

# St. Ambrose Barlow, Swinton and Pendlebury Newsletter 8 November 2020. Remembrance Sunday



## COVID-19 Lockdown

*(From the Website of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales)*

The Prime Minister has announced further widespread restrictions in England beginning on Thursday 5 November 2020. The Government has published its New National Restrictions Guidance on its website.

Whilst there was no formal announcement on Places of Worship by the Prime Minister, there is clear guidance on this website that places of worship will be required to end all acts of collective worship, except for funeral ceremonies.

You can read two statements, issued by the President and Vice-President of the Bishops' Conference, in response to the lockdown. The first statement was released immediately after the Prime Minister's announcement, the second statement on the eve of the lockdown.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has also joined UK faith leaders in writing to Prime Minister Boris Johnson to express the view that there is no scientific justification for the wholesale suspension of public worship from Thursday, 5 November.



## The Coming Week.

### Sunday 8 November Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday

We are now in a "Lockdown Situation" once again 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/82766545200?pwd=Q2RZZE9SWWNkd1lyTGpUMVlrdENQQT09>

The Zoom Mass is at 10.00am

### Monday 9 November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica:

commemorates the dedication of the Pope's Cathedral in Rome. In honour of the basilica which is called "Mother and Head of all the Churches of the City and the World", this feast is observed through all the Church as a sign of unity with the Holy See.  
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### Tuesday 10 November St. Leo the Great,

**Pope and Doctor:** became Pope in 440 and was a true father and shepherd of his people. He strove to protect the integrity of the faith, defending the unity of the Church and repelled or alleviated the incursions of the Huns and Vandals. He died in 461.  
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### Wednesday 11 November

**St. Martin of Tours:** born in 316, Martin began as a soldier but then received baptism and founded a monastery in France under the direction of St. Hilary. He was later chosen as Bishop of Tours; here he worked hard to visit his flock and preach against paganism. He died in 397 and was honoured as a saint - one of the first *non-martyrs* so to be honoured.  
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### Thursday 12 November

**St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr** a saint of the Ukraine, honoured for his work for the unity of the Church; born in 1580, he became a priest and established a reputation for holiness, becoming archbishop of Polotsk. He worked strenuously to end disturbances between the Latin and Byzantine Rites in his diocese but was killed in a religious riot in 1623.  
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### Friday 13 November

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Funeral Mass for Michael Thomas Greenalgh, aged 59 of Stafford Road, Monton.

### Saturday 14 November

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### Sunday 15 November Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**World Communications Day.**  
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10.00am "Zoom Mass"

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## Prayer During the Lockdown.

The bishops have asked that during the lockdown there is a **national shared moment of prayer** each day at 6.00pm and make the Vigil of Christ the King (Saturday 21 November) a day of prayer for the ending of the pandemic.

They have also asked that there be generous opportunities for private prayer in our churches. And so, during this time, I would like to open up our churches for private prayer once again.

It would be good if we were able to do this in Saint Mark's Monday and Friday 10.00am-12.00noon and in Saint Charles Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00am - 12.00noon.

However, this will require stewarding for half hour or hour slots, otherwise it will not be possible. SO, if existing stewards or anyone else that might be willing to do this, could let me have your names and availability, I can then see how feasible this is and we can begin next week.

## Hope in the Future Prayer Cycle

This week we pray for Our Lady and St. Joseph parish Heywood, and for Fr. Paul Daly and Fr. Bob Hayes. We pray for the parish primary schools and for Holy Family Roman Catholic and Church of England College. May the parish strive always to live by God's wisdom that does not grow dim.

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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/](http://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 email [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

## The Needs of the Moment.

*It has been heartening* to see the many voluntary initiatives in our communities during these difficult times. Volunteers hold together our society in so many ways and contribute the equivalent of millions of pounds in hours given.

*Our church communities also rely on volunteer generosity* of time and talent. I am impressed by how that is the reality of our parish community.

**New areas of need constantly manifest themselves as we develop and grow as a parish. Currently we are in real need in two areas.**

**Firstly in stewarding.** This involves managing seating, movement and other protocols that we now have to adhere to. This is not only for Mass but also now for Funerals. If you can let me have your name and contact details it would be good.

**Secondly, we have a real need for more catechists.**

The ones that deal with the children of Saint Charles school are always in need of further support. But now we will require even more as we develop a parish based Sacramental Programme for the children of Saint Mary's and Saint Mark's schools.

**We also need catechists to support Sister Anna** who will be coordinating the Confirmation preparation of our children.

**Could this be you?** You don't need professional teaching skills, just the willingness to share something of your own faith with the help of others and the materials provided.

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Contact: 07434513732

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