



20 May 2018
Pentecost Sunday



We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus'

ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

Marriage Matters

Differences add richness: Paul saw the Church as being a corporate body: various people, each with unique identities, talents, different skills and abilities, all contributing to bringing the Good News to others. Our differences became evident early in our marriage; these differences can be problematic or add richness to our relationship. The outcome depends on whether our choices are selfish or 'us' focused.

Think Vocation

Today is the Birthday of the Church. We cannot help but wonder in awe at the work of the Holy Spirit who has allowed the Church to survive, flourish and grow for 2000 years. May we continue to trust that the Lord will provide vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life for the Church in the years to come.

<p style="text-align: center;">Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: Page 805; Readings: page 806; <i>Preface: Page 813</i></p>
<p>Sunday 20 May 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy <i>A Day of Special Prayer for the Church</i></p>
<p>Monday 21 May - Mary, Mother of the Church 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 22 May 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) No Mass Today 7.15pm SVP (SB) 7pm Memorial Mass for Victims of the Manchester Bombings (Salford Cathedral)</p>
<p>Wednesday 23 May No Mass Today 12noon Churches Together in Harwood Prayer Walk (meet at St Brendan's)</p>
<p>Thursday 24 May No Mass Today 7.30pm Lourdes at Home (Wardley Hall)</p>
<p>Friday 25 May - St Bede the Venerable No Mass Today</p>
<p>Saturday 26 May - St Philip Neri 2pm International Mass (Salford Cathedral) 5pm Mass (SB)</p>
<p>Sunday 27 May - The Most Holy Trinity 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)</p>

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Prayers Please

Sick: Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Jude McCann Brown, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Father Francis McCauley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 8), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, Christine Everitt, Mark O'Brien, Sheila Derbyshire, Margaret Gibson, Kathleen & Arnold Banks, Andrew Rostron, Michaela (Sick child), Linda Marsh, Ross Smith (young person), Vernon Holt, and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness

Lately Dead: Marie Williams, Margaret Gubbins, Maureen Branagan, Margaret Knowles

Anniversaries: John Fitzgerald, John Carter

Mass Intentions: Thanks to God for all blessings received, John Fitzgerald, Leonard Ainscough (Birthday Remembrance), Marie Williams, John Carter, Gerard Dobson (Birthday Remembrance), Private Intentions of Canon Michael Cooke, Graham Taylor (Birthday Remembrance), Special Intention

Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6):

We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers

Hope in the Future

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the people of the parishes of:

The Immaculate Conception, Failsworth, with Fr Michael Job and Fr John Adio.

Corpus Christi, and Holy Family and Holy Rosary, Oldham, with Fr Gaspar Oladosu, and for the Sisters of Mercy.

We pray for the primary schools serving these parishes.

May the Spirit of the Lord be poured out in abundance upon us.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

12/13 May-128; 9am-217; 11am-155
Total-500

Offertory Collection

12/13 May: £1,332.09 (Including Ascension)
Standing Orders (11 May-17 May) - £227
Cheques: Whilst we are awaiting our new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to St John's. Thank you.



Congratulations: To Eliza Alice Stonebank and Austin James Commons who were baptised at St Brendan's last Saturday. Also, to Theo Stanley Worthington who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Exam Prayers: At this time of year we pray for all our young parishioners who are taking exams. We ask that they may be given guidance and support at this important time in their lives.

A Message of Thanks: I was taken aback last Saturday evening when the cheque was presented to me; I had no idea that a collection had been organised. Thank you for your generosity. Thanks also to those who have given me cards, presents and their good wishes. I was also taken by surprise at 11am Mass when Ian Smart (Methodist Minister) and Wendy Oliver (Cof E) turned up and made a presentation; again, unexpected but it was a lovely way to mark our working together over the years. Please pray for me in my new work. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers, with great gratitude to God for having had this time with you. God bless.

Fr Michael



Thank you to all who came to the concert last week and to all those who donated.

The amount raised came to £665!

With all the extra CAFOD monies we have received, the grand total we sent (before the amount was doubled) was £966.20.

This is worth £1,932.40 to CAFOD.

Thank you for all your generosity and support.

SVP News

SVP Outing: The Spring outing for the elderly, disabled and housebound will be on Sunday 3 June at St Joseph's Blackburn. There is a list at the back of each church for those wishing to go on the outing and for those who are able to offer transport.

SVP Sponsored Walk: Will be held on Sunday 1 July. Details are on the posters at the back of each church.

Memorial Mass at Salford Cathedral: On the evening of 22 May, Bishop John will lead a Mass of Remembrance at Salford Cathedral at 7pm. All are invited to come together in prayer to remember those who were involved in the Manchester Arena attack last year. There are more details of all the remembrance events taking place in Manchester on the back page of the newsletter.

Harwood Churches Together: Are holding a Prayer Walk on Wednesday 23rd May, beginning at 12noon at St Brendan's (with prayer) and then moving onto Morrisons Harwood. All welcome.

Harold Riley Print: Someone has kindly left a picture at St John's Presbytery of Pope John Paul II (The Blessing) and we aren't sure who it was intended for. Please could who ever left it make themselves known so that we can make sure it goes to the right person. Many thanks.

Readers' Rota: The rota for June - August is now available at the back of each church. It is also available to view on our parish website by looking under "Liturgy & Activities - Readers List" on the home page.

Early notice for Book Club. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 30 May. The novel for discussion is *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin. Please note we now start at 1pm and finish 2.30-2.45pm to avoid school traffic jams! All are welcome.

Lourdes at Home: Lourdes at Home is a series of Marian Devotions at Wardley Hall and Cemetery. They will take place every Thursday in May at 7.30pm. Please see the poster at the back of church.

Christian Meditation: The dates for May are: Tuesday 22nd & 29th May and Thursday 31st May. The group meets in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's and all are most welcome.

International Mass at Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL, Saturday 26 May (2pm): This is our second Annual Mass to welcome migrants and celebrate our diversity. To register your attendance please contact Cathedral House on 0161 817 2210 or cathedral@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. All are most welcome

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Youth Loneliness Seminar: Youth Loneliness is a growing problem and is quickly becoming a hot topic appearing in the national press. St Michael and St Bernadette's Parish, have joined up with MMU and 42nd Street to explore this issue further. If anybody would like to attend this seminar, please contact Neill Watkins via lonelinessconnects@gmail.com. The event will be held on Saturday 23rd June (10am - 4pm) at St Bernadette's & St Michael's, Ribble Drive, Whitefield, Manchester M45 8JN. Please see the poster on the notice boards.

Diocese of Salford Vacancy Director of Education

The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit an exceptional individual to lead the Department for Education, which is responsible for the implementation of diocesan policy and strategy for Catholic schools and colleges.

Appointment Type: Full time, permanent. Commencing September 2018 or January 2019 or sooner

Closing date for applications: 12noon on Wednesday, 13th June, 2018.

Interviews will be held on: Thursday, 28th and Friday, 29th June, 2018.

More details can be found on the diocesan website <http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/>

To request an application pack or for more information on this post please contact:

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E-mail: personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

St John's 200 Club

The May winners are:

£50 M Mariner (58)

£25 K Carolan (40)



There are still numbers available if you would like to join the 200 Club. It's only £1 per month (payable annually). Please see Frances Smith.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 26/27 May		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	M Maybury	TBA
9am (SJ)	M Russell	T Armstrong, A Grundy, E Rothwell, P McArdle, M Cropper, A Rawlinson
11am (SB)	M Durkan	C Owen, P Brennan, M Durkan

Memorial for the Manchester Bombing Anniversary

The month of May will be hard for the city of Manchester. We are fast approaching the first anniversary of the Manchester bombing on Tuesday 22 May.

Bishop John spoke about the upcoming anniversary: *“In the past year advances have been made with community building and recognising the strength of such a diverse population in the metropolitan area. This work must continue and as a diocese we will continue to promote projects that foster a shared sense of community. Our hope must be that we can use this tragedy to bring real and lasting benefits to Manchester and beyond.”*

There are a number of opportunities to come together to remember those who died, their families and all those injured and affected on that tragic evening.

Civic Memorial: A civic memorial service will be held at Manchester Cathedral on May 22, from 2-3pm, attended by an invited congregation including the families of those who lost their lives, those injured, first responders, civic leaders and senior national figures. This is invitation only but will be shown on a big screen in Cathedral Garden.

Trees of Hope Trail: On the 22nd May A Trees of Hope trail will run from Victoria Station through to St Ann’s Square. It offers the opportunity to share tributes and messages of solidarity and love. We would encourage anyone who wants to leave and share tributes to do so through the Trees of Hope trail. These tributes will then form part of the ongoing archive of public responses to the attack. Volunteers will be on hand to distribute message tags between 8am - 11pm

National Minute Silence 2.30pm: A national minute of silence to mark the first anniversary.

Mass of Remembrance: Bishop John will lead a Mass of Remembrance at Salford Cathedral at 7pm. All are invited to come together in prayer to remember.

Manchester Together - With One Voice: Albert Square will open at 6pm to host a mass-singalong in a united act of remembrance. This event will take place between 7.30pm-9pm The day will end with bells being rung out across the city at 10.31pm.

Interfaith Meditation for Peace: A day to celebrate unity and pray for peace at Manchester Cathedral - Friday 25 May 10am - 4pm. Join a gathering of people from all backgrounds in a silent meditation of unity - with people from different faiths or none. We will celebrate and strengthen the powerful spirit of community in Manchester which followed the tragic event of 22 May 2017. For further enquiries and to book please contact Pat Higgins E: patricia_higgins@hotmail.com or Telephone: 0161 962 8661

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