



The Roman Catholic Parish of

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STAY WITH US LORD ON OUR JOURNEY

SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2018

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

MONDAY 24th September

Our Lady of Walsingham

10.00 Word & Communion

TUESDAY 25th September

Weekday

10.00 MASS followed by *Coffee Morning*

WEDNESDAY 26th September

Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

10.00 MASS followed by *School Mac-Millan Coffee Morning*

19.30 UCM Meeting

THURSDAY 27th September

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

11.00 Pensioners Club

18.30 MASS

FRIDAY 28th September

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr

10.00 MASS

SATURDAY 29th September

Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

18.00 Confessions

18.30 First MASS of Sunday

SUNDAY 30th September

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 MASS

11.30 MASS

THE WORD THIS WEEK



The tone of the Gospel begins to grow darker: Jesus is now on his way to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested and killed. Despite this, both this week and next week, there is a lighter contrast in the children that Jesus welcomes and blesses. Perhaps this tells us something about Jesus and his mission: despite the gathering clouds, (and possibly even because of that) he is still the manifestation of God's love for all his children, a love that will be most clearly displayed when he faces that death for our sake. There is one quite chilling phrase which links these together, in the first reading, where the plotters against the good man say "Let us test him with cruelty and torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his." The cold calculation of this is not far

removed from the plotting of those who saw in Jesus a threat to their positions - with all his purity of worship and faith, with all his "reproaches for our breaches of the law". There is indeed a storm gathering. But the last line of the first reading, though meant mockingly, will come true: "God will look after him - we have his word for it." And three days after his death he will rise again.

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 supermarkets, and pray for all who work to provide the food we eat.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Last week's collection raised £182.87. Many thanks for your generosity.

JIGSAW SALE

Graham Hadfield is organising another jigsaw sale to take place next weekend 30th September. If you can

donate any jigsaws (with all their pieces!), please bring them to church marked "G Hadfield." Thank you!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Saint Mary's Primary School are hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care in the Atrium next Wednesday 26th September, starting immediately after 10.00 a.m. Mass and going on to 12.30 p.m. Everyone is very welcome.

UCM

The UCM trip to see the Terracotta Army exhibition in Liverpool is almost upon us. There are still some places on the coach; if you would like to go please speak to Iris Turner on 0161 796 0181.

JOB VACANCY

Saint Mary's Primary School is advertising for a School Business Manager: there is a copy of the advertisement on the noticeboard and more information and application packs are available from J.Travis@bury.gov.uk

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thanks to all who have put their names on the "sign up" list on the table in the Atrium – there are still some gaps, so if you can help out in any way, please add your name as soon as possible.

MARIAN PROCESSION

Everyone is invited to this celebration of our faith, which has become an annual tradition! Bishop John will lead

the walk, which starts from St Edward's Church, 13 Thurloe Street, Manchester, M14 5SG on Saturday 6th October 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

COMING UP ...

To help with raising the total for our Building Fund repayments this year, we have a couple of Parish Social events coming up: on Thursday 18th October there will be a Concert given by Radcliffe Brass Band and Saint Mary's School Choir (tickets will be available soon); then on Friday 9th November we are holding a new type of event - "A Taste of the Philippines", an evening meal for parishioners hosted by some of our Filipino members. Watch this space, and look forward to these Parish social nights!

"HEALING THROUGH COMMUNITY"

The Diocese of Salford has launched a ground-breaking new partnership called 'Healing Through Community.' We will be working together with Survivors Manchester and Manchester Rape Crisis to provide help and practical support to those who are dealing with the impact of abuse. This new partnership is evidence of our joint commitment to supporting survivors of abuse, wherever they are, and wherever the abuse happened. We collectively recognise that communities feel the pain, alongside individuals, and whilst abuse happens isolation-healing very much happens in communities. If you would like to access the support on offer you can call the National Male Survivor Helpline on

0808 800 5005, Manchester Rape Crisis on 0161 273 4500 or the Diocese of Salford on 0161 817 2206.

VOLUNTEERS

The temptation when we see that word can so often be "That means someone else!" But if we all left volunteering to "someone else", nothing would ever get done! We have been very blessed here at Saint Mary's with many very generous souls over the years, who have freely given of their time and skills. But as time moves on, people quite rightly decide it is time for a rest, and retire from their roles. This leaves gaps that need to be filled! At the moment, we particularly need volunteers to help with the **Thursday Pensioners Club, Refreshments** after Saturday night/Sunday Masses, and **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. If you are interested, or have questions and would like to help out, please have a word with Fr James (before Mass please!) or with the Parish Office.

LOOP SYSTEM

At the moment the loop system in Church is not working: engineers are booked in to look at it but they cannot get here for a few weeks. Please bear with us at this time.

400 CLUB

The next draw takes place at 6.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday 6th October. New members booklets for 2019-2020 are being produced and will be available soon. We have around 30 members who haven't paid for over 6 months. If you no longer wish to be a member please let us know. The new booklets

for these won't be produced, and towards the end of the year these numbers will be made available for others to join.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

Let us pray for the people of the parishes of Saint Ann and Saint Hugh of Lincoln, Stretford, with Father Murphy. We pray for the Faithful Companions of Jesus, for the parish primary schools and for Saint Anthony's College.

May we strive to live according to the wisdom that comes from above.

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

OUR SICK: Angela Gaughran, Darrell Wild, Brenda Lynch, Philomena Brennan, Vincent Fox, Pat Fox, 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 Roantree, Joseph Scully, Tia Tagget.

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.

POPE FRANCIS



The Holy Father has written another letter called "Gaudete et Exsultate – on the call to holiness in the

modern world." We will be publishing extracts from it over the next few months.

19. A Christian cannot think of his or her mission on earth without seeing it as a path of holiness, for "this is the will of God, your sanctification" (1 Thess 4:3). Each saint is a mission, planned by the Father to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, a certain aspect of the Gospel.

23. This is a powerful summons to all of us. You too need to see the entirety of your life as a mission. Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recog-

nizing the signs that he gives you. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world.

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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WELCOME TO SAINT MARY'S: INFORMATION TO HELP YOU

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.)

PRACTICAL NOTES

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.*

SVP CONFRATERNITY

The Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Confraternity exists to offer practical help to those in need, especially the sick and housebound. If you know of someone who needs such help, please contact the Parish Office.