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Saturday 14th Jan. 6.00pm. Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 15th Jan. 9.30am. Sunday of Ordinary Time week 2

Key:	Ap.	Apostle
	Ab	Abbot
	Bp	Bishop
	D	Doctor of the Church
	M	Martyr
	P	Priest
	V	Virgin

Tuesday 17th	10.00am	Mass.	St Anthony Ab
Wednesday 18th	10.00am	Mass.	
Thursday 19th	5.45.pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	
	6.30.pm	Mass	St. Wulstan Bp
Friday 20th	10.00am	Mass	St. Fabian P M St Sebastian M
Saturday 21st	11.00am - 11.30am	Exposition and Confessions St Agnes V M	

6.00pm. Vigil Mass for Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 9.30am. Sunday Mass

Santa Express Update

The SVP would like to thank all the parishioners for their AMAZING generosity during Advent. Thanks to your donations we were able to give presents to 277 needy children this Christmas. The SVP gave presents for each child in the families who came to the food bank, to all the children at the Women's Refuge and to the children identified by the schools and teachers as most in need this Christmas. Thanks to you all from the SVP and from all the mums, dads and children you helped – Thank you.

Saturday 29th April Day Retreat for Men.

(Fr. Gerard has already checked Burnley's fixtures—they are away at Bristol City!) We will be leaving Nelson and Colne at 10.00am to arrive at Whittle-le-Woods (near Chorley) to begin our Retreat-Day at 10.30am with tea and coffee.

The Day will be led by Fr Mark Beattie who is parish priest at St Chad's, Whittle-le-Woods. We will need to bring a packed-lunch, and we will be home before 5.00pm.

Do you think we can gather together a group of **40 men**? Fr Gerard and Fr Peter makes two, that's only 38 more to find. Of course we can, if we reach out to our friends and family with words of invitation and encouragement!

Food Bank Update

We opened the food bank at the beginning of Advent on 1st December. We have opened every Thursday morning for the last six weeks and so far, thanks to your unstinting generosity, we have sent home food parcels with enough food for several meals for over 205 people. Thank you so much.

In addition to the **Food Bank**, 69 people have attended the **Warm Space**, enjoying a cup of tea or coffee and toast, crumpets or a toasted tea cake. Please remember -everyone welcome 9.30 – 12.30p.m. on Thursdays in the parish hall.

The collection for the food bank is on-going. There is a box at the back of church for donations. Thanks again.

Please remember that the Warm Space is separate from the Food Bank and is an invitation to anyone who wishes to come along to a warm place to socialise, have a brew, play dominoes or whatever and relax.

Digital Collection Plate

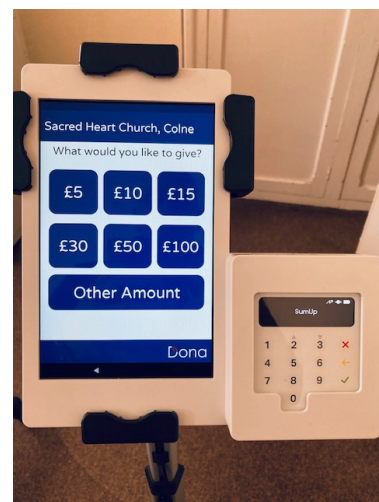
After indicating the amount you wish to give, you will be asked if you wish to 'gift aid' your donation. This will bring an extra 25%, but please ensure that you only 'gift aid' if you are paying tax.

If you do indicate that you wish to 'gift aid' you will be taken to a screen which first asks for

1. your first name,
2. your surname,
3. your house number or house name
4. your post code
5. your email address.

In future transactions you will not need to re-enter this information because your card will be recognised. After giving a 'gift aided' donation, you will receive a confirmation email later that day.

At the moment, any donation will be credited to the parish, but at some stage we will be able to programme it so that you can choose to give to the parish, or a special collection or any other preset recipient such as SVP or Cafod.



Catenian Burns Night

The Broughton-in-Craven circle of the Catenian Association is having a Burns Night event on Saturday 28th January 2023 at Colne Golf Club.

The event will be celebrated with poems, short speeches, plenty of jokes and of course good food. Cost £30.00 per person.

If you are interested, please contact Pius 07599840018.



Suggested Newsletter inserts from the diocese

Monthly Masses for Vocations to the Priesthood

A series of monthly Masses for Vocations is set to return this month to help inspire conversation and prayer around vocations to the priesthood.

Our first Mass will take place at 7pm on Friday 20th January at St Bernard's RC Church, Burnage, Manchester, M19 1DR.

All are very welcome to attend. To find out more about these Masses, please visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/monthly-vocations-masses/>

Women Saints and Spirituality

Friday 20th January, 10am - 12.30pm

Wardley Hall, Worsley, Manchester, M28 2ND

Join us for a new series of talks exploring the life and spirituality of women in the Church throughout history.

Our next session takes place on Friday 20th January and has a special focus on Dorothy Day.

Contact Sister Joan Kerley at joankfmsj@gmail.com or 07934 816 796 to reserve a place. Find out more at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/women-saints-and-spirituality/>

World Youth Day - Last few places remaining!

There are still a few places left to join us for World Youth Day 2023! Join our Salford Youth Ministry team between 31 July and 7 August as they make their way to Lisbon to join other young Catholics from around the world in a joyous celebration of faith, culminating in an unforgettable Mass with Pope Francis himself!

Find out more and register online at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wyd-2023>

Caritas Sunday

This Sunday, 29th January, is Caritas Sunday - a chance to share the impact of our local Catholic Social Action agency and to say thank you to everyone who supports this work to help people and communities in Salford Diocese. To mark this day in our annual calendar, Bishop John Arnold has recorded a message about the work of Caritas Diocese of Salford and its importance across the diocese, which you can watch now at www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/caritas-sunday/, as well as finding additional information and resources.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2023

Saturday 20th May 2023

You can now register your interest to join our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham this May!

The cost for a day pilgrim is expected to be between £35 and £45.

Our overnight option has been well received and is now nearly full. The cost of this is expected to be between £130 - £150 (includes evening meal, breakfast, and packed lunch.)

Due to increased transport costs, we may look to reduce the number of coaches this year, so we would be grateful if you could please register your interest by emailing walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or calling 0161 817 2214

Further information and booking forms will be made available soon.

Great Manchester Run - Free places with Caritas Diocese of Salford Team

Thinking of taking on a new challenge for 2023? Would you please consider running the Great Manchester Run in aid of Caritas Salford? The team has secured a limited number of free charity places for the 10km run on Sunday 21st May.

To find out more or secure your place, please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/every-step-you-take-helps-local-people-take-a-step-towards-transforming-their-lives or email fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk

Reminders

‘Sharing the Hope Days’

As part of our Hope in the Future programme, the Diocese of Salford Department for Formation is set to host a number of deanery days to help individuals, parishes, and deaneries learn more about the needs in their community and then to prayerfully discern how best to respond with the resources available to them.

The first of our Sharing the Hope Days will have a specific focus on Bolton, Salford, and Bury and Rochdale deaneries, and will take place on Saturday 21st January (10am-2pm) at Cardinal Langley RC High School, Middleton, Manchester, M23 2GL.

Find out more <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/sharing-the-hope-day-1-bolton-salford-and-bury-rochdale-deaneries/>

Here are photos of some of the presents which the SVP have distributed.

