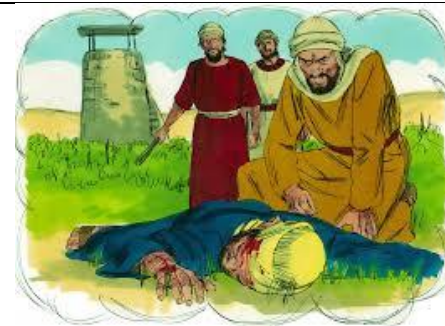


St. Ambrose Barlow, Swinton and Pendlebury Newsletter

4 October 2020. Twenty Seventh Sunday
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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.

No Holy water on entering and leaving.

Use hand sanitizer on entry.
continued over.....



The Coming Week.

Sunday

4 October

Twenty Seventh 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



3.00pm Diocesan Holy Hour from Cathedral- "Hope in Difficult Times"

led by Bishop John.- Available via ChurchServicesTV.

See more details on next page.

Today would be the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi if it were not Sunday. It is the final day of the "Season of Creation" in which Pope Francis has invited us to focus attention on the care of our planet.

Monday

5 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
10.00am Mass in Saint Mark's.

7.00pm Saint Vincent de Paul Society meet. (via Zoom)

Tuesday 6 October.

Saint Bruno, priest. Born in Cologne and a great scholar, he embraced a solitary life and is considered the founder of the Carthusian order, an order of hermits.

8.30am Mass in St. Charles.

Wednesday

7 October.

Our Lady of the Rosary
7.00pm Mass in St. Charles

Thursday

8 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time
8.30am Mass in St. Charles

Friday

9 October

Saint. John Henry Newman, priest

Canonized by Pope Francis in 2019. He was born in London in 1801 and died in 1890. Educated at Oxford, he was the most notable Catholic convert of the age. He became a member of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri and was made Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII.

10.00am Mass in Saint Mark's.

Saturday

10 October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

11 October

Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year.

We re-commence Sunday Mass in the churches of the parish this weekend.....

Masses:

9.30am Saint Mark's
11.15am Saint Charles'
4.00pm Saint Mark's

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Wear face masks. (spares are available)

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 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.
Keep hand out-stretched.
Return to bench via side aisle.

Leave church beginning from the back

Do not gather at the back of church.
Keep distance even outside.

And sadly, no toast in the hall afterwards at the moment!

Diocesan Holy Hour - Hope in Difficult Times, on Church ServicesTV.

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**
<https://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, 9 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 some easy ways to do it

- Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. (texts cost £10 plus your standard message rate. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS, please text CAFONNOINFO to 70085)

- send the money direct to CAFOD, either on-line at cafod.org.uk/give or by post - pick up an envelope

- 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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The End of the Zoom Mass?

As I announced last week, we will be celebrating Sunday Mass back in church from next week.

This became a natural time to do this as a couple of our technical people who have made the Zoom Mass possible will not be available that weekend.

I am very grateful to those who have given the technical support needed to sustain this service for these past six months. (twenty-eight celebrations I believe)

The reason for celebrating from the dining room was simply that there is no internet connection in our two churches.

So what now?

I have explored some possibilities and have decided to buy in to the streaming service "Churchservices" for Saint Charles which I believe many parishioners use to access Mass locally and in all corners of the globe. It is a resource that many parishes in the diocese use (including the cathedral) and find it very good. And of course it is not only for Mass but for baptism, weddings, funerals, Holy Hours etc. There may be a couple of weeks' until this is installed, so please be patient during the hiatus.

Hope in the Future Prayer Cycle

We pray for the people of the parish of St. Aidan and Oswald, Royton, and for Fr. Stephen Doyle, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for Dr. Kershaw's Hospice.

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.

New Offertory Envelopes

This year's envelopes are now available for collection. However, we cannot leave them at the back of church this year as we need to prevent the gathering and bunching of people. We will make sure that you get yours to you. The envelopes have been re-numbered to include all those from the whole parish who use envelopes.

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

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 or 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 baby1

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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.

Rebuild my Church

You may well have heard this phrase. It is what Saint Francis of Assisi heard Jesus say to him from the crucifix of San Damiano. It is a constant call to the Church in all ages. It is particularly apposite for the times we are living through at the moment.

Bishop John has produced a booklet with lots of reflections, encouragement and challenge that is a rich resource whatever your role in life and the Church. You can access it on the diocesan website putting in search for "Rebuild my Church".

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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