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Apostle Abbott

Bishop

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Priest Religious

Virgin

Saturday 31st 6.00pm. Vigil Mass 22nd Week Ordinary Time Sunday 1st September 9.30am Sunday Mass

Tuesday 3rd 10.00am. Mass

St. Gregory the Great Pope D

Wednesday 4th 10.00am Mass

St Cuthbert Bp

Thursday 5th Exposition and Benediction 5.45pm - 6.25pm

Mass 6.30pm

Friday 6th 10.00am. Mass

Saturday 7th 11.00. - 11.30am Confessions during Exposition

Saturday 7th 6.00pm. Vigil Mass 23rd Week Ordinary Time

Sunday 8th 9.30am. Sunday Mass

Sacramental Programme 2024-2025

If your child will be aged 7 by next Easter then you are invited to enrol your child on our next Sacramental Programme preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Completion of this programme will lead to receiving these Sacraments around Easter next year.

To enrol your child you will need to attend the **registration meeting** which is for PARENTS OR CARERS ONLY, not the children. This meeting will be in church on Wednesday 27th November at 7.00pm.

Children who are **registered** for the programme will be **Enrolled** on the programme at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 1st December. This is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year.

For more information and the dates of the Programme Masses and Instructions please see the Sacramental Programme page on the parish website or (click this link).

Update on our Diocesan Synod

Following on from the first gathering of the diocesan journey, we are now able to share the 'Big Listen' Report. This report shares the responses and themes identified from the diocesan wide listening exercise. You can access the full report via the diocesan website.

The four principal themes that emerged from the Big Listen stage of the process, which took place between October 2023 and January 2024 are: **Nurturing Faith in Tomorrow's World, Building Connections, Enabling Access**, and **Fostering Christ-like Care**.

As well as the full report, four summary leaflets and other related resources will be made available in monthly stages on a theme-by-theme basis, starting in early September with Theme One: Faith in tomorrow's world. You will be able to access these via the same links.

To access the report, 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/faith/synod/

Church Cleaning

There will be church cleaning on Tuesday 3rd of September after Mass (approximately 10.30)

Friendship and Bereavement group

The Friendship and Bereavement Group will meet on Wednesday 4th of September after Mass (approximately 10.30).

Collection after Mass next weekend

There will be a collection for Catholic Education Sunday next weekend. This is one of the oldest days of special Prayer and fundraising in England and Wales, established in 1848.

This year's theme is 'We are not alone', inspired by Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality as we journey forward as one Church. It also reminds us that God is always with us.

Annual retreat at The Briery, Ilkley

From 4.00 pm Friday 18th October to 2.00 pm Sunday 20th October 2024

Single en suite rooms; lift; ground floor rooms. Cost £170 with own transport or lifts can be arranged. theme: Pilgrims of hope, led by Linda and Helen.

Contact Sue Barnes: 01282 618231. £20.00 deposit to Sue please by the 7th of September and the remainder payable via phone/card to the Briery.

A Date for the Diary

Saturday 19th October: Men's Retreat Day organisted by St. John Southworth Parish. *Further details to be announced.* Some of you may remember that last year Fr. Gerard arranged a Retreat Day at the parish of one of his priest friends who gave us a couple of talks. There was free time and a celebration of Mass. It was a great day and about 30 men of very mixed ages all came together and really enjoyed the talks, the space, the peace and the Spirit amongst us all. I certainly found it uplifting. The invitation was extended to our parish and a few accepted it. It would be great if a few more men would consider this opportunity to experience our Faith together by joining this event this year. Fr. Peter.