



The Roman Catholic Parish of

SAINT MARY AND SAINT PHILIP NERI

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STAY WITH US LORD ON OUR JOURNEY

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 13th February

Weekday (Shrove Tuesday)
10.00 MASS followed by Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 14th February

ASH WEDNESDAY
(Day of Fasting and Abstinence)

09.30 MASS
18.30 MASS
19.30 NO UCM Meeting

THURSDAY 15th February

Lent Weekday
09.30 Funeral MASS of Collette Kay
11.00 Pensioners Club

FRIDAY 16th February

Lent Weekday
09.30 Funeral MASS of Ann Marie Gilmore

SATURDAY 17th February

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

11.00 MASS
11.30 Confessions & Exposition
12.00 Benediction
18.00 Confessions
18.30 First MASS of Sunday

SUNDAY 18th February

1st Sunday of Lent
9.00 MASS
11.30 MASS

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2018 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)



THE WORD THIS WEEK

Thankfully, we do not encounter leprosy in our culture. It can therefore be difficult to enter into the real depth of today's readings. We have to understand that leprosy meant exclusion, rejection and the end of "normal" life. For your leprosy to be cured would be like being given a second chance at life. What is the cause of exclusion and rejection in our society – or even in the Church? Who are those who must "live apart"? And how can we put into effect in our day those most touching of the words of

Jesus, when asked if he wants to cure the leper: "Of course I want to!"? Contemplating exclusion and rejection in our world can be hard work: Saint Paul guides the way: the Christian path is not to work "for my own advantage, but for the advantage of everybody else".



LENT

Lent begins next week. Ash Wednesday is 14th February, and there are Masses with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 9.30 and 18.30.

SECOND CHANCE RAFFLE

Many thanks for your donations. Please have a look at the prizes available on the table in the atrium. Tickets are £1 per strip and all proceeds go to the building fund. The Raffle will be drawn at the Coffee Morning on Tuesday 6th March, so make sure you get your tickets before then!

400 CLUB

Last week's winner of the £100 prize was Maureen Tonge, congratulations. If you would like to join the club please have a word with one of the agents before or after Mass.

GIVING IT UP FOR LENT



As you know, Lent is our annual season of self-examination, improvement and renewal. One of the key elements of the Season is "GIVING UP" – but every year I invite people to think a little bit more broadly about this. Giving up chocolates or sweets are fine, but are there other things that control our lives, that perhaps we could use Lent to see whether we could live without them? I rather scared our altar servers last weekend with the

suggestion that they give up their mobile phones for Lent! But this should make us think: could I give up Netflix, or Facebook, or Amazon for Lent? Could I give up using the car – at least for some journeys! Or perhaps give up a favourite TV programme (and no cheating with catch up after Easter!) "Giving up" can be about a lot more than food or drink – have a think about what you would struggle to give up, and then in prayer ask why that is so. More on Lent next week, but remember your Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and your Ashes on Wednesday!

THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES ...

... will take place this summer in Dublin 21st-26th August. Pope Francis has chosen DUBLIN to host the largest international gathering of families in the world. Bishop John wishes to invite people from our Diocese to accompany him to take part in the gathering at which, it is anticipated, Pope Francis will be present. In particular, families, married couples, parishioners involved in marriage preparation and support, may wish to join us. Travelling by luxury coach, with six nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the 4*

Plaza Hotel, the trip included attendance at the three day congress and tickets for the Festival of Families and the Final Mass which, it is expected, Pope Francis will celebrate. Cost: £690 per person (£500 for children 4-12). (A single room supplement is payable). For further information or to book/express an interest, email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or contact Fr Paul Daly on 01706 369777 or at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford St, Salford, M3 6DP.

WALSINGHAM

This year's Pilgrimage will take place from Thursday 3rd – Sunday 6th May. Booking forms are now available for those interested in going. After the death of Betty Boland, who organized the pilgrimage for more than forty years, a new team is handling things: for more information or to get a booking form please speak to Marie Rawsthorne, Mabel Birmingham or Leo Fawcett (07762 101544).

THINKING OF A GAP YEAR?

We're *Just Youth*, a youth ministry project based in Salford run by the Spiritans, and we work with thousands of children and young

people across the north west of England every year. We are looking for **volunteers between the ages of 18—26** to join our diverse team in Salford this summer. We are looking for young people who are enthusiastic, creative, and willing to make a difference in the world. If you're fresh out of college or Uni, why not rise up to the challenge and take a gap year with us? Make your year *really* count. Email us for more information at admin@justyouth.co.uk and why not visit our website <http://www.justyouth.co.uk> as well.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

There will be no flowers in Church throughout Lent, but donations for Easter Flowers can be made: please place your offering in an envelope with the intention and marked "Easter Flowers".

IN YOUR PRAYERS

LATELY DEAD: Colette Kay, Anne Marie Gilmore.



OUR DEANERY: This week we pray for the priest and people

of Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich.

OUR NATIONAL INTENTIONS: We pray especially for: Candidates for the Sacraments; the Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

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, Mark White, Eileen Watmough, Dominic Reddington, Susan Harwood, Pauline Penswick, Sheila DeLahunty, Benito D'Amore.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Margaret M. Watmough, Annie Wilson, Walter Eckersall, Hannah Williamson, Robert Joseph Kinsella, Edward Frain, Joe McIntyre, Margaret Ann Crabtree, Albert Restall, Michelle McLaughlin, Francis Owens, William Redford, John Gregory, Matthew Smith, Terence Sandiford, Joseph Dooher, Annie Teresa Boyle, Catherine Barrington, Patrick John Gilmore, Martin Boyle, Michael Mullin, Henry Hesketh, Mary Bernadette

Lynch, Kathleen Harris, Anthony Kinney, Anthony Hughes, Isobel Pilkington, Mary Doyle, Joanne Iris Turner, Kathleen Harris, Clarence Peter Rimmer, Reg Lawler, Nora Krafft, Thomas Timothy, Arthur Garvin, Joanne Marie Howarth, John Harding.

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15



The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

THANK YOU FOR ...

Last week's Collection:

£493.32

+ Standing Orders (weekly average): £167.00

= Total £660.32

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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.*

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.)

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.