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**Saturday 23rd 6.00pm. Vigil Mass**  
**Sunday 24th 9.30am. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Tuesday 26th Sept 10.00am Eucharistic Service Ss Cosmas and Damian Ms  
Wednesday 27th 10.00am Eucharistic Service St Vincent de Paul. P

Thursday 28th 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction  
6.30pm Eucharistic Service  
St. Wenceslaus M

Friday 29th 10.00am Eucharistic Service  
Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Saturday 30th No Confessions today.  
St Jerome P D

Key:	Ap.	Apostle
	Ab	Abbott
	Bp	Bishop
	D	Doctor
	M	Martyr
	P	Priest
	R	Religious
	V	Virgin

**Saturday 30th 6.00pm. Vigil Mass **APF Appeal****  
**Sunday 1st Oct. 9.30am. 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Annual Cemetery Mass

This year the annual Mass for All Souls Cemetery will be on Saturday 7th October at 11.00am. If the weather is against us, then the Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, Colne about 11.10.am. Please check this page on Friday evening (6th October) for an update on the location of the Mass.

## Sacramental Programme 2023 - 2024

It's time to start putting dates in diaries for those who wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time next year.

The meeting for parents to register their child on the programme will be on Wednesday 29th November at 7.00pm in church.

The children will start their journey through the programme at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 3rd December. It is important for parents to be at the Wednesday meeting and for the children to be at the Sunday Mass.

Please see the Sacramental Programme page on this website, or [click here](#).

## Mission Witness: 'Red Box' Appeal. (Next weekend)

Next weekend we will welcome **Father Frank Downs** to give the five-yearly 'Red Box' Appeal. Through the Red Box we care for our Church family around the world. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission – Missio – and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box.



## World Day for Migrants and Refugees 2023

World Day of Migrants and Refugees is celebrated every year on the last Sunday of September. It is an opportunity to learn more about refugees and migrants on the move, to pray for them as a community, and work together for positive change.

The theme of this year's WDMR is "**free to choose whether to migrate or to stay**". In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that the decision to move is not always voluntary. He urges us to help build peace and stability in places where people are being forced to move. You can access his message on the link below <https://migrants-refugees.va/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/MESSAGE-OF-HIS-HOLINESS-POPE-FRANCIS.pdf>

## *Evangelii Gaudium* – Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer 2025

*Evangelii Gaudium* calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "*Evangelii Gaudium*" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel".

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- Year 1. Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.
- Year 2. Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>.

A range of resources are being prepared for the Year of Prayer in 2024 which include a course on the Lord's Prayer for small groups for Lent, encouragement to try different ways of praying from the tradition of the Church. The Mission Directorate will be supporting the Jubilee co-ordinator appointed by each diocese.

## LOURDES 2024 - OUR CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE

This coming year 2024 marks the Centenary of our first Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We are hoping to organise a Deanery Group to join with the Diocesan Pilgrimage - 26<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August. We also have some fundraising ideas to help defray the costs for any of our young people who want to join us. If you are interested in coming to Lourdes with us, then please register your interest by contacting Fr Francis at St Anne's in Accrington by email: [francis.wadsworth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:francis.wadsworth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or Tel 01254 232920. Once we have an idea of how many are interested, we will be back in touch with prices and further details.



## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce the date for our next annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. Next year's day pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday 4th May**. We are also pleased to once again offer an overnight option, following the popularity of this year's two-day pilgrimage. To register your interest, please email [walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)