



The Roman Catholic Parish of

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**STAY WITH US LORD ON OUR JOURNEY**

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

## TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

**MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> September**

*Weekday*

10.00 NO Word & Communion

**TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> September**

*Saint Cosmas and Saint Damian,  
Martyrs*

10.00 MASS followed by coffee  
morning

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> September**

*Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*  
19.30 NO UCM Meeting

**THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> September**

*Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr*

10.00 MASS

11.00 Pensioners Club

**FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> September**

*Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and  
Saint Raphael, Archangels*

10.00 MASS

**SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> September**

*Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor  
of the Church*

11.00 MASS

11.30 Confessions & Exposition

12.00 Benediction

18.00 Confessions

18.30 First MASS of Sunday

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> October**

*26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9.00 MASS

11.30 MASS



## THE WORD THIS WEEK

We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's

thought are not our thoughts. "Why be envious, because I am generous?"

## HARVEST SUNDAY

This Sunday we pray for the Harvest, especially remembering people in parts of the world where the success of the harvest is a matter of life and death. We pray that we may never take for granted the food on the shelves of our shops and supermarkets, and pray for all who work to provide the food we eat.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Many thanks to those people who attended our Christmas Fair planning meeting and those who have also agreed to help out. The fair will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November and will be similar to last year with more games and stalls for children. As always, we need help from parishioners. Please have a

think if there is something you could donate that would make a good **raffle prize**. We are also looking for **Lucky Dip gifts** – buy something worth about £1-2, gift wrapped (labelling it “man”, “Woman”, “Boy” or “Girl”) and drop it off at Church as soon as possible. Later on we will be asking for bottles, cakes and chocolates. Please be as generous as you always are! The next planning meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m. Please come along if you want to help with the planning or can help on the day.

*We are offering a couple of stalls for hire to traders, but they must be Christmas themed: if you are interested, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.*

## **HOPE IN THE FUTURE**

Following on from the consultation and the announcing of changes in the Diocese, we are now about to enter a new phase. Bishop John has called this “Hope in the Future”, and the goal is to assist each parish in the Diocese celebrate, deepen and develop as a missionary community. The image being used is that of Saint Francis of Assisi, who was asked by Jesus to “re-build my Church.” On the

feast of Saint Francis (October 4<sup>th</sup>) Bishop John will be gathering with priests and representatives from every parish in the Diocese to launch this new process, after which materials will be brought back to the parish to help us think about our missionary activity. We will also be given a copy of the ‘San Damiano Cross’ which spoke to Saint Francis. Much more on this to follow – watch this space!

## **HARVEST FAST DAY**

A week on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, is the annual CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Envelopes and more information about this next week!

## **MASS FOR THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE CARE**

Marriage Care helps couples and individuals to build and sustain strong, fulfilling healthy relationships, as well as providing counselling support in times of relationship difficulty. And they have been doing this for 70 years this year! To celebrate this anniversary there will be a Mass at Salford Cathedral. This is an important opportunity to celebrate Marriage, Family and Service. All Welcome! *Cathedral of St John, Chapel*

*Street, Salford, M3 5LE on Sunday 1st October at 1pm*

## **SOUTH MANCHESTER MARIAN PROCESSION**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am starting at Saint Edward’s Church, 13 Thurloe Street, Manchester. Everyone is invited to this celebration of our faith! Bishop John will be walking. If you are interested in volunteering as carrier, marshal or first-aider, please come along to one of the preparation meetings which will be held on two available dates: 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 p.m. or 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2.00 p.m. at St Edward’s Parish Hall. For more information please ring 0161 2242589 or email [marianprocession@gmail.com](mailto:marianprocession@gmail.com)

## **NEW WEBSITE**

As you can see from the banner at the top of the page, we have a new website with a new address: [www.rcradcliffe.com](http://www.rcradcliffe.com).

Every week you can download the Parish Newsletter, and check out the weekly diary. There are also new sections on celebrating the Sacraments (such as baptisms and weddings) which you may want to point out to people making enquiries. *Please also note that we*

have a new email address:  
[office@rcradcliffe.com](mailto:office@rcradcliffe.com)

## 400 CLUB!

The next draw takes place at 6.30 p.m. Mass next Saturday 7th October. The agents will be available before and after Masses this weekend for people to pay or to join up if you wish!

## THANK YOU FOR ...

Last week's Collection:

£479.64

+ Standing Orders (weekly average): £167.00

= **Total £646.64**

## NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

*Matthew 21:28-32*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to

you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

## FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Flowers in church this week are in memory of Bernard Waite. Please remember this intention in your prayers.

## IN YOUR PRAYERS

### VICTIMS OF DISASTERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

**OUR DEANERY:** This week we pray for the priest and people of Guardian Angels, Bury.

**OUR NATIONAL INTENTIONS:** We pray especially for: Students and Teachers; the Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; prisoners and their Families.

**OUR SICK:** Darrell Wild, Brenda Lynch, Philomena Brennan, Vincent Fox, Pat Fox, June Bradshaw, Monica Hart, Margaret Spencer,


Anna Morrow, Rose Murray, Bernard Tonge, Philip Williams, Moira Beardwood, Tony Riley, Alice Scholes, Michael Tonge, Barbara Kirkbright, Mark White, Eileen Watmough, Dominic Reddington, Frank Lynch, Susan Harwood, Pauline Penswick.

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS

**WEEK:** Agnes Breen, Mary Eardley, Peter Lawson, Sheila Conway, Mary Sweeting, Hilda McGuinness, Philip Belton, Mary Patricia Goodwill, Patrick Brady, Roland Christian, Madeline Rooney, Mary Marshall, Rudolph Bernard Jagla, Simon Eckersley, Patrick Bernard Shaw, Paula Buckley, Agnes Breen, James Shaw, Josefina Laczko, Mary Jane Cullen, Leslie Dawber, Thomas Brannelly, Catherine Hawley, Frank Turner, Irene Aston, Mary McLean, Leonard Vernon, Mark Bridges, Sheila Conway, Margaret Ellam, Angela Simkiss, Albert Treacy, Lawrence Healy, Eileen Elizabeth Pinder, Joseph Mills, Bernard Beasley, Paul Edwards, Charley Lowe, John Killeen, Easter Riley, William Winterburn, George Yeo, Jacqueline Jones, John Smith, Audrey Adams.



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## WELCOME TO SAINT MARY'S: INFORMATION TO HELP YOU

**HARD OF HEARING?** There is an Induction Loop System installed in this Church: if you wear a hearing aid, please turn it to the 'T' setting.

**WHEELCHAIR** spaces are available on the left side of church, near the back, near the statue of Our Lady and at the top end by the emergency exit.

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS**  
Everyone is very welcome to stay behind after Mass and share a cuppa! Tea and Coffee are served in the Atrium straight after all Masses.

**TOILETS**  
Ladies and Gents are located in the Atrium: we also have disabled facilities with a baby change unit. Please leave toilets clean and tidy after use. Thank you.

The **PARISH OFFICE** is open Tuesday & Thursday (8.00-12 Noon) Friday 08.00—11.30 but please check in advance if you intend to call in. *Father James is not available on Mondays: in an emergency*

*please contact a neighbouring Parish.*

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

At every Sunday Mass we offer the Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is for children of Primary School age (i.e. who have started in Reception): they start Mass with their families and friends, and then will be invited by the priest to go out with leaders into the Atrium, where they will listen to and reflect on the Bible readings before joining us again for the second half of Mass.

### CHILDRENS' CHAPEL

Through the round window in Church you can see the Children's Chapel, a space specially designed for pre-school children, to allow them (and their families) to relax a little during Mass. The room is soundproof, so the odd bit of noise in there won't disturb anyone! When you take the children in, please help them to have an experience of being at church, using the books and toys provided, and following the Mass. Please

ensure that children are not left unaccompanied in the Chapel, and please leave it tidy for the next Mass. To get into the Children's Chapel, go through the door in the corner of the Atrium.

### THE SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS** are by appointment: please collect one of the Information forms from the porch for details of what is required and the next steps in the process.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** please call the Presbytery to ask for this Sacrament. It should not be left until the last minute, but the sick should celebrate this sacrament to receive God's help, healing and comfort.

**MARRIAGE** is by appointment. Please take an information leaflet, and return the tear off portion to arrange a pre-Nuptial interview. Please do not make bookings before this interview, and note that six months' notice is required (exceptions cannot be made to this.)