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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Masses & Liturgies for the Coming Week...

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

**10:30am Requiem Mass for Gladys Kenyon RIP**  
**5pm -5:50pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

*'Our soul can find in the Blessed Sacrament all the joys and consolations it desires.'* St Teresa Avila

#### **6pm Mass, Saint Wilfrid, Bishop (Memoria)**

St. Wilfrid was born in Northumbria c.634 A.D and died c.709 A.D. As Bishop of York he was the first English bishop to appeal to the Pope. Although reinstated in York, he fell out again with the king and other bishops. He ministered in the East Midlands and finally at Hexham.

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

**10am Mass, Saint Edward the Confessor (Memoria)**

St. Edward the Confessor became king of England in 1042 A.D. He was remarkable for his help to the poor. He died on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 1066 A.D.

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October

**10am Mass (Feria)**

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October

**5pm -5:50pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

*'The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world. . . . Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: he is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever.'*

Pope John Paul II

**6pm Mass, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor (Memoria)**

St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila) was born in 1515 and entered the Carmelite Order, making progress in the way of perfection and receiving mystical revelations. She undertook the reform of the Order, against great opposition. She died in 1543.

#### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October

**9am – 9:50am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**10am Votive Mass of Our Lady (celebrated in the Lady Chapel)**  
**6pm The Rosary**  
**6:30pm Vigil Mass for The Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October

**9:30am The Rosary**  
**10am Mass for The Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Following guidance from the diocese, we are still strongly encouraged to wear face masks in church  
Thank you for continuing to make St. Mary's a safe and prayerful place for the Glory of God.

## **October: The Month of The Holy Rosary**

*'The Rose is the queen of flowers, and so the rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one. It would hardly be possible for me to put into words how much Our Lady thinks of the holy rosary and of how she vastly prefers it to all other devotions.'*

- St. Louis de Montfort

October is the month of The Rosary, a devotion that is rooted in Scripture. Each weekend before the Vigil and Sunday morning Masses there will be an opportunity to pray the Rosary as a parish family. It's a devotion that brings us closer to knowing Jesus and understanding the love and mercy He has for us. You may not have prayed the Rosary for along time; you may find it a difficult prayer; you may never have prayed it before or even picked up a set of rosary bead's – not matter where your coming from, join us over the month of October to know this powerful prayer and love the fruits it will bear in your own life.

*'There is no surer means of calling down God's blessing upon the family than the daily recitation of the Rosary.'* Pope Pius XII

## **October Reading**

As the temperature drops and the nights draw in, it's always a good excuse to pick up a book. Maybe for the month of October, dedicated to Our Lady, the following recommended titles might be helpful in developing our devotion to Mary. These titles can be purchased via Amazon or by contacting the Cathedral Bookshop Tel: 0161 817 2208

*10 Wonders of the Rosary* by Donald H. Calloway

*Praying The Rosary Like Never Before: Encounter the Wonder of Heaven and Earth* by Edward Sri

*Hail, Holy Queen: The Mother of God in the Word of God* by Scott Hahn

*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah* by Brant Pitre

## **Red Box Missions – Update for volunteer collectors September 2021**

Missio have recently restarted the seasonal Magazines and have sent copies to Church.

However, it is most important that volunteer collectors do not feel under any obligation or pressure to distribute these and/or empty the mission boxes of parishioners if they feel it is too early for them to do so safely.

Fr O'Brien has kindly allocated a cupboard at the back of church for Red Box use.

If you feel happy to re-start distributing the magazines/emptying the mission boxes can you please let me know and I can collate the magazines for you. At present I have 4 yellow books which were still at Church when lockdown started and expect the rest are with individual collectors.

I have also contacted Missio to ask if they have any guidance they are able to give us regarding restarting.

I can be contacted by telephone on 01254 234343 or email :jeanbpartington@gmail.com.

Please contact me to let me know your preference or for any further information

Once again, please do not feel under any pressure to re-start at this time should you have any concerns.

*Jean Partington*

Red Box Co-ordinator on behalf of St Marys RC Church Oswaldtwistle

### **Action on the Assisted Dying Bill**

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill, due to be debated in the House of Lords in October. It encourages us to write to peers at the House of Lords stating the reasons why we oppose this legislation and particularly explain from personal experience the reasons why this change in the law should be opposed. Discussion and communication about this important matter is vital for the defeat of the Bill and in our diocese, Bishop John is asking all parishioners to act now by praying, writing and sharing. You can find out more details about how to help oppose the bill in Bishop Sherrington's letter on the Diocese of Salford's website at [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/action-on-the-assisted-dying-bill/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/action-on-the-assisted-dying-bill/)

### **Hope in the Future Stage 4: Proclaiming the Good News**

On Sunday 3rd October the diocese launched Stage 4 of Hope in the Future, reflecting on how we can Proclaim the Good News of Jesus to those around us. In this Stage, we will be focusing on 'Proclaiming the Good News', reflecting on how we can help those who come into contact with our parishes through the celebrations of baptism, weddings, funerals, RCIA, Christmas and Easter Liturgies to experience the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The resources also include details of upcoming Training and Formation events. Please share these resources with your parish. To view the resources, please visit

[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Stage-4-Resource-Pack.pdf](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Stage-4-Resource-Pack.pdf)

To learn more about our diocesan renewal programme, Hope in the Future, you can watch this introductory video - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVGeL8csDkk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVGeL8csDkk)

### **The Caritas Bishop's Fund for families facing challenge and crisis**

As many families will face further financial pressures this autumn, due to the ending of the furlough scheme and Universal Credit £20 uplift, we would like to remind parishes of the grant available to support those in need in our parishes and schools. Applications must be made by the parish priest head teacher. Please download the criteria and application form for the Caritas Bishop's Fund here: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Caritas-Bishops-Fund-Award-Criteria-and-Application-Form.docx>

### **Diocesan Walk for our Climate**

On Sunday 10 October there will be a Walk for our Climate from Salford Cathedral to the Laudato Si' Centre. We will start with a prayer then depart from Salford Cathedral at 12.30pm, arriving at the Laudato Si' Centre around 3.30pm for a short service. The walk is approximately 8.6 miles long. En route, we will have the opportunity to take time to reflect on our care for our common home.

The reflections will take place in the churches listed below alongside the route and timings:

Route: <https://goo.gl/maps/SSy6VoL4Kf9AvsEE9>

Meet at Salford Cathedral piazza	12.15
Depart from Salford Cathedral	12.30
St James Church	13.00
St Peter and St Paul Church	13.45
St Charles Church	15.00
Laudato Si Centre	15.30

All are welcome to join us. You do not need to do the full 8.6 miles, you can meet us at one of the churches and walk part way or just come along for the reflections. For further information please contact [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

### **The Covid Vaccine**

“Bishop John is urging 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 otherwise vulnerable are vaccinated.”

God Bless and keep praying.

Our Lady of Oswaldtwistle, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Fr. O'Brien

