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## In Church

### Saturday 28th August

Vigil Mass 6.00pm **Sacred Heart** [booking available](#)

### Sunday 29th August

Sunday Mass 9.30am **Sacred Heart** [booking available](#)

Sunday Mass 11.15am **Holy Saviour** [booking available](#)

Tuesday 31st August

10.00am Sacred Heart Mass booking not necessary

Wednesday 1st September

10.00am Sacred Heart Mass booking not necessary

Thursday 2nd September

5.45pm Sacred Heart Exposition and Benediction

6.30pm Sacred Heart Mass booking not necessary

Friday 3rd September

10.00am Sacred Heart Mass booking not necessary

Saturday 4th September

11.00am - 11.30am Confessions during Exposition

### Saturday 4th September

Vigil Mass 6.00pm **Sacred Heart** [booking available](#)

### Sunday 5th September

Sunday Mass 9.30am **Sacred Heart** [booking available](#)

Sunday Mass 11.15am **Holy Saviour** [booking available](#)

**Please note that 'booked' places are only kept until 5 minutes before Mass. They will then be available to others who come.**

## Sunday Prayer Resource – “The 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. The Mass sheet for Sunday 29th August (Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time) is available [here](#).

## All Souls Cemetery Annual Mass and Blessing of Graves

This year, please God, we will celebrate the Cemetery Mass and the Blessing of Graves on Saturday October 2nd at 11.00am and all are welcome.

There has been an enquiry about why the collections are not being published on the newsletter. This is purely an administrative miss-match. At the moment I am producing the newsletter myself from home and don't have access to the accounts in the parish office in Colne where the money is counted and recorded before being taken to the bank. However, here are the collections for the last six weeks compared to the same six weeks in 2019 and 2020. Fr Peter

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|-------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| 2019: | 1,153.01      | 1,202.39 | 1,052.25 | 1,162.90 | 1,151.62 | 1,066.34 | total £6,788.51 |
| 2020: | church closed |          | 1,466.48 | 618.60   | 1,166.15 | 1,099.60 | total £4,351.13 |
| 2021: | 936.94        | 471.86   | 982.63   | 599.58   | 462.82   | 503.35   | total £3,957.18 |

## Our response to the Afghanistan refugee crisis.

Our parish SVP is already very involved in the refugees and asylum seekers who are in the area already. We need to prepare a response to the refugees who will be coming to our area from Afghanistan. The SVP will take the lead in this and I trust the parish will be very supportive. We are pretty good at responding to emergencies.

Our response, however, must be realistic and appropriate. There is no point in suddenly inviting people to dump their unwanted clothes on our doorstep so that we have to take piles of stuff to landfill. The diocese CARITAS department is co-ordinating a response and more of that can be found on their website [www.caritassalford.org.uk](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk) This and a list of what they have identified as useful articles can also be found on the parish website edition of this weeks newsletter which has an extra page of diocesan notices.

We will keep you informed.

## “Amen” (which means yes, I agree, so be it) - an act of Faith and commitment.

I know that this is the third time that I have put this in the newsletter, but I think it is very important that we not only read it, but that we pray about it, meditate on it and allow it to penetrate not only the moment when we receive Holy Communion, but that we ensure that it permeates our whole lives as Catholics.

At Mass, if it is appropriate for us to receive Holy Communion (ie. we are Roman Catholic and we are, as far as we can be aware, in a 'state of grace',) we will come forward and hear the priest say, “The Body of Christ” to us personally.

### This is both a statement and a question.

**The statement** is that this is truly the Body of Christ, the Real Presence of Our Lord and God.

**The question** is three-fold:

1. Do you **believe** this?
2. Do you want to **invite** Jesus Christ intimately into your life?
3. Do you want to **be** ‘the Body of Christ’ as a member of the Holy Catholic Church which, as St. Paul clearly tells us, is the Body of Christ?

If the answers to these are “**Yes**” then your response and act of Faith is to proclaim, “**Amen**” and to receive the Body of Christ in a prayerful and thoughtful manner.

What does this mean in practice? It means that you may find that after I say, “The Body of Christ,” I wait for you to answer before giving you the Sacred Host. It really is important that you respond by affirming your faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacred Host, that you affirm that you wish to welcome Christ into your life and that you want to be part of this particular “Body of Christ” which is the People of God in this Church who are members of and united with the Catholic Church throughout the world and throughout all history!

Receiving Holy Communion is a massive gift of God and all he asks is a simple but sincere “**Amen.**”

### “A state of grace.”

St Paul, writing to the Corinthians, tells them that those who “eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ unworthily eat and drink damnation unto themselves.” This has always been understood by the Catholic Church that we have to be in a 'State of Grace' when receiving. That means that we must not be aware of any serious sin which we have committed and which we have not confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). If we are aware of any such sin, then we should go to Confession as soon as we are able and before receiving Holy Communion.

## Please wear a face covering in church

This request is made because those who manage ‘venues’ where people gather are required to give guidance on what should happen in those ‘venues’. For some months now we have been delighted that people who may feel vulnerable elsewhere have felt safe coming to church because of the masks and the social distancing. We do not want these people who have been so regular and supportive to stop coming because they now feel vulnerable. Please wear a mask, unless there is no-one near you on a weekday Mass which only a couple of dozen people in church. Please keep a distance between you and others, especially if they are wearing masks and especially when entering or leaving church or going forward to receive Holy Communion.

**Please remember to bring your own mask. We don't get them free!**

## Notices from the diocese.

### Urgent Caritas Appeal - Help for those seeking sanctuary from Afghanistan

As the principal domestic social action agency of the diocese, Caritas Salford is playing a very active role in supporting Afghan nationals who have been evacuated to our diocese. In addition to its existing commitments to refugees and asylum seekers, the charity is working closely with Greater Manchester Combined Authority, and in collaboration with other local and national agencies, to do all it can to make the most difference. This includes collecting and providing emergency essentials, such as:

Aptimil 200ml made up bottles please. This is a specific ask due to dietary requirements.

Nappies size 2 and 3

Pull-up nappies size 6 and 7

Nappy sacks for disposal

Nappy cream (Sudocreme or similar)

Sanitary products

Tennan lady pants

Blankets - babies and all ages

Socks

Slippers

Paper / crayons and similar toys for children

Shoes

As the project looks set to expand and evolve over time, Caritas is calling on people across the diocese to help in whatever way they can, by donating money or materials, volunteering their time, or even writing to their MP.

To find out more about donating and other ways you can help, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/afghanistan-appeal-2021/>

### Appeal for Poor Clare Colettines

The nuns of the Poor Clare Colettine Monastery in Nottingham are calling for prayers and support to help them rebuild their monastery, which is falling apart around them.

The sisters have undertaken a number of fundraising activities to pay for the work, such as a virtual walk from Nottingham to Walsingham, selling handmade crafts, and doing a virtual walk from Rome to Assisi. In return, they are asking the Catholic community to support them by keeping them in their prayers, sharing their story, or donating online at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/poor-clare-monastery>

Any support will be very gratefully received.

### Caritas Diocese of Salford Vacancies

There are job vacancies for Caritas in the diocese. For more information please visit:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers/>

### Invitation to Spanish Mass

Salford Cathedral, 250 Chapel Street, M3 5LE.

Every third Sunday of each month at 2pm

Next mass on Sunday 19th September 2021.

All are welcome to join. Refreshments will be served after mass for sharing.

Information: [salfordcathedralenespanolmisa@gmail.com](mailto:salfordcathedralenespanolmisa@gmail.com) / Mobile: 07475468128

### Invitacion a Misa en Español

Catedral de Salford, 250 Chapel Street, M3 5LE

Todos los terceros Domingos de cada mes a las 2pm.

Próxima misa: Domingo 19 de Septiembre 2021.

Todos están bienvenidos a la Misa, Refrigerio compartir siempre al final de la Misa.

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