

St. Ambrose Barlow, Swinton and Pendlebury Newsletter

27 September 2020. Twenty Sixth Sunday
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Re-opening of our Churches.

This coming week we can begin our weekday celebrations of Mass in Saint Charles church, which means that now we are back to our weekday schedule. This includes Tuesday and Thursday at 8.30am.

Normally Wednesdays would be school Mass, but that is not possible at the moment, so it would be good to have an evening Mass for a change which would give people not able to get to morning Mass an opportunity to do so. It would also spread the numbers over more Masses for those not able to come to Sunday Mass or weekday mornings for any reason.

Can I remind you that there is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass during the current pandemic. So, even when we resume Sunday Masses there is no obligation, particularly if you feel uneasy at the risks or are in a vulnerable person category. (So, please, don't let scruples and fear allow you to confess that you "missed Mass on Sunday" in Confession!

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The Coming Week.

**Sunday
27 September
Twenty Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time.
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=Q2RZZE9SWWNkd1lyTGpUMVlrdENQQT09>

**In case you need it:
Meeting ID: 827 6654 5200
Password: 112448**



**Monday
28 September
Saint Wenceslaus, martyr.**
The original "Father Christmas", born in Bohemia in 907. He was a Christian in a pagan land and became king. He revived the Church in many ways, but especially be his outreach to the poor. His brother had him killed him out of jealousy.
10.00am Mass in Saint Mark's.

**Tuesday
29 September.
Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels.**
the Archangels celebrate God's constant care for his people and intervention in their lives. The names of the angels reveal the aspect of God's care: Michael means "Who is like God", Gabriel means "Strength of God" and Raphael "God has healed".
8.30am Mass in St. Charles.

**Wednesday
30 September.
Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor.** Born in Dalmatia in 340, he studied in Rome and was baptised; he became secretary to Pope Damasus I when he set about translating the Bible into Latin and promoting the monastic life. He settled in Bethlehem and trained others in Scriptural studies and died in 420 at the age of 80.
7.00pm Mass in St. Charles

**Thursday
1 October
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin Doctor of the Church.** Born in France in 1873, she entered the Carmelite monastery at Lisieux at an early age. By her words and example, she taught humility, simplicity and faith in God. She died in 1897, aged 24.
8.30am Mass in St. Charles

**Friday
2 October
Holy Guardian Angels**
In the 15th & 16th centuries, the feast of the Guardian Angels began to be celebrated in Austria, Spain and Portugal. In 1608 Pope Paul V made it a universal feast.
10.00am Mass in Saint Mark's.

Today is CAFOD Family Fast Day. See details on next page.

**Saturday 3 October
Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday
4 October
Twenty Seventh Sunday
of the Year.
10.00am Zoom Mass**

**3.00pm Diocesan Holy Hour from Cathedral-
"Hope in Difficult Times" -
Available on Church Services TV.
See more details on next page.**

Resuming Sunday Masses will be the next phase of our return to the regular mass schedule. I mentioned last week "in a few weeks' time". I was aware that there are still some possible practical things left to do and more particularly the possibility of new "spikes" and the resulting potential new levels of lockdown being imposed, even church closures. Thank God this has not come to pass, at least not for the immediate future.

With that in mind I am proposing that we resume "live" Sunday Mass at both our churches.

This means that the "Zoom Masses" will come to an end, the last one will be on Sunday 4 October, but I hope that soon we may be able to arrange for our Masses to be live-streamed.

There will be some practical measures to be aware of in our Sunday Masses. More about that next week.

Father Paul

Diocesan Holy Hour – Hope in Difficult Times, Church Services TV.

On Sunday 4th October, the day we would usually launch the new stage of Hope in the Future, I will be leading a Holy Hour from Salford Cathedral which will be livestreamed on **ChurchServices.tv at 3pm** (www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral).

The theme of the Holy Hour will be "Hope in Difficult Times"

with the intention of providing parishioners around our Diocese with an opportunity to take stock of the last few months. The focus is not on moving to stage four of Hope in the Future just yet but rather reflecting on the presence of the Lord all through lockdown and as we continue on our journey.

The Lord has, in a very real sense, answered our prayer and stayed with us on our journey. We need to pause, draw breath, grieve where we need to grieve but also be grateful where we can be, and allow ourselves to be renewed.

You can find the order of service to pray along at home on the Diocesan website

(www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/holy-hour-hope-in-difficult-times/) Please advertise this event as widely as possible.

Please be sure to keep safe and well

"Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey"
+John

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

Harvest Fast Day is this coming Friday, 2 October.

This is when normally we would keep a fast contribute the money saved to CAFOD in the following Sunday's collection using the envelopes provided – and not forgetting to fill in the Gift-Aid form if you are a tax payer.

Of course, that is not possible in the circumstances. But the need is even greater. CAFOD is doing tremendous work across the world in helping local communities to support themselves during the CV19 pandemic. Their capacity for outreach is remarkable and it's our privilege to support them.

If you can afford to help there's two easy ways to do it

- send the money direct to CAFOD, either on-line or by post

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

You can find the video and links to prayers and events for this Harvest season here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

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Hope in the Future Prayer Cycle

This week we pray for the parish of The Nativity, Failsworth and Limeside, with Fr. Michael Job, their parish priest, and Fr. John Adio. We pray for their parish primary schools.

New Facilities

At long last I am happy to announce that we now have a toilet facility in Saint Charles' church with facilities for people with disabilities and also baby-changing facilities.

During the Covid restrictions the toilet will only be available for those in urgent need, as it will have to be cleaned after every use.

Saint Mary's Church News.

This past Friday the bell tower came down to complete the demolition of the church. The next stage will be the removal of the rubble and then the removal of the concrete base (apologies to the neighbours in advance for the noise!)



Once the site is completely cleared we can begin the process of negotiating the sale.

Thank You

To those who have handed in "catch up" offertory collections and to those of you who pay by Standing Order. It has been a great boost in these times of little income.

Our accounts have now been amalgamated. **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. PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL ME** for a form.

And - could all of you who contribute financially to the upkeep of the parish consider making your offerings gift-aided. It is a free and painless way of increasing the value of your giving.

New Offertory Envelopes

This years envelopes are now available to collect from the back of St. Marks for now. The envelopes have been re-numbered to include all those from the whole parish who use envelopes. Please ensure you take the correct set of envelopes. **IF you cannot see your envelopes, please call or email me with your name and address and your previous set number.**

Meanwhile..... Sacramental Life of the parish.

Baptisms

I am now beginning to deal with the backlog from the past six months. Once I have them slotted in, I will attend to the new applications. If you wish for your child to be baptised, please contact me by email and I will return you a form for completion and I will be in touch to arrange a date before too long.

First Communions

Again, there is a backlog from last year. We then have to begin this year's Sacramental Programme. We will probably begin the new programme after New Year and I am having a meeting of our catechists soon to organise all of this, with advice that the diocese has provided. I think our schools have had quite enough to do in their getting children back to school and all the adaptations they have to make without having more concerns. A sincere thank you to them for all they have done to make the return to school possible and safe.

Weddings. Four had to be cancelled during the lockdown. Please God they can be re-arranged for the coming year.

Column to be continued next week.

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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 7th October The God who speaks in Letters by Father James Crampsey, SJ, Jesuit priest at the Holy Name Church, Scripture Scholar, and member of the Chaplaincy Team at the Manchester Universities



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.

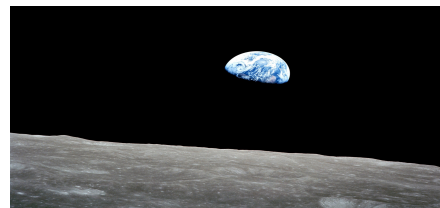
Saint Vincent de Paul Society awareness Month.

Thank you for your continued generous support of the SVP, particularly during these months as you enabled the society to keep touch with people in need.

Their president

John Noone will be making a short announcement at the end of Mass this Sunday to bring to an end this special month of awareness.

Online Laudato Si Weekend 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.

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