a Zoom based programme for the time being. Please God, now that we have recommenced worship in church the backlog from this year can be celebrated.

P.S. Baptisms are now restricted to six participants - including baby!

Rebuild My Church

You may well have heard this phrase. It is what Saint Francis of Assisi heard Jesus say to him from the crucifix of San Damiano.

It is a constant call to the Church in all ages. It is particularly apposite for the times we are living through at the moment. Bishop John has produced a booklet with lots of reflections, encouragement and challenge that is a rich resource whatever your role in life and the Church. You can access it on the diocesan website putting in search for "Rebuild my Church".

Online Retreat - Living Laudato Si': Your Parish and Your Planet - 16th - 19th October

A long weekend of talks and discussions on zoom, and practical activities, on living the message of Laudato Si' in and through your parish.

Led by Boarbank Hall.

Sessions will be on Friday night, Saturday morning and night, Sunday afternoon and night and Monday night (leaving people free during the day on Monday).

Voluntary donations gratefully accepted, but there will be no fee for the weekend.

To attend, please email Sister Margaret Atkins on margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

2020 Year of the Word - "The God Who Speaks"

This series of talks was postponed due to the lock-down but now is being presented in Zoom format.

Wednesday 28th October The God who speaks to us today: Contemporary Challenges through a Biblical Lens, by Father Joe Evans, priest of the Opus Dei prelatore, Scripture specialist, and based at Greycarth Hall, Manchester.

Wednesday 25th November The God who speaks in the Gospel of John, by Fr. Michael Winstanley, SDB, Salesian priest and Scripture Scholar, based at the Salesian community in Bolton.

Each evening begins at 7pm and will include time for questions.

To book a place please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk indicating which evening (or all four) you wish to participate in.

In 2021 we hope to arranged the remaining four evenings either via zoom or, if circumstances allow, in the originally scheduled venue, the Hidden Gem.

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Diploma in Pastoral Ministry and Leadership

Once again this year the Diocese, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Liverpool and Wrexham Diocese, are offering a **Diploma in Pastoral Ministry and Leadership**. The Diploma is a combination of Online Learning and a series of leadership workshops, leading to a Loyola University Chicago Certificate and a series of Liverpool Hope CPD Awards.

The course starts in January 2021 and ends in December 2023. The full Diploma costs £2500, which is payable over three instalments. An increasing number of parishes are willing to part-fund students towards the Diploma.

More information can be found on the website below. Here you will find testimonies from past students, information booklets on the modules, application forms and an online form to

book on one of the Zoom [612 x 408](https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/diploma) information Webinars www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/diploma

The Zoom information Webinars are at the following dates and times:

- Tuesday 27 October: 10.30am – 12.00pm
- Thursday 29 October: 7.00pm – 8.30pm
- Wednesday 4 November: 7.00pm – 8.30pm
- Saturday 7 November: 2.00pm – 3.30pm
- Tuesday 17 November: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Paul Daly paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or John Griffin john.griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for further information.

As in the past, there will be the possibility of the parish subsidising this course for anyone

interested.



Covid 19 Bereavement Support Group

Responding to a specific need, Caritas is now able to offer bereavement support to individuals &/or families who have experienced the death of a loved one due to Covid 19.

This support is unique because it will enable those participating to share their story in their own way with others who have “walked in their shoes”, not only in terms of their loss but in sharing the added pain of not having been able to follow the rites and rituals of the Catholic Church in the usual way, which is such an important expression of Faith and brings so much comfort to the dying and their families.

Meetings will initially be offered via video conferencing whilst social distancing restrictions remain in place and will be professionally and sensitively facilitated by Bernadette O’Neal, a qualified psychologist and bereavement counsellor with a deep understanding of the Catholic Faith.

Please direct any enquiries to M.Wiggin@caritassalford.org.uk or Kath Ansley k.ansley@caritassalford.org.uk

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