

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 23

Vigil 7.00	23rd Sunday in OT <i>Shelagh Meryn</i>	4 Sept	Thu 9.30	St Peter Claver <i>Keany & Cullinan Families</i>	9 Sept
Sun 9.30	23rd Sunday in OT <i>Philip Morris</i>	5 Sept	Fri 9.30	St Ambrose Barlow <i>Shelagh Meryn</i>	10 Sept
11.00	<i>John McNicholas</i>		Sat		11 Sept
6.30	<i>The Parish</i>		9.30	<i>Paul Michaud</i>	
Mon 9.30		6 Sept	Vigil 7.00	24th Sunday in OT <i>Denis Hopwood</i>	11 Sept
	<i>Jack Allsop</i>		Sun 9.30	24th Sunday in OT <i>Simon Fender</i>	12 Sept
Tues 9.30	Brian, Olga & Lyn Thompson	7 Sept	11.00	<i>Denis, Michael, Susan & Libby Cole</i>	
Wed 9.30	The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Holy Souls</i>	8 Sept	6.30	<i>The Parish</i>	

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday & Thursday: 3pm to 4pm;
Saturday 10-10.30am**
Confession: Sat: 10-10-30am or by request to a priest.

Sanctuary Lamps : Week 38 : 1. Deceased Members Of The Worcester, Sergeant And Knight Families; 2. Forshaw 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: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Vincent de Paul, Over Hulton, and for the Parish Priest, Fr. Andrew Pastore. (member of The Mercy Bros!) We pray for the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. May they recognise Christ in the poor and needy.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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'Ephphatha'

Be opened. Oh if only we might be!
Speak to a heart that's closed in on itself:
'Be opened and the truth will set you free',
Speak to a world imprisoned in its wealth:
'Be opened! Learn to learn from poverty',
Speak to a church that closes and excludes,
And makes rejection its own litany:
'Be opened, opened to the multitudes
For whom I died but whom you have dismissed
Be opened, opened, opened,' how you sigh
And still we do not hear you. We have missed
Both cry and crisis, we make no reply.
Take us aside, for we are deaf and dumb-
Spit on us Lord and touch each tongue-tied tongue.

Malcolm Guite

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 SEPTEMBER 2021

TODAY: 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a man who is deaf and dumb. He uses the phrase "be opened". There are many ways in which we are all deaf to call of people in need or do not speak out on behalf of those with no voice. We ask the Lord today to heal us and grant us prophetic ears and voices.

Baptisms: Welcome to twins, Rhea Hope & Raurie James Clarke-Gilmour, and their sister Della-Rae Clarke-Gilmour, who will all be baptised on Sunday.

Offertory Processions:

12 September 9.30am: Wygladala Family
Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

Covid19 Restrictions: The Bishops of England & Wales have issued a document about how the relaxing of Covid restrictions affects churches. This is 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 enacting 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.**

Mass Obligation: 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.

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.

Saturday Reconciliation: & Exposition: We will resume the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the confessional and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Saturday 4th Sept from 10-10.30am.

Holy Rosary: for the duration of the pandemic, we have prayed the rosary each evening. Now that we are able to resume other commitments, both in Church and elsewhere, it seems the right moment to stop the online rosary. There have been many blessings from it both in the parish and much further afield; The final online rosary will be next **Sunday 5 Sept at 8pm**. Please try to maintain the personal practice of praying the rosary.

Moving forward, perhaps someone would like to organise a group who could come together to pray the rosary at a suitable time in church so that people can join in online. Please speak with Fr Mark if you might be able to do this.

Tues & Thurs Exposition 3-4pm: We will continue this for the time being, however, as

with the rosary, the commitment of leading this will, at times, need to be taken on by some Eucharistic Ministers.

Mass Attendance Last weekend: Vigil: 62; 10am: 127; 6.30pm: 49; Total: 238. 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 a page about how we can support the finances of the parish on the website in the "Announcements" section.



Contactless Payments!

Make use of our machine for contactless payments.

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.

Visits to the sick and housebound: we are now able to take Holy Communion to people at home once again. If you, or anyone you know, would like communion at home please let us know.

Sister Mary: We have placed some books, DVD's and other various items which belonged to Sr Mary on a table in the narthex. Please feel free to take anything which you would like. There is a donation box either for CAFOD or the SVP

Caritas Afghanistan Appeal: Many thanks for all the donations for the appeal by Caritas Diocese of Salford to support refugees from Afghanistan. They now have all the immediate provisions which they need. Your generosity is much appreciated as always.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Unfortunately, due to the fact that Israel is currently not admitting groups from the UK because of Covid 19, we have to postpone our pilgrimage to the Holy Land once again. The new dates are 25th April to 2nd May 2022. Enquires: info@northernstartravel.com or 0161 773 2115.

CAFOD Coffee Morning: This week, for the first time in 18 months, we were able to hold our "First Friday Coffee Morning". Thanks to all who attended and helped to make it such a success. The next one will be on Friday 1st October at 10am.

Back to School: Best wishes to everyone returning to school or college around this time. May God shower His blessings on this new academic year.

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, Joan Melling.

All Those who have Recently Died

Mgr Tom Devaney, Fr Michael Sharratt, Tommy
Chatburn, David Topping.