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Saturday 25th	6.00pm.	Vigil Mass	Trinity Sunday
Sunday 26th	9.30am.	Sunday Mass	
Tuesday 28th	10.00am	Mass	weekday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday 29th	10.00am	Mass	weekday in Ordinary Time
	11.15am	Funeral Service	for David Barritt
Thursday 30th	5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.30pm	Mass	
Friday 31st	10.00am	Mass	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 1st June	11.00-11.30	Confessions during Exposition	St. Justin Martyr
Saturday 1st	6.00pm.	Vigil Mass	Corpus Christi
Sunday 2nd	9.30am.	Sunday Mass	

Update on our Diocesan Synod

On Saturday 18 May, hundreds of Synod Members from across the diocese gathered for the latest update in our diocesan synod journey. The day focussed around the four principal themes that emerged from the Big Listen stage of the process, which took place between October 2023 and January 2024. The four themes are: Nurturing Faith in Tomorrow's World, Building Connections, Enabling Access, and Fostering Christ-like Care. To find out more about the latest updates, what's next for our diocesan synod, or how you can get involved, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synod-gathering-1/>

Donations by envelope

If you donate via a weekly envelope, please note that your new box will be available to collect at the weekend masses from Saturday 25th May. Thank you.

New rota for Eucharistic Ministers in church

There is a new rota on the website and on the noticeboard in the sacristy. Please note that if you cannot make your date, then it is your responsibility to find someone else to stand in for you.

Abortion Legislation Update:

The abortion amendments originally looked like they would be debated on day one of Report Stage of the Criminal Justice Bill on 15 May. However, due to the large number of amendments, the votes on the pro-life and pro-abortion amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill will now be on **Tuesday 4 June**.

As you may have seen in The Telegraph on Thursday, a very large cross-party group of 49 MPs have tabled a new amendment (NC115) to the Criminal Justice Bill. This new amendment would help protect women and babies from dangerous late-term home abortions by reinstating in-person consultations, partially repealing the pills-by-post scheme. Full details on the new amendment can be found [here](#).

There are now five amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that relate to abortion - two by pro-abortion MPs and three by pro-life MPs.

Pro-life amendments

- NC15 tabled by Caroline Ansell MP lowers the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks.
- NC41 tabled by Liam Fox MP would bring the abortion time limit for babies with Down's syndrome in line with the time limit for babies that do not have disabilities (as you likely know, abortion for Down's syndrome is currently legal right up to birth).
- NC115 tabled by Flick Drummond MP reinstates in-person consultations to help protect women and babies from dangerous late-term home abortions.

Pro-abortion (up to birth) amendments

- NC1 tabled by Diana Johnson MP
- NC30 tabled by Stella Creasy MP

Since this was written we now have the suspension of Parliament prior to the General Election. That will change things, but we still need to be aware of what is in the pipeline.

Notices from the diocese

Notice about scam email

The Diocese of Salford has shared a warning about a scam email that has been circulated to some parishes in our diocese, purporting to be from the parish priest. Please be aware that this is not a genuine email. If you come across any such email, please do not engage with it and simply delete it from your inbox. If you are ever unsure about an email from the parish, please call the parish office and we'll be happy to advise.

Young Adults Mass

Our diocesan Mass for Young Adults returns on Sunday 9th June to St Augustine's Church in Manchester. Mass begins at 5.30pm with opportunity for confession between 4.45pm and 5.15pm. Join us after Mass for a catch up with other young Catholics over a bite to eat and a short, personal talk about one man's remarkable journey to faith. All are welcome to attend!

Get Social

Are you aged 18-35? Are you looking to celebrate your faith with other young Catholic adults across the diocese? Give the Diocese of Salford Young Adults Ministry a follow on Instagram! For the latest on upcoming events, opportunities to connect and get involved, as well as regular content and resources to nurture your faith life on the go, simply search @salfordyouth on Instagram.

Day Retreat: Jonah and the Whale

The Diocese of Salford's Day Retreat Programme returns in June to explore this remarkable Old Testament story from the Book of Jonah. The retreat takes place on Thursday 6th June between 11.30am and 3pm at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella's in Lostock Hall. The session costs £20 to attend and can be booked by calling 01772 335387, or emailing office@saintgerards.org.uk

Thank you for your response to the invitation to have the new Lectionaries dedicated to the memory of your family members.

All four of the Lectionary Volumes have now been 'sponsored'. The Processional Book of the Gospels is still available at £336. Also, in addition to the four volumes of the Lectionary used in church, there are slightly smaller versions of them with identical layouts which are in the sacristy for the priest and readers to familiarise themselves with the readings before Mass. These sacristy copies are similarly beautifully produced and bound and can be sponsored at £100 each. (The image is the current sacristy lectionary used to prepare the liturgy before Mass.)

