



The Roman Catholic Parish of

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STAY WITH US LORD ON OUR JOURNEY

SUNDAY 13th JANUARY 2019

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

MONDAY 14th January

Weekday

10.00 Word & Communion

TUESDAY 15th January

Weekday

09.30 Funeral MASS of Vincenzo Scotto
Di Freca followed by *Coffee Morning*

WEDNESDAY 16th January

Weekday

10.00 *No Morning MASS*

11.00 Funeral service of Beryl Eckersall
[19.30 NO UCM Meeting]

THURSDAY 17th January

Saint Anthony

11.00 Pensioners Club

18.30 MASS

19.00 First Communion Meeting

FRIDAY 18th January

Weekday

10.00 MASS

SATURDAY 19th January

Saint Wulstan

12.30 Baptisms

18.00 Confessions

18.30 First MASS of Sunday

SUNDAY 20th January

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 MASS

11.30 MASS

14.00 First Communion Meeting



THE WORD THIS WEEK

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: This is my Son, the Beloved. On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come

to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

ADVENT APPEAL 2018

Our appeal to build toilets for people in the developing world is almost over – the last chance will be this Sunday, after which we will be able to reveal the final toilet total! Many thanks to everyone who has contributed, and especially to those who have “twinned” their own loos at home!

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Our first celebration in the First Holy Communion Program this year is at Masses this weekend, where we welcome another group of children onto the journey that leads to them receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time in May. The children and their families are being encouraged to attend Mass here every week in this period, so please give them a warm welcome! The journey begins today with a recollection of Baptism, when our children (and all of us!) first became members of the family of the Church and relatives of Jesus. As we

celebrate the Baptism of the Lord we give thanks for our baptism, which opens to us the gift of salvation brought by Jesus coming into our world. *Parents please note that our second meetings (for parents and children) are next week on Thursday 17th at 7.00 p.m. or Sunday 20th at 2.00 p.m.*

FATHER CURRAN

Next Thursday, 17th January, marks the 20th anniversary of the Death of Father Curran who served as our parish priest for 30 years between 1965 and 1995. Please pray for him and for all our deceased priests.

WALSINGHAM

Every year a group from our parish make the pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady in Walsingham in Norfolk. It is a relaxing break, with time for walks, quiet, meals together and socialising, as well as Masses and guided reflections. Everyone is welcome. This year's pilgrimage will take place from 30th May - 2nd June. Booking forms are now available from Marie Rawsthorne (0161 723 3634) or Leo Fawcett (07762 101544).

ENGAGED COUPLES



Once again this year Bishop John invites all couples getting married in our

churches in 2019 (as well as any couples who are preparing for marriage outside the Diocese) to a Service of Blessing which will take place on Saturday 9th February at the Cathedral at

3.00 p.m. The date is chosen for its proximity to the Feast of Saint Valentine. All engaged couples, family and friends are invited to attend.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

If you are celebrating the 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2019 and would like to receive a blessing in Church, please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible!

CARITAS SUNDAY

Sunday 27th January is Caritas Sunday. This year Caritas is asking all parishioners to use their gifts and talents to #BeTheChange and to help: House the Homeless; Build Stronger Families and Communities; and Welcome Refugees. The second collection after Mass and ongoing parish support will allow Caritas Diocese of Salford to respond where the need is greatest in the year ahead.

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Please join the Catholic Medical Association in Manchester at St Mary's, Levenshulme every third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m., for Mass, mutual support and speaker led discussion about medical and ethical issues. The next meeting is next Tuesday 15th January. Please see the poster on the notice board in the Atrium.

WORK OF CAFOD

On Wednesday 6th February, 7.00 p.m. Bishop John will be speaking about his most recent trip to Sierra Leone and Liberia, visiting CAFOD partners and finding out about their work.

Come along to find out about how CAFOD is "listening to the cry of the Earth and of the poor". Meet CAFOD volunteers and staff from the diocese. Venue; The Becket Suite at Saint Thomas of Canterbury Church in Heaton, Bolton. BL1 4PN. Doors open from 6.30 p.m. All welcome.

400 CLUB

The winning number in last week's draw was 328, congratulations to the winner Catherine Nally. Please collect your prize from one of the agents. The next draw is at 9.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 3rd February. There are plenty of numbers available if you would like to join, please speak to one of our agents after Mass.

POPE FRANCIS

From "Gaudete et Exsultate":



"When somebody has an answer for every question, it is a sign that they are not on the right

road. God infinitely transcends us; he is full of surprises. We are not the ones to determine when and how we will encounter him; the exact times and places of that encounter are not up to us. Someone who wants everything to be clear and sure presumes to control God's transcendence. Nor can we claim to say where God is not, because God is mysteriously present in the life of every person, in a way that he himself chooses, and we cannot exclude this by our presumed certainties. Even when someone's life appears completely wrecked, even when we see it

devastated by vices or addictions, God is present there. If we let ourselves be guided by the Spirit rather than our own preconceptions, we can and must try to find the Lord in every human life."

Points to ponder: God is 'full of surprises'. How have I experienced that in my life? 'We can and must try to find the Lord in every human life.' Am I willing to do that?

FLAME 2019

Coming up on Saturday 2nd March this year is the next National Catholic Youth Festival, being held in the Wembley Arena. It is a huge celebration for young Catholics from all over the country and beyond, involving dynamic speakers, music, theatre and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. If you are interested, have a word with Father James or contact the Salford Youth Coordinator directly on lorraine.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

IN YOUR PRAYERS

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

We pray for the parish of Saint Anne and Saint Joseph, Accrington, with Father Stamp, and for the parish of Saint James Rawtenstall, with Canon McBride, for their primary schools and for All Saints College.

LATELY DEAD: Beryl Eckersall, Vincenzo Scotto Di Freca.

OUR NATIONAL INTENTIONS: We pray especially for: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity, The Sick and Those Who Care For Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat It; The Unemployed.

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, Noel Moore.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Daniel O'Neill, Alice Garside, Mary Geelan, Nora Meek, John Duffy, Father John Hardman, Frances Hamilton, Mary Hardman, George Sutcliffe, Jean Cullinane, Agnes Beeching, Harry Samuels, Father Maurice Murphy, Margaret Dolan, Natasha Fenwick, Carol Farquhar, Veronica Unsworth, Nora Lynch, Mary Frances McLaughlin, George Grimshaw, Mary Mark, James Hegarty, Anthony John Fawcett, Anthony Field, Annie Wild, Alan Ogden, David Arthur Allen, Jack Watson, Anne McGuinness, Frank Farrell, Anastasia Cohen, William Beasley(snr), Father John Patrick Curran, Mary Elsie Eckersall, Frank Moran, Margaret (Peggy) Mary Finn, Frances Hopkinson, Leslie Harris, Margaret Coyne, Mary Agnes Livesey, Ronald Hopkins, Michael Tracy O'Brien, Maureen Orchard.

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 in to the Parish Office.

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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JESUS	JORDAN	JOHN
BAPTISM	FITTING	DEMANDS
WATER	HEAVENS	SPIRIT
DOVE	VOICE	SON



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—11.00) 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.