

the roman catholic parish of
Saint Mary and Saint Philip Neri



British summer Time begins next weekend—remember to put your clocks FORWARD one hour next Saturday night!

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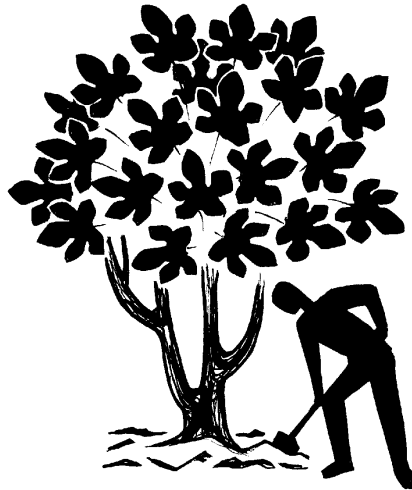
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third Sunday of lent (c)

timetable this week

MONDAY 25th March The Annunciation of the Lord 10.00 Word & Communion
TUESDAY 26th March Lent Weekday 10.00 MASS followed by Coffee Morning
WEDNESDAY 27th March Lent Weekday 10.00 MASS 19.30 UCM meeting
THURSDAY 28th March Lent Weekday 11.00 Pensioners' Club 18.30 MASS
FRIDAY 29th March Lent Weekday 10.00 MASS 11.45 Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY 30th March Lent Weekday 11.00 MASS 11.30 Confessions and Exposition 12.00 Benediction 18.00 Confessions 18.30 First MASS of Sunday
SUNDAY 31st March Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday) 9.00 MASS 11.30 MASS 15.00 "Global Healing" meeting

24th March 2019



the word this week

"The man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall." This is the theme of this Sunday: it underlines the need for repentance, which is the focus of our Lenten journey in Year C. Jesus, in the Gospel, uses two recent events in order to illustrate his point about sin and repentance - there is a price to be paid for sin, but there is a way of avoiding it: if we repent, we will have salvation and a new and real freedom. This idea is emphasised in the parable, where we see a tree

not being condemned immediately, but given a chance to change and produce fruit. So are we. This links in with the two other readings, which also talk about escape - the escape of Israel from Egypt. This is to be a warning for us, as Saint Paul says: if we are Christians, we must live as Christians, and be aware of the need to watch our lives and the direction they are taking.

global healing

Recently we heard Bishop John's challenge to all our parishes to take seriously the message of Pope Francis in "Laudato Si" of care for our common home. In response we will have a meeting, during which we will be showing the short film "Global Healing": the meeting is next Sunday 31st March, starting at 3.00 p.m. and ending by 4.30 p.m. Everyone is both encouraged and welcome to attend! Please can you indicate on

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Sunday Collection £483.16
 Standing Orders £162.00 TOTAL: £645.16

the form on the table in the Atrium (a simple tick is sufficient) if you are able to attend. We need an idea of numbers to determine the best way to show the film, and for arranging refreshments!

50 faces of the holy land

The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has commissioned a photographic exhibition called '50 Faces of the Holy Land' which will be in Salford Cathedral until Thursday 28th March. The faces of the Holy Land are marked with its history, its diversity, its joy and its suffering. The exhibition shows the faces of fifty people from all sections of the various communities found in the Holy Land. It was commissioned by the Bishops to highlight and promote the lives of the faithful in Israel, Palestine & Gaza. Archbishop Patrick Kelly will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral on Thursday 28th March at 12.10 p.m. to pray for peace in the Holy Land and to show our support for our Christian brothers and sisters. All are welcome.

salford diocesan pilgrimage to lourdes 2019

The 87th annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Arnold, will take place from Thursday 25th - Wednesday 31st July 2019. We warmly invite all from

our Diocesan family to join Bishop John on pilgrimage, all are welcome. Travel has been organised by air from Manchester Airport. For further details about travel and accommodation please contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0161 820 8790 or by e-mail: info@joewalshstours.co.uk. For all other aspects of the pilgrimage, please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office - Tel: 0161 817 2209 or visit the pilgrimage website at salfordlourdes.co.uk

CAFOD FAST DAY

The collection for the CAFOD fast day raised £368.10. Many thanks for your generosity.

400 club

The next draw will take place at 6.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday 6th April. We have plenty of numbers available if you would like to join, please speak to one of the agents before or after Mass.

U.C.M. TRIP

On Wednesday 10th April, the UCM are having a trip to the Victoria Baths, Manchester. This is the property that won the very first "BBC Restoration" project and is being carefully restored. They will be going via the Metrolink and then sharing taxis to the baths—costs approximately £4.00 travel costs, and £7.00 (non-refundable) for entry and tour of the Baths. Leaving Radcliffe at 12.30 p.m. and

returning around 5.00 p.m. All are welcome! To book please contact Iris Turner (0161 796 0181) as soon as possible as we have to book tickets.

gaudete et exsultate

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God" This Beatitude speaks of those whose hearts are simple, pure and undefiled, for a heart capable of love admits nothing that might harm, weaken or endanger that love. The Bible uses the heart to describe our real intentions, the things we truly seek and desire, apart from all appearances. He wants to give us a new heart (cf. *Ezek 36:26*). Certainly there can be no love without works of love, but this Beatitude reminds us that the Lord expects a commitment to our brothers and sisters that comes from the heart. For "if I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have no love, I gain nothing" (*1 Cor 13:3*). From the heart's intentions come the desires and the deepest decisions that determine our actions. A heart that loves God and neighbour (cf. *Mt 22:36-40*), genuinely and not merely in words, is a pure heart; it can see God. In his hymn to charity, Saint Paul says that "now we see in a mirror, dimly" (*1 Cor 13:12*), but to the extent that truth and love prevail, we will then be able to see "face to face". Jesus promis-

es that those who are pure in heart "will see God". Keeping a heart free of all that tarnishes love: that is holiness. Points to ponder: How is my heart pure? How do we, as parish, operate from a pure heart?

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Donations for Easter Flowers should be put in an envelope with the intention and marked "Easter Flowers" and handed into the Parish Office.

in your prayers

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

Let us pray for the parish of Saint Marie, Haslingden, with Father Broadley, and the parish of Saint Mary and Saint Anselm, Bacup and Whitworth, with Father McGrane.

OUR NATIONAL INTENTIONS: During Lent we are asked to pray for: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers; Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Veronica Eagleton, Victor William Sugg, Nicholas Keenan, Hilda Toft, Catherine Parsons, Margaret Slattery, Tommy Kelly, Frank Higgin, Edna Dale, Kathleen Marsh, Jane Elizabeth Derby, Clara Frances Day, Alan Hope, Alphonsina Bentley, Margaret Ironmonger, Austin Johnston, Vincent Leydon, Moreen Howard, Neil P. Carroll, Margaret Devitt, Kathleen O'Brien, Samuel Butterworth, Jr., James Mousdale, William Little, John Patrick Henry, Sr., Evelyn Marion Smith, Peter Joseph Gilmore, Annie

Delaney, Renee Groves, Kathleen Freely, Pat Towers, Sarah Higginson, Mary McQuaid, Jean Crossley, Dennis Monks, Daniel Lee Haynes, Mary Kelly, Frank James Sherman, Frank Cull, Frank Gill, Jeanette Hopkins, Mary Hall, Cyril Spencer, Mark Higginson (Junior), Elizabeth Cusack, Lydia Perkins, Mary Ashworth, Jeffrey Evans.

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, Brenda Johnston, David Spencer.

sunday gospel wordsearch

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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

sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32: The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes