Sunday 15th November 2020 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

In Sacred Heart church this week

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Monday	10.00am	no Mass in church		
Tuesday	10.00am	Mass*	Private Prayer	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass*	Private Prayer	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Thursday	10.00am	Mass*	Exposition and Private Prayer 6.00pm -7.00pm	
Friday	10.00am	Mass*	Private prayer	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Saturday	11.45am	Mass*		
Sunday	9.30am	Mass*	Private Prayer	6.00pm – 7.00pm

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Prayer Resource - Lord's Day at Home

For those still at home and not attending Mass the Liturgy Office has prepared a service called "The Lord's Day at Home", based on the Sunday Scriptures, that you can pray on your own or with your family. It is particularly aimed at those not able to follow a Mass on the internet.

This week's Lord's Day at Home prayer sheet <u>can be found by clicking here</u> or we will update <u>this page</u> <u>on our website</u> on a weekly basis.

IICSA Report.

We have received this from the diocese:

You may be aware that earlier this week, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) published its report into the Catholic Church.

In its response, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales said: "We apologise to all victims and survivors who have not been properly listened to, or properly supported by us. By listening with humility to those who have suffered, we can contribute to the healing of the wounds of abuse, as well as learn from those most directly affected how we must improve the Church's safeguarding standards, policies and procedures."

We know that with the report comes an increased awareness of abuse, which may lead individuals to reflect on their own experiences. If you are aware of people in distress, the support on offer via our Healing Through Community project can be accessed by anyone living within the Diocese of Salford.

If you would like to access help, please call Survivors Manchester on 0161 236 2182 or Greater Manchester Rape Crisis on 0161 273 4500. The Safeguarding Office is also available for any safeguarding queries or referrals by all. Their number is 0161 817 2206.

Let us all join in prayer for the healing of those that have been hurt and abused by members of the Church.

You can read the full Bishops' Conference response here: <u>https://www.cbcew.org.uk/statement-on-the-publication-of-the-iicsa-report/</u>

God bless you all and pray for each other, Fr. Peter

The Angelus

Ringing the Angelus is an ancient tradition throughout the church. Sadly, in England, where few Catholic churches have bells we don't hear it rung very often. It is traditionally sounded as a call to prayer at 6.00am (sometimes moved to 7.00am), noon and 6.00pm to interrupt the day with a reminder of the Lord being with us. The number of rings varies in different countries, but in England, the tradition is 3,3,3,9

The sections correspond with the sections of the prayer.

The prayer itself is often considered to be a Marian prayer, but it is largely scriptural and is a meditation on the Incarnation. It is an invitation to remember that the Lord took on human nature and lived among us, and we 'bring him into our daily life' by saying this prayer in honour of the Incarnation each day.

Traditionally it was said at 6am, noon and 6pm, to consecrate the whole day to God. I guess that was when people lived life following daylight rather than clocks. Most churches that ring it now keep it to noon and 6pm.

The Angelus (from the first word of the prayer in Latin) is made up of three quotations from the Gospels, each followed by the Hail Mary, the first half of which is of course also scriptural, being how the angel addressed Mary at the Annunciation.

(the bell rings three times for each of these three scriptural quotations)

The angel of the Lord declared to Mary,

and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

"Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus." Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

"Behold the handmaid of the Lord, Be it done unto me according to thy word." Hail, Mary, etc.

And the Word was made flesh And dwelt amongst us. Hail, Mary, etc.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

(the bell rings nine times during this concluding prayer)

Let us pray, Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts. That we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by His passion and cross, be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through Christ, our Lord.