

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 18

Vigil 7.00	18th Sunday in OT <i>Baldwin Family and Nick</i>	31 July	Thu	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	5 Aug
Sun 10.00	18th Sunday in OT <i>The Parish</i>	1 Aug	9.30	<i>Joan Whittle</i>	
6.30	<i>Linda Bevan</i>		11.00	<i>Funeral Mass : Shelagh Merryn</i>	
Mon 9.30	St Eusebius of Vercelli <i>People of the Parish</i>	2 Aug	Fri	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	6 Aug
Tues 9.30	3 Aug <i>Thanksgiving 20th Wedding Anniversary Ann & David Gorman</i>		9.30	<i>Linda Smith</i>	
Wed 9.30	St John Mary Vianney <i>Christopher Nibill</i>	4 Aug	Sat	St Sixtus II	7 Aug
			9.30	<i>Keany & Cullivan Families</i>	
			Vigil	19th Sunday in OT	7 Aug
			7.00	<i>Haythornthwaite Family</i>	
			Sun	19th Sunday in OT	8 Aug
			10.00	<i>The Parish</i>	
			6.30	<i>Margaret Fox</i>	

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday & Thursday: 3pm to 4pm.

Online Holy Rosary: Each Day 8pm

Confession: Sat: 10-10-30 outside in the churchyard by the back door of the sacristy, (weather permitting) or by appointment.

Sanctuary Lamps : Week 33 : 1. Margaret Mary Livesey : 2. John And Ann Hocking
3. (Benedict Chapel) Deceased Friends And Family Of The Cronin And Morcella Family

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Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayers for Salford Diocese: This week we pray for the parish of St Edmund and St Patrick, Bolton, for Fr Michael Haworth, their parish priest, and for all parishioners. We pray for its parish primary school, for the Bolton Hospice and for the staff and students of Bolton University. May they always hunger for the Bread of Life and be nourished by the Lord's gift of Himself.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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Pope Francis on the Importance of the Mass:

When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus knows us; he knows we are sinners; he knows we make many mistakes, but he does not give up on joining his life to ours, He knows that we need it, because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, but the bread of sinners. This is why he exhorts us:

'Do not be afraid!
Take and eat.'

7 June 2021

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

1 AUGUST 2021

TODAY: 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We take a significant break for the gospel of St Mark for the next few weeks and we will be proclaiming the whole of Chapter 6 from the Gospel of St John. It is the chapter proclaiming Jesus to be the “Bread of Life”. Thus, we will be invited to look in deeper way about what the Eucharist means for us. Having fed the 5000 last week the people pursue Jesus and he tells them not to work for food that cannot last but to work for food that endures to eternal life; they ask to “give that bread always!”. he tells them: ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.’ Come to Mass to receive that Bread always!

Parish Sacramental Life:

Welcome to Freddie Oliver and Oscar William Yates who will be baptised this Sunday and Vivienne Jane Brockbank who will be baptised next Saturday.

Offertory Processions:

8 August: 10.00 am Abewornu Family

Summer Mass Schedule:

As in previous years, we will have one Sunday morning Mass at 10am until Sunday 29 August inclusive. The Saturday vigil at 7pm and Sunday evening at 6.30 remain the same

Covid19 Restrictions: There is much talk about the easing of Covid restrictions as from this week. The Bishops of England & Wales have issued a document about how this affects churches. This available on the parish website. We are encouraged to remain careful and the Bishop of Salford has asked each parish to consider their own context as to how far they are willing to ease restrictions.

We are proposing the following changes:

- **Stewards are no longer essential but we will ask them to act as “welcomers”;**
- **There is no need for sanitising of benches after services;**
- **We recommend that people continue to wear face coverings;**

- **People can now join in with congregational singing (with face coverings);**
- **We will re-introduce the practice of kneeling for those who are able;**
- **The side door by the office will be unbolted during the day to allow access via the push button pad for private prayer.**

The Sunday Mass obligation is still dispensed, but, if you are not attending in person, do try to watch a Mass online or pray with the sheet “The Lord’s Day at Home”. The Bishops have indicated that they would like to re-introduce the obligation on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Mass Sheets: During Covid Restrictions, the Diocese were producing Mass Sheets each week. This has now stopped so we will resume ordering the “Emmaus Mass Sheets” from 15 August. In the meantime, we have a couple “home” produced weeks. The Diocese are still producing “The Lord’s Day Home” for those who cannot get to church. This is available each week on our website.

Stewards: We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to the many people who have acted as stewards and church cleaners for over 12 months. We have been very fortunate have a team of more 30 people. Initially, we expected it may be for a few weeks that we would have to sanitise the church after each service; little did we imagine that it would be more than a year. We would not have been allowed to celebrate public Mass without their wonderful commitment. We hope to hold a thankyou party for all those involved in the near future.

Vaccinations: all the authoritative evidence shows that being vaccinated against Covid 19 is helping to stop the transmission of Covid and prevent serious illness and death. Bishop John is asking us get vaccinated for the sake of the Common Good, even if we ourselves are reticent: we do it to help others. He writes: “I urge all adults, who are able to do so, to be vaccinated. Pope Francis has reminded people of the duty to be vaccinated if they are able. The Church is clear that all Catholics can take

any of the vaccines on offer with a clear conscience. Even if you are at a low risk of becoming seriously ill, being vaccinated will lower the risk of transmitting the virus to somebody else who might then have a severe reaction or even die. It is particularly important that those in our parishes, clergy and lay-people who visit those who are housebound or vulnerable are vaccinated.”

Mass Attendance: We have seen a welcome rise in the numbers attending church and we hope people have had the sense of being in a safe environment. Last weekend the numbers were: Vigil: 70; 10am: 104; 6.30pm: 45; Total: 219. The attendance at weekday Mass is about 40 people each day.

Offertory Donations: We are not holding offertory collections during Mass but please do try to remember to put your offertory money in the bags on the way in or out of Church. You can also post your donations and any Mass intentions through the Letterbox of the Priory which is locked inside. Also, it is possible to make online donations: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/ There is a link to this on our website and on the live stream.

There is an updated page about how we can support the finances of the parish on the website in the “Announcements” section.



Contactless Payments!

The machine for contactless payments is now working again. Please Gift Aid if you can: on the first use you be asked for your address to register as a gift aid donor. Subsequent payments with the same card will be recognised.

Facebook: Please “like” our parish Facebook Page. There are many photos and event announcements which appear there. Also please share items to your own Facebook page so that we can reach out to more people. We now have over 1000 followers; Tell you family and friends to like our page. It can be our part in the New Evangelisation.

Eco Thought of the Week: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; In today’s Gospel Jesus tells the disciples: “Do not work for food that cannot last”. Perhaps we can reflect on the importance of making food produce sustainable and products more long lasting & recyclable, rather than continue with a disposable, throw-away culture.

CAFOD : the Laudato Si Project at Wardley Hall, with encouragement from Bishop John, is progressing well. All the bottles we filled are being used to build walls in the outdoor classroom. They now have beehives there are selling jars of honey for £7. It is available in the Narthex, £4 of the £7 goes to buy a ‘Happy Queen Bee’ from CAFOD WORLD Gifts, gifts that make a difference. Thank you for your support.

200 Club July Winners: 1st: £200 No261 Patricia Murphy; 2nd: £100 No166 Peter Hastings; 3rd: £50 No 105 Virginia and Bernard Lawson.

Thanks to Kathryn Haythornthwaite and Sandra Laverick for their continuing work in running the 200 Club. A further £5,000 has been raised to support the upkeep of the Church. Many thanks to all who take part in the 200 Club. If you would like to join up, please contact the Parish Office. It’s a great, fun way to support your parish.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Shelagh Mervyn. Her Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 5th August at 11.00 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Fr Cassian Dickie, Jane Cooper, Amy Lloyd Andre Jacobs, Elsie Smith, Barbara Davis, Teddy Howes, Eddie Gough, Emma Garth, Margaret Roxburgh, Joyce Crook, Joe Lever, Brenda Towers, Margaret Riley, June Gent, Ryan Womack, Tony Wilkinson, Kath Kelly Margaret Peacock, Mary Foster, June Wrigley, John Prescott

All Those who have Recently Died

Shelagh Mervyn