



The Roman Catholic Parish of

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STAY WITH US LORD ON OUR JOURNEY

SUNDAY 17th JUNE 2018 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

MONDAY 18th June

Weekday

10.00 NO Word & Communion

TUESDAY 19th June

Saint Romuald, Abbot

10.00 MASS followed by Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 20th June

Saint Alban, Martyr

19.30 UCM Meeting

THURSDAY 21st June

Saint Aloysius, Gonzaga

10.00 MASS

11.00 Pensioners Club

FRIDAY 22nd June

Ss John Fisher & Thomas More

10.00 MASS

SATURDAY 23rd June

Saint Etheldreda (Audrey)

11.00 MASS

11.30 Confessions & Exposition

12.00 Benediction

18.00 Confessions

18.30 First MASS of Sunday

SUNDAY 24th June

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

9.00 MASS

11.30 MASS

THE WORD THIS WEEK

How does a tree grow? The scientists can give us their answers, but the miracle of life on our earth, in all its dazzling complexity and variety is exactly that - a miracle. God is responsible for the miracle of Nature and growth - how, we don't know, but we accept God's guiding hand as a fact of our faith. This mysterious growth in Nature is used as a parable today, for the life of the Church and the Kingdom of God. Just as a seed, planted and watered, turns by miraculous processes into something different and bigger and beautiful, so the seed of the Gospel will grow into something else, by some means we can never fully understand. And that is the grace of God, encouraging, prompting and helping all men and women of good will to swell the coming Kingdom of our God.

DAY FOR LIFE

This Sunday 17th June is the Day for Life in the Catholic Church in England And Wales. This year's theme is Human Trafficking. Please take a card from the atrium alerting people how to recognise and react to signs of human trafficking. We will also be taking a second collection for the Day for Life, for the promotion of the dignity of the human person.

WORLD CUP

You are probably all be aware that the football World Cup started last Thursday! We are holding a competition for a bit of fun and to raise money for the Church Building Fund. The competition is to **guess the total number of goals scored in the cup**. There are 64 matches in all and the total will include any goals scored as a result of a penalty shoot-out. Entries cost

£1 each – buy a ticket this weekend, fill in your guess and your details, and return it by 12.30 p.m. next Sunday 24th June. First prize is whisky for an adult, vouchers if it's a youngster!

Also, if anyone is hosting any parties or barbecues during matches please have a little think if there is something you could do that would raise some money for the Building Fund through that as well!

UCM CANOPY SALE

The UCM are holding their annual canopy sale at the bandstand in Radcliffe next **Friday 22nd June**, all proceeds toward the building fund. Help is **URGENTLY** needed with the **transport of tables from Church to the bandstand and back later in the day. Can anyone with a van or suitable vehicle help with this?** If you can help then please give your details to the Parish Office. Help is also needed setting up at 7.30 a.m. and throughout the day. Any goods for sale can be brought down to the stand on the day.

RADCLIFFE TOWNS-WOMEN'S GUILD

Are holding an afternoon strawberry cream tea on Wednesday 27 June 2018 at

2.00 p.m. to which all are invited. Please see notice board for full details.

GIFT AID DONORS

If you have made donations in the financial year April 2017-2018 and gift-aided them, there is a letter for you to collect from the box on the table in the Atrium. This details your donations and the gift-aid claimed back. If anything is incorrect please follow the instructions in the letter.

SCHOOL 40th ANNIVERSARY

This June we are celebrating 40 years since the opening of Saint Mary's RC Primary, in June 1978. School would like to invite any past staff, parents, pupils and parishioners to a tea party on Thursday 28th June at 1.30 p.m.

400 CLUB

The next draw takes place at 6.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday 7th July. There are numbers available and if you would like to join please speak to one of the agents after Mass.

LONELINESS

Loneliness is an issue of our time. Newspaper reports from earlier this year sug-

gest we are facing a loneliness epidemic. According to a recent study by the Red Cross, more than nine million adults in the UK are often or always lonely. As we become older it can become harder to make friends or time and distance means we see people less. But loneliness is not dictated to by age. Many of our younger people are living in a world defined by likes, shares and re-tweets. Recent studies have shown that those who spend a large proportion of time on Social Media are more likely to suffer from low esteem and anxiety. The platforms that were designed to connect, are now adding to feelings of isolation or provide pressure to conform or appear popular. The first step to end loneliness is to show we care. That is why the Diocese of Salford, along with Caritas, are supporting the "Loneliness Connects Us Seminar", on 23rd June, at St Michael's Hall, Whitefield. The aim is to raise the awareness of loneliness, by participating and creating an environment where young and older people and professionals in health care, can share ideas and create projects to End Loneliness. To attend, apply at lonelinessconnects@gmail.com

IN YOUR PRAYERS

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

As a Diocese united in prayer we pray for the parish of Saint Bernadette, Withington, with Father Colin Wright, and the parish of Saint Bernard, Burnage with Monsignor Michael Kujacz and Father John Coe. We remember all the young people and staff in their parish primary schools and Loreto High School as well as the Marist Sisters.

On this day for life we pray that our parishes may be beacons of hope promoting the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

LATELY DEAD: Alan Wall, Fr David Foster.

OUR NATIONAL INTENTIONS: We pray especially for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Seafarers; Human Life.

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, Tony Riley, Michael Tonge, Mark White, Eileen Watmough, Dominic Reddington, Pauline Penswick, Sheila Delahunty,

Joan Wardle, Joseph Roan-tree, Joseph Scully.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS

WEEK: Raymond Burke, Luke Eckersley, Frances Patricia Muggerridge, Daniel Michael Ford, Alan Mercer, Matthew James Jenkinson, Steven Dawber, David Hawley, Steven Cooper, Catherine Duffy, Patrick Flaherty, Michael Russell, Ernest Jones, Kelli Bender, Michele McPhee, Catherine Henry, Michael O'Brien, Brian Barlow, Kathleen (Kitty) Harrison, Father Michael Cahill, Martha Hornby, Rose Green, Anthony Joseph Parkinson, Ron Rogerson, Elizabeth Anne Henry, Anthony McGuinness, Joseph Walmsley, David Fitzpatrick, Jim Flynn, Eliza De Rose, Lillian McDonald, Michael Fox, Brian Braidon, David Watt, Mary Dalley, Stanley Needham, Jean Evans, Helen Smith, Thomas Wardle.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation towards flowers in Church in memory of a loved one, please place in an envelope with the details and hand into the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 21st June and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd July.

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

Luke 1:57-66.80

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy. Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. Meanwhile the child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

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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.)