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STAY WITH US LORD ON OUR JOURNEY

SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2018

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

MONDAY 12th November

Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr 10.00 Word & Communion followed by SVP Meeting

TUESDAY 13th November

Weekday 10.00 MASS followed by Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 14th November Weekday NO MASS this week 19.30 UCM Meeting

THURSDAY 15th NovemberSaint Albert the Great11.00Pensioners Club18.30MASS followed byChristmas Fair Meeting

FRIDAY 16th November

Saint Edmund of Abingdon 10.00 MASS

SATURDAY 17th November

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary 11.00 MASS 11.30 Confessions and Exposition 12.00 Benediction 18.00 Confessions 18.30 First MASS of Sunday

SUNDAY 18th November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00 MASS 11.30 MASS

THE WORD THIS WEEK

God does not have favourites, Saint Paul tells us, but God always makes a special place for the poor, and those whom society would

push into second place. In the traditions of Israel God invited the people to have special care for the widows and orphans - so the story we hear in today's Gospel would have a particular resonance. The paradox of Christian faith is this: in giving, we receive. Christ gave everything, sacrificing his very life, and in return received a new and unending life. The widow in the first reading gave her last food for the prophet Elijah, and in return received an endless supply. This is a challenge to us in our turn: what are we invited or asked to give, and in what spirit will we do so, and what will be our reward?

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This Sunday, 11th November, is Remembrance Sunday a day when we offer prayers for all victims of war, as we also celebrate our remembrance of those whose generous sacrifices have

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ensured the freedom, safety and survival of so many others. This year is particularly significant as it is the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. At 2.00 p.m. this afternoon of the 11th November there is a performance at Saint Luke's RC Church, Irlams o'th' Height. Please see the notice board for full details.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT SALFORD CATHEDRAL

As part of the national day of remembrance, there will be Solemn Vespers at 6.30 p.m., followed at 6.55 p.m. by the Last Post: buglers will sound the Last Post at more than 1,000 locations, where at 7.00 p.m. WW1 Beacons of Light will be lit in a tribute signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of four years of war. The day will end at 7.05pm where the bell of Salford Cathedral will ring out for 15 minutes, along with bells in over 1,000 churches and cathedrals throughout the land, in celebration of the end of the First World War and in commemoration of the millions that either died home or returned dreadfully wounded, during or after the war



ended on 11th November 1918. A special exhibition launched in November 2017, which is dedicated to the approximate 8,000 men from the Diocese of Salford who sacrificed their lives during the Great War, is still on display in the Cathedral until this Sunday.

REMEMBRANCE CONCERT

Blackburn and Darwen Brass Band are hosting a special 'centenary' concert at the Longfield Suite, Prestwich, next Friday 16th November at 7.30 p.m. tickets, including light refreshments, are £12 from either the venue (0161 253 7227 or Terry Johnson 01706 226504.

CHRISTMAS FAIR MEETING

Could all volunteers who can please come down to Church on Thursday after Mass for a planning meeting – many thanks.

400 CLUB

The winning number in last week's draw was 320, congratulations to the winner Monica Coles. Please collect you prize from one of the agents. The next draw takes place at 11.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 2nd December. New members booklets for 2019-2020 are now available from the agents. 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.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Next Sunday is the second World Day for the poor, asked for by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. It is a day when everyone in the Church throughout the whole world is invited to think about the ways in which we serve those who are poor, whether on our own streets or far away. More on this next week.

A TASTE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Thank you to everyone who attended last Friday, and special thanks to the Duenas family and all the other helpers who worked so hard. More details in next week's newsletter!

FIRST COMMUNIONS 2019

We are now beginning registration for First Holy Communions next year. If your child is baptised and in Year 3 or above, but not at Saint Mary's School, please contact the Parish Office for a Registration Form and information sheet as soon as possible, The deadline for registrations is Sunday 25th November.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS FAIR

As always we need help from parishioners to make our Fair a success! Please have a think if there is something you could donate: we need the following:

- □ Raffle Prizes
- □ Lucky Dip Gifts
- □ Bottles (alcohol preferred!)
- Jewellery
- □ Chocolates
- □ Second Hand Books

"Lucky Dip Gifts" are something worth about £1-2, gift wrapped (labelling it

'man', 'woman', 'boy' or 'girl') "Jewellery" means costume jewellery, in good clean condition! "Books" means just books, no CDs or DVDs please. **Raffle Tickets are now available – please take some away this week to sell to family and friends!** PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU AL-WAYS ARE FOR THE FAIR! Donations should be left under the table in the Atrium.

UCM EVENTS

The UCM have 2 upcoming events: -Rosalee Gibbon from Caritas will be giving a talk about Cornerstone to the UCM, in the Atrium next Wednesday 14th November from 7.30 pm, all are welcome to come along to support us, there will be a collection and a Raffle with proceeds going to Cornerstone. Also on the 5th December UCM will hold a "Good Condition and Accessories Bring and Buy" - you may find your Christmas outfit there! Again it's in the Atrium from 7.30 p.m. with all proceeds going to the building fund.

LUKE - A COMPANION ON OUR JOURNEY

We will be hearing The Gospel according to Luke at Sunday Mass for much of the coming year, starting in Advent. Fr Chris Lough will lead an introduction to this beautiful Gospel and its companion volume, the Acts of the Apostles, outlining some of the main themes and ideas to look out for over the coming weeks and months. There will also be an opportunity to work in a relaxed way with some of the wonderful stories that St Luke sets before us. Wednesday 21 November 2018; St Anne's Parish Hall, 1537 Ashton Old Road, Higher Openshaw, Manchester M11 1GR from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. All welcome. Refreshments available from 7.00 pm. There is no charge for the evening. Ample parking. Bus 219 stops at the door. Contact: <u>Christopher.lough@dioceseofsalford.org.uk</u> or 0161 370 1615

QUARANT'ORE AT THE HIDDEN GEM

From Tuesday 20th to Saturday 24th November there will be a special time of prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's, the Hidden Gem, in Manchester. Quarant'ore, Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, starts on Tuesday with Morning Prayer at 10.00 a.m. and concludes on Saturday with Solemn Closing Mass at 5.15 p.m. During this time of prayer there will also be the opportunity each day for confessions. Please see the diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk for further details and a copy of the programme for the four days.

BURY RED DOOR

Calling all Co-op members!! Please choose the Caritas Homeless Project: Bury Red Door for your 1% when spending on selected own-brand products and services, via the Co-op Local Community Fund. For more info on the scheme, please visit https://causes.coop.co.uk/

IN YOUR PRAYERS HOPE IN THE FUTURE

Let us pray for the parishes of Saint Mary, Radcliffe, and Saint Teresa, Little Lever, with Father Manock, their parish priest, and for the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Gregory the Great, Farnworth, with Father Kelly, their parish priest. We pray for the chaplaincy to the Bolton Royal Hospital, for the parishes' primary schools, and for Mount Saint Joseph's High School.

May all that we do give praise to the Lord.

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.

LATELY DEAD: Geraldine Cunningham.

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: Sheila Veronica McCormack, Anne Mary Sugg, Dorothy Mary Senior, James Rawlinson, John McIlroy, Nancy Fentam, Father John Mussely, Joseph Parkinson, Antoinette Paul, Catherine Bailey, Elaine Hood, Emmie Mercer, Catherine Beryl Shadwick, Filomena Guardascione, Ann Elizabeth Valerie Braiden, Helen Theresa Haxton, Peter Fitzgerald, Gino Azzini, Thomas Bradell, Margaret Duddridge, Stanley Clayton, Carmine D'Amore, Andreas Schyschyko, Harold Robinson Clapperton, Alan Owen, Jessie Margaret Hood, Philomena Rushworth, Florence Fox, Mary Isabel Skelly, Francis William Robinson, Charles Watson, Pat McGuinness, Nancy Fentem, Barbara Kirkbright, Thomas Meek, Albert Crowshaw, Pamela Fisher, Joan Ward, Darrill William Holroyd, Caroline Porter, Joseph Kelly, Isabella Mary Nicholson, Amy Topping, Vincent Flynn, Mary Ellen Brady.

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things

MANY THANKS FOR...

Sunday Collection (28 October) £463.42 Standing Orders £162.00 TOTAL: £625.42

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will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words

will not pass away. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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.