

the roman catholic parish of
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

timetable this week

MONDAY 4th February
Weekday

10.00 Word & Communion
followed by SVP
Meeting

TUESDAY 5th February
Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

10.00 MASS followed by
Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 6th February
Saint Paul Miki and Companions,
Martyrs

10.00 MASS
19.30 UCM meeting

THURSDAY 7th February
Weekday

11.00 Pensioners' Club
18.30 MASS

FRIDAY 8th February
Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

10.00 MASS

SATURDAY 9th February
Weekday

12.30 Baptisms
18.00 Confessions
18.30 First MASS of Sunday

SUNDAY 10th February
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 MASS
11.30 MASS



the word this week

Last week, when Jesus spoke in the synagogue, his words pleased the crowd - as we hear at the beginning of today's Gospel. How quickly the mood changes! This story shows very clearly that Jesus was not a "crowd-pleaser" - he wasn't interested in saying the right things to be popular or accepted. He was interested in the truth - which is the basic definition of a prophet - whatever the personal cost. So today, when Jesus points out that salvation is not just for the Jews, or even just the people of Nazareth, they reject the message and the messenger. Just like Jeremiah, when he was called to be a prophet (first reading), Jesus has to confront the people of the land: they will fight with him, but not overcome him.

3rd February 2019

news and notes

WORK OF CAFOD

Wednesday 6th February at 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.

saint john vianney school open day

The open day takes place on Thursday 7th February at 1.30 p.m. Saint John Vianney is the diocesan School for children and young people (ages 5-19) with SEND. If you would like to visit our unique School please contact our SENDCo Kirsten Nesbitt, email: k.nesbitt@stjohnvianneyschool.co.uk



bakhita day

Friday 8th February is the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita - the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. On this day Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime. This year the particular focus is on those who are caught up in forced labour and labour exploitation both in the UK and beyond. The eradication of modern slavery and the pastoral care of victims is a priority for the Catholic Church. Learn more and find prayers at www.santamartagroup.com

bethlehem art

Coming up next weekend 10th February we will be welcoming a stall from Bethlehem Art at all Masses. Bethlehem Art provides an income for the few Christian families still living in Bethlehem. There are few pilgrims and visitors to the Holy Land and many families face poverty and distress being unable to sell their work. The items are hand carved from the local olive trees which surround Bethlehem and require great patience to detail them. Every purchase of these carvings will help to support the many Christian families that still live under constant deprivation and conflict.

our lady of fatima

We are delighted to announce that The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with Relics of Saints

Jacinta and Francisco will visit the Cathedral on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th February. A whole series of events and services are planned across the two days. Devotions are encouraged across the two days between services and all are welcome to celebrate this once in a lifetime visitation. Full details can be found on the diocesan website or via the poster on the noticeboard.

mass for young people

"Be Who God Created You To Be" Tuesday 26th February, at 7.00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Rochdale. All are welcome at this Mass for Youth, especially the young but all others who wish to encourage and pray for our young people. It should be a great celebration and there will be refreshments afterwards. Please do attend and show our "Hope in the Future" in our young people. Please contact Fr Kevin Murphy if you have any queries about the Mass: kevin.murphy@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

toilet twinning

For those people who twinned their loo at home as part of our recent Advent Appeal, your certificates have arrived at Church. Please collect them from the Parish Office.

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).

POPE FRANCIS

From "Gaudete et Exsultate":

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" The Gospel invites us to peer into the depths of our heart, to see where we find our security in life. Usually the rich feel secure in their wealth, and think that, if that wealth is threatened, the whole meaning of their earthly life can collapse. Jesus himself tells us this in the parable of the rich fool: he speaks of a man who was sure of himself, yet foolish, for it did not dawn on him that he might die that very day (cf. Lk 12:16-21). Wealth ensures nothing. Indeed, once we think we are rich, we can become so self-satisfied that we leave no room for God's word, for the love of our brothers and sisters, or for the enjoyment of the most important things in life. In this way, we miss out on the greatest treasure of all. That is why Jesus calls blessed those who are poor in spirit, those who have a poor heart, for there the Lord can enter with his perennial newness. This spiritual poverty is closely linked to what Saint Ignatius of Loyola calls "holy indifference", which brings us to a radiant interior freedom: "We need to train ourselves to be indifferent in our attitude to all created things, in all that is permitted to our free will and

not forbidden; so that on our part, we do not set our hearts on good health rather than bad, riches rather than poverty, honour rather than dishonour, a long life rather than a short one, and so in all the rest". Being poor of heart: that is holiness.

Points to ponder:

What is true poverty of spirit?

How can I grow in freedom?

flowers in church

Flowers in Church this week are in memory of Derek Rawcliffe, and deceased members of Osborne and Rawsthorne families. Please remember these intentions in your prayers.

400 club

The next draw takes place at 9.00 am Mass this Sunday.

in your prayers

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

Let us pray for the parishes of Saint Winifred, Heaton Mersey,

with Mgr. Quinlan, and St. Mary, Heaton Norris, with Fr. Marlor, for their primary schools and for St. Anne's High School. We pray for the Sisters of Charity of St. Paul and the Sacred Heart Fathers,

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.

LATELY DEAD: Jack (John) Bennett.

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 Roan-

tree, Joseph Scully, Tia Tagget, Noel Moore, Brenda Johnston, David Stott.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:
William Percy Bailey, Albert Beresford, Patrick Durkin, Edith Johnston, Patrick Daniel Wojsech Kalupa, Rudelson Domingo, Christine Gardner, Paula Banks, Jim Davenport, Edith Johnston, Amy Lomas, Kevin Ahearn, Carole Ann Field, Trinidad Cesante, Mary Ellen Leydon, Breta Ford, John Judge, David McDonald, Zena Mary Bullis, James Derek Rawcliffe, Anne Cleary, Piotr Pawel Stadnicki, Sean Clarke, Mary Winifred Fletcher, June Larkin, Amy Lomas, Kathleen Maguire, Jane Hill, Christopher Burton, Gillian Hughes, Florence Difley, William Bannister, Elizabeth Brown, Valerie Owen, Kathleen Yates, Bernard Molloy, James Paul Brennan, John Manning, Antanetta Cafora, Nicole Dawn Robinson, Bridget Dewhurst, Elizabeth McGuigan, Wilfred Mallalieu.

sunday gospel wordsearch

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SYNAGOGUE

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COUNTRY

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WIDOWS

LEPERS

PHYSICIAN

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NONE

welcome—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 house-bound. If you know of someone who needs such help, please contact the Parish Office.

gospel next week

Luke 5:1-11: Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

