

St. Ambrose Barlow, Swinton and Pendlebury Newsletter

16 August 2020.

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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Re-opening of our Churches -any nearer?

Given the recent lifting of many lockdown restrictions, it is right that we should think about the re-opening of our churches.

I was initially hesitant, aware of the caution we needed to have and also the organising and on going need of stewarding and cleaning. Thank you for those who have so far volunteered.

The intention was not to open but to review the situation after a few weeks. This I did last week with the help of the Lay Leadership Team.

The consensus was to have a phased re-opening, beginning with times for private prayer, then week-day Masses, followed by Sunday Masses. This would not mean opening all day every day or the regular schedule of Masses, but working towards it.



The Coming Week.

Sunday

16 August

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am (Sunday morning)
Mass via Zoom.

We will also be recording celebrations. Keep an eye on the parish website

The Zoom link for Mass is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82766545200?pwd=Q2RZZE9SWWNkd1lyTGpU_MVlrdENQQT09

In case you need it:

Meeting ID: 827 6654 5200

Password: 112448



. If you are using a computer, you should be fine. Clicking the link will work as usual.

. If you are using a phone or a tablet, you need to upgrade to Zoom 5.0 or Zoom will force you to do that before you are able to join Mass, and it may delay you. To check what version of Zoom you have, open the Zoom application on your phone/tablet, click 'settings' and 'about'. If the version number doesn't begin with 5, then please update your application. If you're struggling, come to Mass early at 9.30 am on Sunday morning and click the link as usual. Hopefully, it should then automatically update for you.

Some browsers are not working with the link so you can access the Zoom Mass via the Zoom website (www.zoom.us) by joining a meeting (top right hand corner) and using the following (you can ignore this if the link works for you):
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Monday 17 August **Weekday 20th Week**

Our churches remain closed because of current directives, hence there are no public Masses just yet.

Tuesday 18 August. **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

Wednesday **19 August.**

St John Eudes, Priest

born in 1601, John became a priest and a Missionary, travelling to many parishes in his native France. He propagated devotion to the Sacred Heart and founded a congregation to promote the formation of priests; he also founded the Congregation of Our Lady of Refuge, to rescue women and girls trying to escape from a life of prostitution. He died 1680.

Thursday 20 August **St. Bernard, Abbot and**

Doctor. Born near Citeaux in 1090, Bernard joined the monastery there in 1111; his presence revitalised the Cistercian house and he became abbot of nearby Clairvaux; much in demand for his advice, he worked to overcome divisions in the Church.

Friday 21 August **St Pius the Tenth, Pope**

born in Riese (Italy) into a poor family in 1835, he was ordained and worked as parish priest for 17 years before being made spiritual director at the seminary, then bishop of Mantua, patriarch of Venice and finally Pope in 1903. He sought to renew Christian life, by emphasising charity and the Eucharist; he worked to avoid war in 1914 but died shortly after its outbreak.

Saturday 22 August **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Sunday **23 August** **Twenty first Sunday of the Year**

But before any of this can happen, all those who have volunteered will be required to attend an information and workshop session on the premises organised by the diocese.

The plan is to begin this phased re-opening on the week beginning Monday 31 August with Saint Mark's church open on Monday and Friday 10.00am - 12.30pm.. This will give the opportunity for getting familiar with the routines we need to maintain safety. Further opening times will be published in due course.

A note of caution! - I am aware of the current concerns regarding increasing numbers of affected people in our area and it may be prudent to pull back on our plans.

Meanwhile, we continue to keep our parish community in prayers.

Keep well, Keep safe.

Father Paul

Hope in the Future Prayer Cycle

15/16 August

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Robert of Newminster, Levenshulme and Longsight, for Fr. Michael Dever, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools and for St. Peter's High School. We pray for Fr Laurence Gambella and Fr Martin Dowd, chaplains to the Central Manchester Hospitals, the Christie and Withington Hospitals.

SVP Support for Needy Families.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society have been giving lots of support to families.

Many thanks for the many generous donations that have come in for that appeal.

You can still make donations, please put them in an envelope and through the postal bow of the presbytery.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

The Saint Ambrose Barlow SVP are particularly grateful for a generous cheque of £500 given in memory of Laurence Livesey, former head of Saint Mark's Primary School.

Wardley Cemetery Bank Holiday Mass.

This will not take place this year because of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile - Saint Mary's Chapel in Wardley cemetery remains closed.

Parish Finances

We will shortly be in a position to amalgamate our accounts for all three churches. Those of you who pay by Standing Order will see no difference and the switch should be smooth.

If however you make your offertory payment by 'faster payments' or 'chaps', these cannot be switched by the Bank or ourselves. If you do pay this way please let me know and I will let you have our new account number (once received) so you can update your payment.

Paying by Standing Order

Many thanks to those of you who contribute to the parish by Standing Order. It has been an invaluable source of income during this time of closed churches and no offertory collections. Thanks also to those of you who have continued to return your offertory envelopes.

Could I encourage you once again to consider contributing through Standing Order. This is even more important now that we no longer have local bank facilities for paying in cash

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Confirmation Programme.

As you will already know from newsletters and from school, the Sacrament of Confirmation will in future be celebrated for the children of Year 8 who enrol for the programme. **The heart of the programme** will be twelve units during the course of the school year.



An optional addition to this will be the "Faith in Action" programme, which is voluntary and designed to enable the children of the programme to be more involved in their parishes. Our parish has already begun this and those who took part were recently presented with a medal and bronze certificate by the bishop. There will also be silver and gold levels available in time.

The one big need we have now is a group of catechists. I am aware that there is already a committed group who organise the Sacramental Programme. Clearly they cannot also take on another commitment. Perhaps you might think of volunteering?

The good news is that a lot of the organisational work will be done for you....

Deanery Confirmation Programme Co-ordinator. **The parishes of the deanery have committed to employing a deanery co-ordinator** for the Confirmation Programme.

She is Sister Anna Yeo, from the same community as Sister Linda (Daughters of Divine Charity) whom many of you will have met or heard of from her time working in schools during the past couple of years. She has now taken up her post and is working on the units of the programme and will be delivering them with the support of catechists.

All of which is to say – please think of offering your services for work as catechist on our Confirmation Programme. I can guarantee you will find it very rewarding.

Although the immediate preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation will be children in Year 8, there will be involvement in Year 6 and Year 7 leading up to it.

As with the First Holy Communion programme, the Confirmation Programme will be parish based, i.e. not part of school timetable. This means those not in our Catholic High Schools will be able to take part.

Details of dates, venues, enrolment and other information will be circulated in due course. Clearly the current lockdown situation has interrupted much of the administration work and circulating of information but it is now in hand.



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Events of interest....

Re-opening of Church for Private Prayer and for Communal Worship.

As you will have read in recent newsletters, we can now choose to open our churches once again at the discretion of parish priests.

Whenever they do open, there will be need for a team of people to steward the process, (two present for each "shift"), to clean down benches after use, to do a thorough clean after each service.

If you could volunteer your services for this, it would be most welcome. (and bear in mind - without this we cannot re-open)



Zoom Gurus needed!

Now that lockdown is easing but our Zoom Masses are continuing, it would be helpful to have a second reserve for the Zoom controls in case both Jenny Bond and David Haley are away at the same time.

All that is required is someone with two monitors. If you are needed, we'd offer a short tutorial before it's all in your hands but apart from that, no preparation is required. You don't need to edit the PowerPoint slides and you don't need to be an IT whizz - and it may be that you won't be needed. If you can help, please be in touch with.

Prayer Resource - Lord's Day at Home

If you would like to say the prayers along with the livestream of Mass, the Lord's Day at Home resource can help you. This week's Lord's Day at Home prayer can be found via accessing the diocesan website:-

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/covid-19-online-resources

Salford Royal Catholic Chaplaincy

Due to the Coronavirus, family and other visitors are only able to visit patients in Salford Royal Hospital in very limited circumstances.

There is a Catholic priest as part of the chaplaincy team who is currently able to visit and support patients under the strict guidance of hospital policy and with all necessary protective equipment available.

Following a request for a visit, the clinical team on each ward will be contacted and a visit will take place provided it is safe and appropriate to do so.

If you or a family member find themselves in Salford Royal and would like a visit from the Catholic chaplain, please call the chaplaincy team on 0161 206 5167 or email chaplaincy@srft.nhs.uk.

If the case is urgent please ask the nurse to page the Catholic chaplain.

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