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Sunday 17th October 2021
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses & Liturgies for the Coming Week...

Tuesday 19th October

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

6pm Votive Mass of All Angels

'Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.' St. Basil

Wednesday 20th October

10am Votive Mass of St. Joseph

'I do not remember that I ever asked him [St. Joseph] at any time for anything which he did not obtain for me. It fills me with amazement when I consider the numberless graces which God has granted me through the intercession of this blessed saint and the perils, both of body and soul, from which he has delivered me.' St. Teresa of Avila

Thursday 21st October

10am Mass (Feria)

Friday 22nd October

10am Marian Procession from St. Mary's School to St. Mary's Church

10:15am Procession arrives at church followed by Devotions to Our Lady

All parishioners are welcome to this event. You may want to stand outside church to watch the school procession and welcome the statue of Our Lady as she enters church via the Lych Gate on Catlow Hall Street. Please also feel welcome to follow on into church for the simple prayer service where we will have our devotions to Mary.

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 John Paul II, Pope (Memoria)

Karol Jozef Wotjtyla, was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. On 16th October 1978 he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II. His apostolic zeal, particularly for young people, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. He died 2nd April 2005.

Saturday 23rd October

9am – 9:50am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

‘Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.’

St Teresa of Calcutta

10am Votive Mass of Our Lady (celebrated in the Lady Chapel)

6pm The Rosary

6:30pm Vigil Mass for The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 24th October

9:30am The Rosary

10am Mass for The Thirtieth 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

www.saintmarysoswaldtwistle.co.uk

St. Mary's School Marian Procession & Rosary

On Friday 22nd October there will be a Marian Procession from St. Mary's School to church. The children will be singing and carrying a statue of Mary in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary. Last week and then in this forth coming week I have been invited by the school to teach the children about the gift of the Rosary, which was given to St. Dominic by Mary, to bring people closer to Christ her Son. The procession will leave St. Mary's School at 10am and head towards church where there will be a simple service of devotions to Our Lady. Everyone is welcome! You may want to wait outside church to welcome the procession and follow on into church afterwards for the service. You may want to be seated in church already before the procession arrives. No matter what you choose, do come, do join us in prayer and why not bring a friend, neighbour or family member. Our Lady of Oswaldtwistle, pray for us.

Sir David Amess, Member of Parliament, RIP

On Friday (15th October) the sad news was shared about the murder of Sir David Amess MP. Some parishioners here at St. Mary's met Sir David when he invited them to Westminster for a Memorial Mass in the Crypt at the Houses of Parliament. Let's pray for his family, friends and colleagues at this devastating time as well as the repose of Sir David's soul - *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

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/

Formation Series: Fr Chris Gorton – 'Stage 4: Proclaiming the Good News'

Wednesday 20th October 2021, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Conference Room 1, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP (the talk will also be streamed on Zoom) As part of our Formation Series and Stage 4 of our diocesan renewal programme, Hope in the Future, Fr Chris Gorton will suggest practical ways our parishes can be more welcoming and mission oriented. Our schools and the celebrations of baptism, weddings, funerals, Christmas and Easter Liturgies, bring a significant number of people into contact with our parish. These times provide us with opportunities to engage people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

7:00pm – Tea/coffee

7:30pm – Input

8:30pm – Q&A

9:00pm – Finish

Suggested Donation of £5.00 on arrival.

Register here www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fr-chris-gorton-formation-series-stage-4-proclaiming-the-good-news-tickets-183475840177

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>

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

