# St. Ambrose Barlow, Swinton and Pendlebury Newsletter 22 November 2020. Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



## Prayer in our churches during the Lockdown.

## Our bishops have asked that there be generous

opportunities for private prayer in our churches during this time. And so, during this time, our churches are open for private prayer once again as follows...

Saint Mark's Monday and Friday 10.00am-12.00noon

Saint Charles Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00am - 12.00noon.

My apologies for confusion in last week's newsletter giving the impression that our openings would only begin this coming week. In fact we were open this past week.

### November Mass for Deceased of the Year.

Sadly this annual Mass will have to be one of the casualties of the lockdown.

Perhaps we could make this coming week a special week of prayer for our deceased loved ones and those of the parish who died during this last year. The candle will be lit, as it was this week, by the basket containing the names many have placed there. If you have not done so already, you can do that as part of you prayer visit.



## The Coming Week.

# Sunday 22 November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 'Christ the King'

World Day of Prayer for Young People

#### 10.00am Zoom Mass.

We are now in another
"Lockdown Situation' 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/827665 45200?pwd=Q2RZZE9SWWNkd1lyT GpUMVIrdENQQT09

OR, Zoom ID: 827 6654 5200 Password 112448

#### Monday 23 November

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

# Tuesday 24 November St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs

the 117 Vietnamese martyrs were killed in a brutal persecution. Andrew was a parish priest; the group includes eight bishops, fifty priests and fifty-nine laymen and women.

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

## Wednesday 25 November St. Catherine of Alexandria Virgin & Martyr

Tradition tells she was a noble lady, learned in science and oratory, who came to Christianity after receiving a vision. When she was 18 she offered to debate with the pagan philosophers, who were convinced by her arguments; the Emperor ordered her execution and she was beheaded.

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

#### Thursday 26 November

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

Friday 27 November
Weekday in Ordinary Time
10.00am - 12.00noon. Saint
Mark's church open for private
prayer.

12.30pm. Funeral Mass in Saint Charles church for Mavis Roberts aged 82 of Thorn Road, RIP. (restricted numbers)

#### Saturday 28 November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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#### Sunday 29 November First Sunday of Advent Year B

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I hope we will be equipped to commence our streamed Masses this Sunday. Watch next week's newsletter for details of access.

#### Forthcoming Funerals

#### Tuesday 24 November.

Graveside service in Saint Mary's cemetery, Wardley for Eileen Johnson, RIP, aged 98 years of Amadeus N.H. Eccles. Sadly no relatives to mourn her.

#### Friday 27 November

12.30pm Saint Charles church Funeral Mass for Mavis Helena Roberts RIP.

#### **Monday 30 November**

11.40am Agecroft crematorium Funeral Service for David Francis Frederick Crier RIP, aged 52 of Worsley Avenue, Little Hulton.

#### Thursday 3 December.

10.00am Saint Mark's church Funeral Mass for Leonora Broadbent of Pendlebury who died in Pemberton Fold N.H. Lilttle Hulton.

#### Friday 4 December.

11.30am Saint Charles church. Funeral service for Mary Frances Kennedy RIP, aged 84 of Corrie Crescent, Kearsley followed by interment in Saint Mary's cemetery, Wardley.



#### **Coming Soon** Advent and Christmas!

#### Advent.

Can you believe it - we begin this preparation season next Sunday?! We will be without many of the now familiar practices like e.g. Travelling Nativity. Carol services etc. Home will be very much the heart of this and the Christmas season.

The diocese has produced a wonderful resource that you can access via.

website: https://www.dioceseofsalford.o rg.uk/news/covid19/advent-at-home/ which has prayers and activities including ideas for cribs and advent wreathes made with all sorts of materials. Do have a look. Other websites you might also find worth having a look at -

https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/adventpil grimage.html?mc\_cid=ecad34c21e&mc eid=4861b88c8f

is a virtual pilgrimage to the Holy Land including really outstanding speakers.

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https://www.pathwaystogod.org/resourc es/ignatian-insight/4-ways-celebrateadvent-home-yourfamily?mc cid=ecad34c21e&mc eid=4 861b88c8f

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#### Christmas.

I must say I have been concerned about how we would be able to cope with Christmas, given that - if we are actually "open for business" - we will still have to manage the restriction of numbers.

The Pastoral Letter of Bishop John today opens some possibilities of using the whole Christmas Octave in which to opt for a day to celebrate your Christmas Mass.

I hope that next Sunday I will be able to share how that might happen in practice.

As well as reading the bishop's letter at our Zoom Mass, I hope I will have attached it in some way to this newsletter. You can also listen to the bishop by opening https://soundcloud.com/salforddiocese/bishop-johns-pastoral-letterchrist-the-king-2020.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\* **Postponed Chrism**

Mass.

Bishop John will be celebrating this on Friday 27 November at

11.00am in the cathedral. This is usually celebrated during Holy Week and celebrated with all the priests of the diocese plus representatives of each parish. Sadly, this year, it will be Bishop John on his own along with Father Michael Jones, the Cathedral Dean and the Cathedral Choir.

To watch livestream, the best method is to go to Church Services TV at the time allotted https://www.churchservices.tv/salfordca thedral

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St. Charles: On request St. Mark: On Request

#### **BAPTISMS**

By appointment, Parents are expected to attend a course of preparation.

#### WEDDINGS

Six months notice is normally required.

#### ST. CHARLES:

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Contact: 07434513732

**Union of Catholic Mothers** First and third Tuesdays at 7.15pm

#### **Beaver Scouts**

Mondays in school at 6.00pm **Cub Scouts** 

Tuesdays in school at 6.00 pm (Contact Adela: 07768182553)

#### **Brownies**

Thursdays in school 6.15 - 7.30PM

**Rainbows** 

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#### Hope in the Future Prayer Cycle

Let us pray this week for the intentions of the parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the Guardian Angels, Bury, and the parish of St. Hilda, Tottington, with Father Paul Cannon, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools. May they recognise the Lord in the ways they serve the least of their sisters and brothers

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#### 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/ local -causes,

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#### 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

formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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