

**St. Ambrose Barlow,
Swinton and Pendlebury
Newsletter
15 November 2020.
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



***The Response of our
Diocese to this Week's
Report on Child
Sexual Abuse.***

You may be aware that earlier this week, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) published its report into the Catholic Church.

In its response, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales said: "We apologise to all victims and survivors who have not been properly listened to, or properly supported by us. By listening with humility to those who have suffered, we can contribute to the healing of the wounds of abuse, as well as learn from those most directly affected how we must improve the Church's safeguarding standards, policies and procedures."

We know that with the report comes an increased awareness of abuse, which may lead individuals to reflect on their own experiences. If you are aware of people in distress, the support on offer via our Healing Through Community project can be accessed by anyone living within the Diocese of Salford.

If you would like to access help, please call Survivors Manchester on 0161 236 2182 or Greater Manchester Rape Crisis on 0161 273 4500. The Safeguarding Office is also available for any safeguarding queries or referrals by all. Their number is 0161 817 2206.

Let us all join in prayer for the healing of those that have been hurt and abused by members of the Church.

*You can read the full Bishops' Conference response here:
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/statements-on-the-publication-of-the-iicsa-report/>*



DIocese of SALFORD

***The Coming
Week.***

***Sunday
15 November
Thirty Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
World Day of the Poor.***

10.00am Zoom Mass.

We are now in a "Lockdown Situation" once again and so Masses are suspended once again. We return to the "Zoom Mass" for the time being until our streaming system is in Place.

Access code for the Zoom Mass is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82766545200?pwd=Q2RZZE9SWWVnkd1lyTjUUMVirdENQQT09>

OR, Zoom ID: 827 6654 5200
Password 112448

***Monday
16 November
St. Edmund of Abingdon,
Bishop***, born in 1175. He became archbishop of Canterbury in 1233. He had frequent disputes with the King and it was while on his way to ask for the Popes support that he died in France in 1231.
10.00am - 12.00noon. Saint Mark's church open for private prayer.

***Tuesday
17 November
St. Hilda, Religious***, born in 614, she was abbess of Whitby, which became a great centre of learning. She hosted the famous Synod of 664. She died in 680.

10.00am - 12.00noon. Saint Charles' church open for private prayer.

***Wednesday
18 November
Weekday in Ordinary Time
10.00am - 12.00noon. Saint Charles' church open for private prayer.***

***Thursday
19 November
Weekday in Ordinary Time
10.00am - 12.00noon. Saint Charles' church open for private prayer.***

***Friday
20 November
Weekday in Ordinary Time
10.00am - 12.00noon. Saint Mark's church open for private prayer.***

***Saturday
21 November
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
All churches are currently closed except for designated times for private prayer because of current directives, hence there are no public Masses.

***Sunday
22 November
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
'Christ the King'***
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10.00am "Zoom Mass"

The installation of our streaming facilities in Saint Charles church will be taking place during week beginning 23 November.

Prayer During the Lockdown.

The bishops have asked that during the lockdown there is a **national shared moment of prayer** each day at 6.00pm and make the Vigil of Christ the King (Saturday 21 November) a day of prayer for the ending of the pandemic.

They have also asked that there be generous opportunities for private prayer in our churches. And so, during this time, I would like to open up our churches for private prayer once again.

It would be good if we were able to do this in Saint Mark's Monday and Friday 10.00am-12.00noon and in Saint Charles Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00am - 12.00noon.

However, this will require stewarding for half hour or hour slots, otherwise it will not be possible. SO, if existing stewards or anyone else that might be willing to do this, could let me have your names and availability, I can then see how feasible this is and we can begin next week.

Hope in the Future Prayer Cycle

We pray for the intentions of the parishioners of Our Lady of Dolours, Kersal, for Fr. Vincent Coyne, their parish priest, and the Servite Friars.

We pray for their parish primary school and for the residents of Nazareth House, together with the Sisters of Nazareth and the Faithful Companions of Jesus. May they seek to be faithful in all things, small and great.

Salford Loaves and Fishes

is one of the local good causes that Coop members can choose as their Charity by choosing this either through their smart phone app or going on line at: [//coop.co.uk/](http://coop.co.uk/) local -causes,

Final Event - God Who Speaks Speaker Series

The final talk in this series will take place digitally on Wednesday 25th November on **The God who speaks in the Gospel of John**, by Fr. Michael Winstanley, SDB, Salesian priest and Scripture Scholar. He is based at the Salesian community in Bolton.

The evening will begin at 7pm and will include time for questions.

To book a place and be sent a Zoom link on the morning of the talk, please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

The Needs of the Moment.

It has been heartening to see the many voluntary initiatives in our communities during these difficult times. Volunteers hold together our society in so many ways and contribute the equivalent of millions of pounds in hours given.

Our church communities also rely on volunteer generosity of time and talent. I am impressed by how that is the reality of our parish community.

New areas of need constantly manifest themselves as we develop and grow as a parish. Currently we are in real need in two areas.

Firstly in stewarding. This involves managing seating, movement and other protocols that we now have to adhere to. This is not only for Mass but also now for Funerals. If you can let me have your name and contact details it would be good.

Secondly, we have a real need for more catechists.

The ones that deal with the children of Saint Charles school are always in need of further support.

But now we will require even more as we develop a parish based Sacramental Programme for the children of Saint Mary's and Saint Mark's schools.

We also need catechists to support Sister Anna who will be coordinating the Confirmation preparation of our children.

Could this be you? You don't need professional teaching skills, just the willingness to share something of your own faith with the help of others and the materials provided.

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World Day of the Poor Sunday 15 November 2020

In his message for the fourth World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis writes that 'keeping our gaze fixed on the poor is difficult', but that it is 'more necessary than ever if we are to give proper direction to our personal life and the life of society.' He draws on the Book of Sirach as a guide for reflection and action following the pandemic. 'Now is a good time to recover the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world', he says. 'Until we revive our sense of responsibility for our neighbour and for every person, grave economic, financial and political crises will continue.'

The Richness of Many Years of Life

In marking the World Day of the Poor in 2020, and mindful of the Covid-19 pandemic, CSAN has focused on the richness of many years of life. We have published a short resource for individuals, local churches and groups, available below to download.

The bishops of England and Wales have shared their hope that parishes would consider fresh opportunities for older people to experience more of the care and belonging that they want, and that we would hope to see for ourselves and our loved ones.

Pope Francis, too, has called on everyone to embrace positively the reality of ageing, and to counter the 'throwaway culture' which leaves many older people socially isolated. This theme has even more significance following the Covid-19 pandemic.

Many Catholic parishes have long organised home visits and social activities, which older people often help to arrange, as well as being participants. Older people with complex care needs may require specialist residential care, but this will not be necessary for the great majority, who live with reasonable health and remain active. Care homes for the elderly set up by Catholic religious orders, for people of limited means, have not always been able to make ends meet, for example because of costs to upgrade buildings; some have closed in the last 20 years.

The Covid-19 pandemic has put the remaining care homes under greater financial stress and risk, but has also demonstrated the importance of valuing care homes and their residents and staff.

Over two years, around 20 Catholic parishes have worked with three diocesan charities to address the challenge of creating more of the social connections that older people in the local neighbourhood - of any faith or none - feel right for them. One fruit is Reaching Out, a guide for Catholic parishes, and others who are interested, for local discernment and starting activities. Reaching Out includes inspiring stories from those involved, telling how they brought together people of all ages and added more joy in their communities.

The new resource includes a prayer written specially for the Day. We are very grateful to the Little Sisters of the Poor for their collaboration with us on preparing the resource.

(from Caritas website)

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