

**St. Ambrose Barlow,  
Swinton and Pendlebury  
Newsletter  
6 September 2020. Twenty Third  
Sunday  
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***Re-opening of our Churches.***

We are now at a point when we can begin to re-open our churches in a phased way.

At first it will just be for private prayer and then later for weekday Mass, followed by Sunday Masses.

This will be as follows.....

***Monday 7th September***

St Marks opened for private prayer 10.00am.-12.00noon.

***Friday 11th September***

10.00am St Marks celebration of Mass for Saint Ambrose Barlow, our patronal feast.

***Thereafter -***

Mass Mondays and Friday's at 10.00am.

***Saint Charles church*** will come on stream week beginning 13 September on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, subject to finish of building work. 8.30am - 10.30am.

The reason for the delay in Saint Charles is because of building work and to give time for cleaning and preparation for re-opening. (see over page)

Sunday Mass will recommence at date to be announced.

*Father Paul*

***The Coming Week.***

***Sunday***

**6 September  
Twenty Third 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/8276654520?pwd=Q2RZZE9SWWNkd1lyTGpUMVlrdENQQT09>

*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 7 September  
Weekday in Ordinary Time***

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

**Today Saint Mark's church will be open for private prayer from 10.00am until 12.00noon.**

***Tuesday  
8 September.  
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.***

***Wednesday  
9 September.  
Weekday in Ordinary Time***

***Thursday  
10 September  
Saint Ambrose Barlow Priest and martyr.  
Parish patron.***

***Friday  
11 September  
Weekday in Ordinary Time  
Today we will have Mass at 10.00pm and celebrate the Mass of Saint Ambrose Barlow, our parish patron***

***Saturday 12  
September  
Weekday in Ordinary Time***

***Sunday 13  
September  
Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year***

*Father, Lord of all creation,*

we praise you with all your creatures  
and the whole universe that comes forth  
from the work of Your hands.  
We acknowledge the privilege and  
responsibility  
that You give us as stewards of Your  
creation.

In our ignorance we have done damage to  
our common home  
and our brothers and sisters are suffering.  
Through faithfully following your Son  
guide and direct us to prepare for a better  
future.

Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty  
of the universe,  
for all things speak of You.  
Give us the grace to recognise, respect and  
protect all You have created,  
using wisely all that you have entrusted to  
us.

Holy Spirit,  
who first hovered over the dawn of creation  
and drew order out of the chaos  
help us to build your kingdom of justice,  
love, peace and beauty where the poor of the  
earth are crying out.  
You, who live and reign, world without end,  
Amen  
(Our bishops have asked us to use  
this prayer as part of the  
celebration of the World Day of  
Prayer for the Care of Creation and  
for the Season of Creation)

## Hope in the Future Prayer Cycle

This week we pray for the people  
of the parish of the Divine Mercy,  
Hollinwood and Chadderton, and  
for Fr Lawrence Imoisili, their  
parish priest. We pray for their  
parish primary schools and for  
St. John Henry Newman College.  
We pray also for the Missionary  
Sisters of Christ the King.

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## New Facilities

At long last I am happy to  
announce that we now have a  
toilet at the back of church  
with facilities for people with  
disabilities and also baby-  
changing facilities.

There is still some finishing  
up work to do including  
cleaning of the porch.  
This now means that there  
will be no access to the toilet  
in the house and this has  
come at a good time given  
the risk factors at this time of  
pandemic.

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## Saint Mary's Church News.

At last I can now report that after  
much delay caused by the  
machinations of bureaucracy the  
demolition firm have moved in.  
It's a sad sight but a relief that  
the long process of letting go is  
coming to completion.

## Thank You

To those of you who have  
handed in envelopes or cash  
from the offertory collections we  
have not been able to take for  
the past months. It has been a  
great boost in these times of  
little income from that source.  
Thank you also to those of you  
who pay by Standing Order  
which is a great source of  
regular contribution to the  
upkeep of the parish.

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.**

**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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