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Sunday 24th October 2021
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses & Liturgies for the Coming Week...

Wednesday 27th October

10am Votive Mass of St. Joseph

'Never forget that St. Joseph is always standing by to protect you.' Pope Pius XII

Thursday 28th October

10am Mass, Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

The name of Simon is placed eleventh in the list of apostles and nothing is known of him, except that he was born at Cana and was known as the Zealot. Jude, also known as Thaddaeus, was the apostle, who at the Last Supper, asked the Lord why he showed himself only to his disciples and not to the whole world.

Friday 29th October

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

'If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.' St. Angela of Foligno

6pm Mass (Feria)

Saturday 30th October

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

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

'All true children of God have God for their father and Mary for his mother; anyone who does not have Mary for his mother, does not have God for his father.' St. Louis Marie de Montfort

6pm The Holy Rosary

6:30pm Vigil Mass, The Solemnity of All Saints

Sunday 31st October

9:30am The Holy Rosary

10am Mass, The Solemnity of All Saints

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

Thank You: Marian Procession

On Friday (22nd Oct) we had our Marian procession with St. Mary's School. Though the rain drizzled it did no dampen the singing and energy down Catlow Hall Street. Pupils led us in prayers and devotions to Our Lady. At the back of church, hanging from the choir loft, you will see the children's Balloon Rosary containing all our petitions from last week. Thank you to all the staff and children at St. Mary's and those parishioners who came to join us in honouring Our Blessed Mother.

Good News: The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club is able to start again. The first meeting will be at 2pm on Wednesday 3rd November at the Adelaide Suite. At the meeting people can sign up for the Christmas Lunch. It will be so good to see everyone again.

Volunteer Gardeners

Autumn is definitely here with the nights drawing in, temperatures getting cooler and leaves on the trees dropping. As always if there are any kind volunteers who would be prepared to help clear the church paths and grounds of leaves then please do get in contact with Navada at

keenannavada@gmail.com

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/

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