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LENT IS COMING!

18th February is ASH WEDNESDAY, start of our annual Lenten Journey thru Easter to Pentecost!

Details of the Ash Wednesday Mass times are on the front of the Newsletter. Ash Wednesday is a day when all Catholics aged between 14 and 59 are obliged to fast, unless prevented by health reasons. Fasting is regarded as making do with one meal, though two snacks may also be taken. Catholics are also obliged to abstain from meat.

During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Saturdays at 9.40am, prior to Mass at 10am.

The Deanery Lenten Station Masses are as follows:

Wednesday 25th February	St. Patrick's, in thanksgiving for the first 190 years of the Presentation Convent
Wednesday 4th March	St. Clare's, Blackley, in this Year of St. Francis
Wednesday 11th March	St. Stephen's, Droylsden
Wednesday 18th March	St. Anne's, Crumpsall
Wednesday 25th March	St. Bridget's Beswick

Each Mass begins at 7.30pm, with Confessions from 7pm.

On each Tuesday in Lent at 7pm there will be an online talk and reflection about the Sunday Gospel. The first session, on the Gospel of the Temptations of Jesus, will be led by Father Michael Deas. To book a place and access the session go to www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-readings-for-lent/

Copies of Walk with Me, a booklet of short daily reflections for each day of Lent, are available in the church porches.

Lent is also a time of self-denial. Please think of some little act of self-denial to mark this sacred season. Family Fast Day this year is Friday 27th February.

And, of course, **Lent is a time for almsgiving.** Please consider supporting, in some way, a charity. Our own diocesan charity is Caritas, Diocese of Salford, based right next door under the same roof as St. Patrick's Church and Rectory. Besides Caritas HQ, Caritas House supports 19 men who would otherwise have been homeless. To provide a room for one resident for one week costs £30. If at any time during this Lenten season you can provide one room for one week, please place £30 into an envelope, marked Caritas, and give it to one of the priests. Maybe you could get family, friends, workmates, to sponsor you. We'll let you know at then end of Lent how many rooms we have provided.

At 6pm on 17 February, Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP will give a talk on **How we can keep our hope alive today** at the Holy Name Church, Oxford Rd, Manchester. BSL interpretation is provided

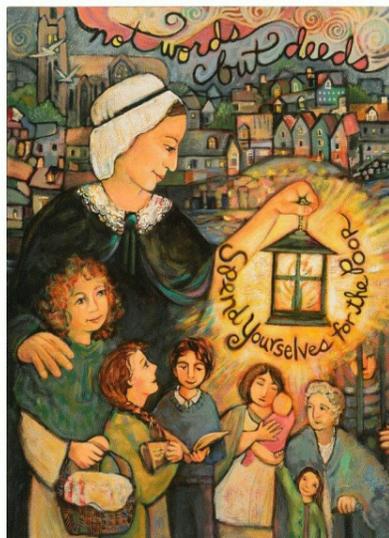
Sr Carmel is arranging a Raffle in aid of the Christians in the Holy Land. Tickets are available this weekend.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS! To be better able to communicate with you we invite you to register as parishioners. This will all be subject to GDPR data protection. A Google Form (left) has been created. Please do complete it.

DO USE THE PARISH CAR PARK ON NOBBY STILES DR UNLESS YOU HAVE RESIDENTS' PERMIT OR BLUE BADGE

DO YOU KNOW OUR PARISH HISTORY? This year we focus on the history of the Presentation Sisters in Manchester closely entwined with the history of St. Patrick's parish. We continue with the life of the Venerable Nano Nagle, their holy founder.

Nano began to visit the sick and the elderly after school, bringing them food, medicine and comfort. She went from hovel to hovel each day to gather the neediest people to teach. Nighttime ministries to poverty-ridden elderly and sick in her hometown gave her the nickname *The Lady with the Lantern*.



As her workload increased, Nano realised that she would need help with her work. In 1767, she stayed with the Ursuline Sisters in Paris while visiting her cousin Margaret Butler, who had been professed the previous year. In 1771, she sponsored the first Ursuline convent in Ireland, a community of four women in Cork city who were professed in Paris, together with a reverend mother. However, they were unable to educate the poor widely, because at that time Ursulines were required to remain enclosed in their convents.

If your child is in Year 8 or above, and not yet confirmed, we are now asking you to enrol them for this year's Confirmation Preparation Programme which will start during Lent.

Please email Fr Paul with their full name and your name and address.

Pope Leo's Intention: that children with incurable diseases and their families receive necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

In our Diocese parishes are praying for us!!

In our parish we pray for all who live on Shiredale Drive, Shieldborn Drive and Nethervale Drive.

For Kim and all the sick.

For Andrew Fleck, Rose Coleman, John Patrick Joyce, Jackie Hilton, and all who have died recently, and John Bucke, Neil Anthony Dyer, Andrew James Dyer, Margaret Mary Dyer all remembered at this time.

In St. Patrick's the Sanctuary Lamp burns for the residents of Caritas House, the lamp in Our Lady's chapel for Dominic Leech and in St. Joseph's chapel for those who use the Lalley Centre.

Fr Paul is aware that he very rarely is able to say the 11am Mass on Sunday mornings at St. Malachy's since he is needed to sign the 11.30am Mass at St. Patrick's.

He would like to suggest that the St. Malachy's Mass start at 10.30am and the signed Mass at 11.45am.

You can support the parish via the **QR code** (right) OR **CONTACTLESS** in the church porches.

Thank you for your generosity last week £717.61(loose), £92 (Gift Aid), and £108.45 (Spanish language community) and, over the prior weekend, £1019.95 (loose), £71 (Gift Aid) as well as £41 contactless (last week) and £1075 contactless (the week before—donations and purchases)

IF YOU PAY INCOME TAX ON YOUR EARNINGS OR PENSION OR SAVINGS THE PARISH CAN GET BACK FROM THE GOVERNMENT 22p FOR EVERY POUND YOU GIVE TO THE PARISH since we are a charity. All we need is your signature on a gift aid form and do ONE of these:

- You sign the form and we give you a set of envelopes for your weekly collection
 - you give via a Standing Order set up with your bank (we have the forms)
 - or via Contactless machine or QR code
- For a GiftAid form or Standing Order form email Gracielli.polaini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

If you would like the lamp in front of the Blessed Sacrament, the statue of Our Lady or St. Joseph, write the intention on the front of an envelope and return it with a suggested donation of £10.



ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT PARTY,
Friday 13th March,
Upper Hall.

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Exploring God's Creation within Catholic Theology

Dr Finlay Malcolm from the University of Manchester will be delivering an interactive teaching session exploring how creation and the environment are integral to Catholic faith and theology. The session will involve theological and environmental teaching, spiritual reflection, and discussion of how we can be part of God's work, through the Church, in redeeming God's creation. It will take place on 25 February 2026, 7-9pm, at Guardian Angels Church in Bury. Refreshments will be provided. For more information and to sign up for the event, please use the following link: [Exploring God's Creation within Catholic Theology - Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford](#)

Planning a wedding? Six months notice is needed. Contact Deacon Stephen.

Know someone unwell at home who'd like a home visit? speak to Fr. Jose.

ASH WEDNESDAY by Malcolm Guite

Receive this cross of ash upon your brow,
Brought from the burning of Palm Sunday's cross.
The forests of the world are burning now
And you make late repentance for the loss.
But all the trees of God would clap their hands
The very stones themselves would shout and sing
If you could covenant to love these lands
And recognise in Christ their Lord and king.

He sees the slow destruction of those trees,
He weeps to see the ancient places burn,
And still you make what purchases you please,
And still to dust and ashes you return.
But Hope could rise from ashes even now
Beginning with this sign upon your brow.



We continue to read **Pope Leo's Letter** on the Church's option for the poor, *Dilexi Te*

Two centuries after St. Paul, St Lawrence, a deacon in Rome during the pontificate of Pope Sixtus II, was forced by the Roman authorities to turn over the treasures of the Church. "The following day he brought the poor with him. Questioned about where the promised treasures might be, he pointed to the poor saying, 'These are the treasures of the Church.'" St Ambrose writes: "What treasures does Jesus have that are more precious than those in which he loves to show himself?"

From the start, the Church recognized in the poor a privileged way to reach God, a special way to meet him. Charity shown to those in need was seen as an expression of faith in the incarnate Word. The community of the faithful, with the strength of the Spirit, was rooted in being close to the poor, whom they considered not just an "appendage," but an essential part of Christ's living body. St Ignatius of Antioch urged not to neglect the duty to carry out acts of charity for those most in need, admonishing them not to behave like those who oppose God. "But consider those who are of a different opinion with respect to the grace of Christ, which has come to us, how opposed they are to the will of God. They have no regard for love; no care for the widow, or the orphan, or the oppressed; of the bound, or of the free; of the hungry, or of the thirsty." St. Polycarp states that ministers of the Church should take care of the poor: "let the presbyters be compassionate and merciful to all, bringing back those that wander, visiting all the sick, and not neglecting the widow, the orphan, or the poor, but always providing for that which is becoming in the sight of God and man." The Church appears as mother of the poor, place of welcome and justice.

Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart in his last Letter, Dilexit Nos

In contemplating the heart of Christ and his self-surrender to death, we find great consolation. The grief in our hearts gives way to complete trust and what endures is gratitude, tenderness, peace; what endures is Christ's love reigning in our lives. Compunction is not a source of anxiety but of healing for the soul, since it acts as balm on the wounds of sin, preparing us to receive the caress of the Lord". Our sufferings are joined to those of Christ on the cross. If we believe that grace can bridge every distance, then Christ by his sufferings united himself to the sufferings of his disciples in every time and place. Whenever we endure suffering, we can know the interior consolation of knowing that Christ suffers with us. In seeking to console him, we will find ourselves consoled.

We hear the urgent plea of the Lord: "Comfort, comfort my people!". St Paul tells us, God offers us consolation "that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction, with the consolation by which we ourselves are consoled by God".

This then challenges us to seek a deeper understanding of the communitarian, social and missionary dimension of all authentic devotion to the heart of Christ. For even as Christ's heart leads us to the Father, it sends us forth to our brothers and sisters. In the fruits of service, fraternity and mission that the heart of Christ inspires in our lives, the will of the Father is fulfilled. In this way, we come full circle: "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit".

This week's Feasts: Tue: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order:

born in Florence, they lived as hermits, founding the Order in 1304; on this day Alexis Falconieri, one of the 7.

St. Fintan, father of Irish monks, founded the monastery at Cluain Ednech in Leinster. He died in 597.

St. Finan, an Irish monk trained at Iona, succeeded St. Aidan as second Bishop of Lindisfarne, dying in 661.

Wed: Bl. John of Fiesole became a Dominican Friar in 1407. He spent his religious life near Florence and painted a series of frescoes on the walls of the Convento of St. Mark there. Invited to Rome by the Pope in 1445 he painted frescoes in the Vatican. He died in 1455, better known as Fra Angelico.



Bl. William Harrington met Edmund Campion as a young boy. Ordained at Rheims he returned to the Mission but was arrested and executed in 1592.

Bl John Pibush, from Thirsk, was arrested for being a priest and imprisoned. He escaped but was recaptured and sent to London where he was in prison for 5 years before being hanged, drawn and quartered at Camberwell in 1600.

Sat: St Peter Damian, born in 1007, became a hermit before taking part in a great reform of the Church; in 1057 he was made Bishop of Ostia.

Bl. Thomas Pormort, born in Hull, was ordained in Rome. Twice imprisoned, on the second time he was tortured on the rack. He was martyred at St. Paul's in 1592, aged 33.

St. Robert Southwell, born in Norfolk, became a member of staff at the Venerable English College, Rome. Returning to England he was chaplain to Ann Dacre, Countess of Arundel, wife of (St.) Philip Howard who was in prison in the Tower. After 6 years the priest-catcher, Topcliffe, arrested him. He was tortured in the Tower for 3 years until executed at Tyburn in 1595. His writings, poetry and prose, had an influence on other writers of the time, including Shakespeare, possibly himself a Catholic.

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THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK with ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH, COLLYHURST and ST JOSEPH'S CHAPLAINCY TO DEAF PEOPLE
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 Fr. Anthony Nnajofofor, Assistant Priests, Rev. Stephen Scott, Deacon;
 Sister Anne, Sister Regina, Parish Sisters; Gracielli Polaini (Parish Secretary)



Fr. Cletus Magugu, (Chaplain to the Zimbabwean Catholic Community –in residence)
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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sirach 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37	Mass 9.30am , Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 11.30am (signed), Confessions 11-11.15am Mass 11am (St. M) Confessions 10:30-10:45am Mass (Vietnamese New Year (of the horse) 4pm
MONDAY James 1:1-11 Mark 8:11-13	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
TUE The Seven Holy Founders Jms 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21:1-13	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
ASH WEDNESDAY A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINCE Joel 2:12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 17-18	Mass 9:15am. Requiem Mass for Jacqueline 10am (St M) Mass (signed) 10.30am Mass 11:30am (St. M) Mass 6pm
THURSDAY Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
FRI Abstinence Isaiah 58:1-9a Matthew 9:14-15	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
SATURDAY (St Peter Damian) Isaiah 58:9b-14 Luke 5:27-32	Mass 10am , followed Confessions and Adoration of the Bl Sacrament until Benediction at 11am Confessions (St. M) 5-5.15pm First Mass of Sunday (St. M) 5.30pm
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Mass 9.30am , Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 11.30am (signed), Confessions (11-11.15am) Mass 11am (St. M) Confessions (10:30-10:45am) Rite of Election, with Bishop John 2.30pm

Under no circumstances are young children allowed to go to the toilets unaccompanied. Our toilets are at the church entrances which is a risk. Make sure your children are accompanied. Children must be supervised when using the stairs and lift. The stairs are only for accessing the Upper Hall under parental supervision. Ensure your children do not play on, near or under the stairs.