



Do help the parish via QR code OR BY MACHINE in the church porches.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend £443.97 (loose), £172 (giftaid), £150 (Vietnamese community) and £185 given to Missio via the Red Boxes.

If you would like an 8 day light to burn for a particular intention in front of the BI Sacrament, Our Lady or St. Joseph please write the intention on an envelope. If you can enclose a donation we suggest £10.

We have received on trail two new candle stands, called St Killians. This is a safer, cleaner, cheaper, environmentally friendly way of using votive candles as prayers.

The system does not use any plastic or aluminium. All wax from the system is recycled. The candles in the system are completely smoke free, which will help preserve our statues and walls from smoke damage and improve air quality within the church.

Place the candle in the glass container on the stand and light it with the lighter provided.

Planning a baptism? speak to Fr. Paul

To book a wedding see Deacon Stephen.

If you, or someone you know, unwell and would like to receive a home visit, tell Fr. Jose.

This Week's Feasts: Mon: St John I, Pope, comes from a strange and dark period of history at the beginning of the sixth century: the Roman Empire in the West was in ruins, and was ruled by Theodoric the Goth; meanwhile the glory of Rome lived on in Constantinople. Emperor Justin began a ruthless persecution of the Arians: Theodoric, himself an Arian, sent the Pope to restrain the Emperor, but was furious when John returned, accusing him of plotting. He was imprisoned at Ravenna for the rest of his life.

Tue: St Dunstan, born in 909, died in Canterbury in 988. He studied arts and literature before becoming a monk, then abbot, at Glastonbury. He was the principal agent in restoring English monasticism after the Viking devastations. He became bishop of Worcester, bishop of London, Archbishop of Canterbury. With many talents, he was renowned as painter, musician, and metal-worker, besides counsellor of kings and zealous reforming bishop.

Wed: St Bernardine of Siena, born near Siena (Italy) in 1380, became a Franciscan priest in 1404; he was a great preacher, and propagated devotion to the holy name of Jesus. He died in 1444.

Thurs: St Christopher Magallanes, born to a farm family, worked as a shepherd and became a priest. He founded schools, a newspaper, catechism centres for children and adults, carpentry shops, and an electric plant. Arrested and shot without trial on 21 May 1927 while going to celebrate Mass, his last words were "I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serves toward the peace of our divided Mexico."

Fri: St. Rita of Cascia, despite an early desire to enter religious life, was married at the age of 18; after the violent death of her abusive husband, and of her children, she joined the Augustinian monastery in Cascia (Italy) aged 36. She lived as a wife, mother, widow, and nun, buried her family, helped bring peace to her city and never lost her faith in God, or her desire to be with him.

Mass will be celebrated at 11am at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Moston, on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May. In the event of rain, the Mass will be in St. Dunstan's church.


Might you be called to become a priest? Open to exploring it further?

Come along to a prayerful day of Reflection at St John Fisher, Manchester Road, Kearsley, Bolton, on Saturday 13th June, 10am-2:30pm

The day includes talks from our Vocations Directors; Mass; Adoration; time for personal prayer and strolls around the beautiful grounds. Lunch included.

Spaces are limited, so to register your interest, email michael.deas@dioceseofsalford.org.uk and your booking will be confirmed in due course.

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On Bank Holiday Monday, 26th May, the Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walk takes place. We are warmly welcome and encouraged to take part. You may wish to walk with Manchester Cathedral, which is our nearest neighbouring church taking part, or with the Holy Name and Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy.

9.30am—Assemble in behind Manchester Cathedral
10.00am - Procession to St Peter's Square via Deansgate
10.45am - Act of worship 11.30am - Return procession.

If you are worried about rising energy costs, our diocesan charity Caritas Salford runs free drop-in advice sessions to help with everything from energy debt to making your home more energy efficient. You can find out more about these and other ways the team can help people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport



To keep in touch with you we invite you to register as parishioners. A Google Form has been created. Do use the QR code (left) to submit it.



COME, HOLY SPIRIT, by Paul Sebastien

Come Holy Spirit of God
Pour a fresh anointing, Lord
Upon on your faithful people
Spirits hunger to be rekindled

Come Holy Spirit of God
Counsellor, Comforter, Help of God
Come, revive the gifts in us,
Mold us, empower us

Holy Spirit of God, our Friend
Leader, Teacher, Enabler, God-sent
Lover, coming in the form of dove
Enflame us with the Fire of Love

Teach us to love the Truth
So our eyes are opened to God's love

Pope Leo's Intention for May: That everyone might have food Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food. Click on [Pope's May prayer intention: 'That everyone might have food' - Vatican News](#) to see the Pope lead this prayer in a short video.

In our Diocese we pray this week for the parishes of St Joseph, Mossley, and Sacred Heart and St. William, Uppermill, for Fr James Clarke, their parish priest, Fr. Linus, and for their parish primary school.

In our parish we pray for all who live on Rushwick Ave, Rylane Walk and Rydale Ave

For all the sick.

For Patrick McCabe, Jenny Taylor, Marlene Short, Mary Connolly, Bernadette Mulligan and all who have died recently, and Marie Downey, Terry Collins, Thomas Taylor, Ronnie Storah and all remembered at this time.

Bishop John has officially opened the cause to consider whether Pedro Ballaster should be declared by the Pope to be a Saint.

Pedro died on 13 January 2018 at the age of 21. Born in Manchester in 1996, he grew up in a Catholic family and was widely known for his warmth, generosity and dedication. In his late teens, he committed his life fully to God as a member of Opus Dei, dedicating himself to its apostolic work.



Shortly after beginning university, Pedro was diagnosed with advanced pelvic cancer. He accepted his illness with remarkable faith, offering his suffering for the Pope, the Church and all souls, and bearing his condition with deep serenity and trust in God.

Over the years since his death, his reputation for holiness has grown significantly. In response, the Postulator, Fr Paul Hayward, has formally requested the opening of the Cause.

The opening of this Cause marks an important step in recognising the life and witness of a young man whose example of faith, especially in the face of suffering, continues to resonate with many people today

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR PARISH STORY?

1836 It was Father Hearne's desire that the school should be opened on the 2nd February, Feast of the Purification of Our Lady. The Brothers of the Christian Schools were very kind and lent their aid to organise things in the school. Bro Francis Phelan, who had been many years in Manchester labouring among the poor boys and Bro Joseph Maher, with two boys, Alexander Richie and friend, attended for some weeks in the school, admitting the children and assisting the Nuns in every way they could. There was great respect shown to the Nuns by the people though they were the objects of a vast amount of curiosity and many droll remarks were made about them. Great numbers of people came to see the Convent and school which was open to any person who came. This was to satisfy the minds of the people that a Convent was not really what the world said it was.