

**St. Ambrose Barlow,
Swinton and Pendlebury
Newsletter
18 October 2020.
Twenty Ninth 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
18 October
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**Masses in church:
9.30am Saint Mark's
11.15am Saint Charles'
4.00pm Saint Mark's**

'World Mission Day'

World day of prayer for the spread of the Gospel
World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of background or belief. There is more information about the work of Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission on their website: mission.org.uk if you want to give a direct donation online visit mission.org.uk/donate.

**Monday
19 October
St John de Brebeuf, St Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs**

They were Jesuits who preached the Gospel in North America from 1635. They worked among the Huron and Iroquois but between 1642 and 1649 all were brutally killed.
10.00am Mass in Saint Mark's.

**Tuesday
20 October.
Weekday in Ordinary Time
8.30am Mass in St. Charles.**

**Wednesday
21 October.
Weekday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm Mass in St. Charles**

**Thursday
22 October**

St. John Paul II, Pope
Charles Joseph Wotjtyla was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. On 16 October 1978 he was elected Pope and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. He died in Rome on 2 April 2005.

8.30am Mass in St. Charles

10.00am Funeral Service for Sheila Mary Bessell, RIP followed by interment at Saint Mary's cemetery, Wardley.

**Friday
23 October
10.00am Mass in Saint Mark's.**

**Saturday
24 October
No Mass in Saint Mary's Wardley.**

**Sunday
25 October
Thirtieth Sunday of the Year.**

**Masses:
9.30am Saint Mark's
11.15am Saint Charles'
4.00pm Saint Mark's**

The End of the Zoom Mass! so what next?

Please be patient whilst the Streaming of Mass is organised and installed. It is in hand.
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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, this week, for the people of the parish of St. Francis of Assisi, Oldham, and for Fr. Derek Woodhead, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for the chaplaincy to the Royal Oldham Hospital and for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph.



This year like many organisations Loaves and Fishes has had to adapt in order to operate safely. They have remained open throughout lockdown providing food and welfare packs to clients. They couldn't continue without your help and this year, especially in view of the difficulty getting provisions to them would welcome donations of money; you can do this by texting 'HAR20VEST 3'. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message.

If you can take goods to them there is a list of items required on their website:

www.salfordloavesandfishes.org.uk

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.*

Please keep in your prayers our sick and housebound: Mary Gordon, Maureen Bevan, Steven Smith, John Gyves, Bridie Connell, Shannon Joyce, Wilf Jones, Emilie Martin, Pat Bradley, Joan Heaton, Doreen Flynn, Joan Rochford, Una O'Grady, Alice Thompson, Joe Yellop, Denis & Margaret Hobson, Maureen Roberts, Vincent Duffy, Frank Flynn, Marie Maher, Helen and Dawn Sheridan Smith, Walter Cochrane, Bill Kenny.

And those who have died lately: Christopher Walsh, James Gerard Nugent, Kenneth Atkinson, Sheila Bessell, Pat Ditchfield, Elizabeth Zampini.

And all whose anniversaries are at this time:

Florence Smith, Mary Yates, Peter Carey, William Greaves, Florence Mary Ramsbottom, Frank Liwosz.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

there's still time..

If you have cheques you want me to send on your behalf please post them through the presbytery letter box as soon as possible.

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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!

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 prelature, Scripture specialist, and based at Greygarth 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.

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.



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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.zoom.us/j/612408) information Webinars www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/diploma

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](mailto:k.ansley@caritassalford.org.uk)

Abridged version of part of Pope Francis' Message for World Mission Sunday.

The Church continues the mission of Jesus and sends us everywhere so that through our witness and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and transform hearts, societies and cultures.

Mission is a free and conscious response to God's call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus, present in his Church. Are we prepared to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to listen to the call to mission, in all the everyday events of life?

Far from increasing mistrust and indifference, our current situation should make us even more attentive to how we relate to others. Prayer, in which God touches and moves our hearts, should make us ever more open to our brothers and sisters' need for dignity and freedom, as well as our responsibility to care for all creation.

The impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday. In all of this, God's question: 'Whom shall I send?' is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response:- 'Here I am send me!'

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