



## St John Southworth's RC Parish

at Christ Church, Carr Road, BB9 7JS  
and St John Southworth Church, Vaughan St  
**Nelson**

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**28th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**10th October 2021**



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**UN CLIMATE  
CHANGE  
CONFERENCE  
UK 2021**  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

Loving God,  
We praise your name with all you have created.  
You are present in the whole universe,  
and in the smallest of creatures.

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us  
as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they  
seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions  
for the poorest and most vulnerable,

and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

**COP26:** The 26th meeting of the Conference of the Parties takes place in Glasgow over the first twelve days of November. Bishop John Arnold as the bishop with responsibility for CAFOD, and as the spokesman for the Catholic church in England and Wales on climate change, is deeply concerned about the success of this forthcoming conference; you can read his letter to us on pages 3 and 4 below.

**Children's Liturgy:** last Sunday, our children's liturgy was attended by seven children. We thank the parents and children who came along, and we look forward to attracting greater numbers as we all do our best to invite young parents to develop their involvement with the life of the parish.

**Parents and Toddlers:** each Wednesday from 9.45am - 11.00am. Do you know any parent and toddler looking for a little social activity? Do invite them to come and see!

**Messy Church:** £1 per child - 2nd Friday of each month, 4.00 - 6.00pm

Crafts, food, stories, songs & good fun for all ages. All children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Call Wendy on 07961 044563 for more information.

**Community Lunch,** Christ church, Tuesday 12th Oct @ 12 noon. Two course hot meal, £3. All welcome. Our Methodist friends are organising this meal, and they extend a warm welcome to Catholics. This is an easy and enjoyable opportunity to build those bridges, to make friends, and for us to be those people we claim to be - "gathered into one by the Holy Spirit"! (Eucharistic Prayer II)  
Just let Jill Dugdale know if you are attending - [jilldugdale@virginmedia.com](mailto:jilldugdale@virginmedia.com)

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 11th October, 2021

Monday 11th October	Tuesday 12th October	Wednesday 13th October	Thursday 14th October	Friday 15th October	Saturday 16th October	Sunday 17th October
<a href="#">For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.</a>						HS 11.15am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC No Mass	CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 10th October	Carol Hartley	Leroy Philbrook
Next week: 17th October	Gerard King	Maggie King

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

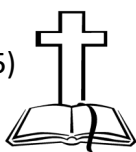
Final Saturday of each month, 11.00 - 12.00 noon at Christ Church (next: 30th October)

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Alternate Sundays (next: 17th October)

#### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Oct 11th, Rev Philip O'Mara  
(pp at Holy Trinity from 1975 to 1995)  
Oct 12th, Jack Simm  
Oct 14th, Christopher Purcel  
Oct 15th, Wilf Mullarkey



*May the memory of the lives of those who have gone before us, inspire us to be a people of faith and prayer; may they rest in peace, AMEN.*

#### Mass Intentions

For all parishioners and families  
A sick person - for healing and strength  
Special intention

#### [Voice in Action](#) (click for more info)

The two workshops will take place from 10.00am until 12.00 noon on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

The first workshop will be about the general principles of public reading, and in the second workshop he will give more individual coaching tips and encouragement.

If you are a parish reader please do make every effort to attend—the proclamation of the Word of God is so important to the spiritual well-being of the community.

**Would you please email me if you are able to attend** so that I have an idea of numbers, and also to send you some notes that Michael would like to be distributed.

#### POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Sue Barnes  
£10.00 Janet Starkie  
£10.00 Gianluca Fiorentini  
£56.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



Advance notice of special  
**CHRISTMAS POUND DRAW PRIZES**  
on SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER;

1st Prize: £100, 2nd:£50, 3rd:£25, 4th:£15.

An extra box will be put at back of Church for extra entries at the end of November.

Thanks again for all your support.

#### CHURCH COLLECTION

26th September: £185.30  
Standing Orders: approx. £335 p/w.  
Recent CAFOD donations: £50.00

**Voice  
in  
Action**



# DIOCESE OF SALFORD

## *Pastoral Letter of the Right Reverend John Arnold Bishop of Salford*

*To be distributed on the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is becoming all the more evident that the meeting of world leaders in Glasgow, for COP26, has an unprecedented urgency and importance. Scientific knowledge about the Environment has developed in recent decades so that there is now a real understanding of the damage that the human race is inflicting on our global home through climate change, and the consequences of our present way of living. What is perhaps particularly alarming is that the scientists have been accurate in estimating changing weather conditions and environmental events, but many are concerned that the deterioration is now happening even faster than had been predicted.

Care for the environment, for creation in all its complexity and abundance, is deeply rooted in our Christian Faith. We are the guardians of creation and responsible for its well-being. That aspect of our Faith is something that we have probably ignored or taken for granted, unaware of the actual damage that we are doing during this industrial age where we have developed a mistaken notion of progress and unthinkingly exploited our resources and the plant and animal life of our world, and each other.

Much is now understood about the work that can and must be done in order to begin to repair the damage inflicted by climate change. We all have our individual part to play in making changes to our own routines and our personal response will have an important impact. There are many resources available to guide us in managing – among other things - our travel, use of electricity and water, food consumption, re-cycling and waste. We must certainly not dismiss the value and importance of our individual efforts and our Christian duty to care for creation. Certainly, much is being achieved by individuals and communities.

But the real progress for change must come at an international level, with agreements and pledges made by the most powerful countries in the world. As Pope Francis insists, we must think and act globally. Our political leaders must look to making realistic and achievable policies which will ensure that global warming is limited to targets which will allow sustainable living conditions for future generations. It is essential that COP26 promotes actions that are radical enough to ensure the results that are necessary. The Paris Agreement of 2015 made the right sort of statements, but the agreed goals were never achieved.

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I am writing to you today to ask that, while we must concern ourselves with our own achievable changes in our personal lifestyle, we must make determined efforts in prayer that those gathering at the COP26 meeting may understand the urgency of making those radical decisions which are required to secure a healthy environment for future generations.

I am asking that, as a family of the Diocese of Salford, we make Sunday 31st October – The Feast of All Saints - a day of prayer for the success of the meeting. There will be resources for events on that day should parishes have public gatherings. I recognise that many people still, understandably, feel cautious about attending Mass at this time. I would strongly recommend that we all pray daily for the COP26 meeting, particularly during the course of the meeting, which is 1st-12th November. CAFOD has prepared a letter which is being widely circulated and provided a prayer which is included at the end of this letter. I also offer this prayer, should you find it useful:

Loving Father,

We acknowledge that,

either through ignorance or greed,

the Earth, our common home, is damaged.

That damage is felt most by people who have done little to cause it.

Industrialisation has exploited natural resources,

endangering wildlife, causing climate change,

and resulting in disasters and global warming.

Father, forgive us, and guide us in the right way.

Send your Spirit to encourage and strengthen

our world leaders as they meet at COP26.

Cause them to discern the way that we must now go,

agreeing the changes and decisions necessary

to begin to repair the damage done

and to prepare a healthy and secure world for future generations.

And we ask Mary, our Mother, to intercede for us, and with us, in our need. Amen.

My brothers and sisters, I invite and encourage us all to place our trust in the power of prayer. Please distribute this letter to anyone that you may know who might join in praying for the successful outcome of this meeting.

“Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey”



+John Arnold

Bishop of Salford