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1st Sunday of Lent



9th March 2025



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Salford Diocesan Synod Day Report

Last Saturday, 1st March, our Diocesan Synod process was concluded by a great meeting of all the Synod members who voted on the final forty proposals which had been whittled down from the many Synod meetings which had taken place across the Diocese during this last two years. I would like to thank the members of our parish who took part in our Synod listening meetings during which we shared with each other on themes that were emerging as the process developed.



The Synod Day took place at Thornleigh College Bolton where Synod members gathered with the Bishop to conclude the two-year Synod process, and to vote on priorities.

Synod members: Linda Goddard, James Hargreaves, and Deacon Damien Buggie, spend some time in prayerful discernment before casting their votes.

**Forty recommendations were
 divided into four groups of ten as
 follows:**

- 1. Leadership & Collaboration**
- 2. Spirituality & Formation**
- 3. Young people & Schools**
- 4. Community & Outreach**



The final results will be used by the Bishop to inform policy-making in the Diocese as we move into the future.
 As the Bishop prays: "Stay with us, Lord, on our journey"

[You can view the four groups of
 recommendations
 in order of priority
 by clicking here.](#)

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 10th March 2025

Monday 10th March	Tuesday 11th March	Wednesday 12th March	Thursday 13th March	Friday 14th March	Saturday 15th March	Sunday 16th March
Stations of the Cross H.S. 7.00pm	Mass C.C. 10.00am	Mass H.S. 7.00pm	Mass and Exposition C.C. 10.00am	Mass & CAFOD Soup Lunch 12.00 noon	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 9th March	Luke Mendoza	Dawid Zycinski
Next Sunday: 16th March	Margaret Borman	Joan Penny-Heys

Children's Church: **C.C.** - Linda & Bridgette **H.S.** - Lisa S, Joanne T

Eucharistic Ministry 2nd Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Roger Lee	Barbara Martin
George Winkley	Christine Whalley
Amanda Duckett	Susanne Barnes
Bernadette Whittaker	Marie Parker
Emma Sutcliffe	Paul Stinchon

MASS INTENTIONS
Veronica Stevens, b'day anniv, 14th March

CHURCH COLLECTION
2nd March: £310.00
Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w
Many thanks!

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Barbara Quinn
 £10.00 Janet Starkie
 £10.00 Maureen Rawlinson
 £10.00 Khuram Javed
 £81.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

March 9th Moira Steer (2011)
 March 10th Thomas Dunne (1988)
 March 11th Christine Black (2020)
 March 12th Alice Pollard (1994)
 Reginald Elphick (2003)
 March 13th Hugh Rourke (1915)
 March 15th Michael Howarth (2014)
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, though the mercy of God, rest in peace.
 AMEN



Lenten Opportunities

Wednesday Evening Mass:
7.00pm at Holy Saviour's

CAFOD Mass and Soup lunch:
Every Friday at 12.00 noon at Christ Church.

Stations of the Cross:
Every Monday at Holy Saviour's at 7.00pm



POPE FRANCIS

We continue to keep Pope Francis in our prayers as he suffers from a very poor state of health at this time.



Deanery Lenten Mass

There will be just one Lenten Mass in the Deanery this year which will be presided over by Bishop John. The Mass will take place at

St Mary's, Burnley, beginning at 7.00pm on Thursday 27th March

Confessions will be available from 6.00pm
Tea & Coffee in Parish rooms after the Mass

FOOD BANK AT CHRIST CHURCH

As well as donations of food & toiletries for the Food Bank, for which we are grateful, please can you donate carrier bags. Heavy duty ones if possible. Thank you.