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Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

#### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

##### **10am Mass, Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor (Memoria)**

St. Leo the Great became Pope in 440 A.D, a true father and shepherd of his people. He strove to protect the integrity of the faith, defended the unity of the Church and repelled the incursions of the Huns and Vandals. He died in 461 A.D.

#### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

##### **10am Mass, Saint Martin of Tours (Memoria)**

St. Martin was born in 316 A.D, became a soldier, was baptised and founded a monastery in France under the direction of St. Hilary. He became a Bishop of Tours; here he worked hard to visit his flock, and preach against paganism. He died in 397 A.D, and was honoured as a saint – one of the first non-martyrs so to be honoured.

##### **11am Remembrance Day Prayers & Silence**

Parishioners are welcome to gather around the outside sculpture of the Pieta, originally from Sacred Heart Church, to pray for all those who have died in violent conflicts throughout the world.

#### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

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

##### **6pm Mass, Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr (Memoria)**

St. Josaphat: a saint of the Ukraine, honoured for his work for the unity of the Church. He was born in 1580, he became a priest and established a reputation for holiness, becoming archbishop of Polotsk. He worked strenuously to end disturbance between the Latin and Byzantine Rites in his diocese, but was killed in a religious riot in 1623.

#### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

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

*'In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.'*

Pope Benedict XVI

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

##### **6:30pm Vigil Mass, Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

##### **10am Mass, Thirty Third 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.

### **All Souls Names**

During the month of November we traditionally pray for all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. As always the Holy Souls Box will be placed in front of the Altar. You are invited to write down the names of loved ones who have died on a piece of paper, and place them in the Holy Souls Box. For those parishioners who still feel unsafe about coming to Mass you are more than welcome to post names to me at the presbytery and I'll pop them in the Holy Souls Box for you. I'll be offering a Requiem Mass for all those names on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

*And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### **Sanctuary Lamp**

Before the Covid-19 Pandemic, a new parish tradition had started where people could sponsor a sanctuary lamp in prayer and memory of a loved one, a special intention, a prayer of help or thanksgiving. At the 6:30pm Vigil Mass, on Saturday, I will bless our new parish Tabernacle Sanctuary Lamp Holder. It will replace the current one next to the Tabernacle and is a lot more substantial and dignified. If you would like to sponsor a lamp to burn in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament then please see one of the stewards before Mass. They will have a list of dates from now until the end of December where you can choose to sponsor a £5 lamp for the week. I will bless each lamp and light it before the Vigil Mass on a Saturday and it will burn for the whole week. Please give your £5 to the stewards on duty when you choose your week.

This week (6<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Nov) the Sanctuary Lamp is in prayer for all the deceased priests who have served at St. Mary's, Oswaldtwistle.

### **Deanery Mass for the Dead**

There will be the annual Requiem Mass for the deceased clergy and people of our deanery at Sacred Heart Church, Colne, 12 noon on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. All are welcome.

### **Thank you**

On All Souls Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Nov) the pupils at St. Mary's school came to church and led the prayers for all the faithful departed. They also reminded us of the hope of the Resurrection that Jesus has won for us.

### **Prayers for the Priesthood!**

On Tuesday (9<sup>th</sup> Nov) I will be travelling down to St. Mary's Seminary, Oscott College to support one of our parishioners, Adam Bamber, who will be receiving the ministry of Acolyte. This is one of the stages of progression towards ordination to the priesthood. I'm sure we'll all continue to keep Adam, as a parish family, in our prayers as he continues with his studies.

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

The 11<sup>th</sup> November is traditionally the national Day of Remembrance. This Thursday, to mark the day, parishioners are more than welcome to gather around the outside sculpture (by the Lych Gate) of the Pieta, originally from Sacred Heart Church. There will be a two minute silence at 11am followed by prayers for all those who have died in violent conflicts around the world.

### **The Oswaldtwistle Remembrance Service**

The Oswaldtwistle Civic Remembrance Service will be held on Remembrance Sunday (14th November). The parade leaves at 2.10pm from Thwaites Street, behind the old Rosette's Direct building just off New Lane with the service due to commence at 2.30pm, at the Rhyddings St Cenotaph, of which there will be the minute silence and the laying of the wreaths.

### **Young Adults Mass and Social**

Sunday 21st November 2021, 5.30pm

St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor St, Manchester, M15 6BW.

On Sunday 21st November, there will be a Mass for young adults at St Augustine's Church in Manchester for the Feast of Christ the King. The Mass will be followed by a social and all are welcome. For more information, email: [SalfordYoungAdults@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:SalfordYoungAdults@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

### **NIGHT FEVER!**

Night Fever is the title given to a certain type of church event that has become quite popular in recent years. The title is a little obscure, apart from the fact that this activity usually takes place in the early evening, or at least after night fall. The Night Fever event is designed to be an evangelistic exercise, in that it includes inviting people to come into church from the street, to light a candle, to say a prayer, or just to sit down for a few moments—or for however long they might wish to stay. In the dimly lit church, there is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, arrays of candles, and prayerful music being played. This spiritual setting and atmosphere is something that we, as Catholics, might take for granted, but for those who have rarely, or even never, entered a church, this experience can be very moving for them. As part of the Hope in the Future programme which is ongoing in the Diocese, the Deanery will host a:

Night Fever evening at Christ Church on Friday 3rd December from 6.00pm—8.00pm.

### **Discovering Plainchant - A Workshop for Singers**

Saturday 20th November 2021, 10.30am - 4pm

St Augustine's Catholic Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester, M15 6BW

A fascinating workshop exploring the world of plainchant is being held at St Augustine's Catholic Church in Manchester next month. This is the first of several workshops devoted to the repertoire of Catholic liturgical music organised by the St Philip Neri Singers. In this introduction, you will be given an introduction to chant repertoire, taught how to read chant notation, and learn to sing pieces, concentrating on music for Eucharistic Adoration and for Our Lady. For more information, please contact the choir director Dr Rosemarie Darby on [stphilipnersingers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stphilipnersingers@yahoo.co.uk) or by calling 07798858900.

### **A Light in this World**

November is the month of the dead when we celebrate the lives of the faithful departed. More than ever, we may find ourselves thinking about a loved one. We then see Advent dawning, when we prepare for the Lord's coming in glory. This year, why not make a dedication to someone you love, someone you miss or someone who has no-one else to pray for them. Together, we can keep their light shining, whilst making a difference to the lives of those who need it most. Please visit <https://caritassalford.dedicationpage.org/> Please note that all dedications made by Monday 22nd November will then be remembered by name during the Caritas Mass of Remembrance on Friday 26th November at 7.00 pm celebrated by Fr Ged Murphy, Episcopal Vicar for Caritas, at St Anne's RC Church, Stretford.

### **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](mailto:keenannavada@gmail.com)**

### **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.”

### **Diocese of Salford Vacancies**

Choral Director. Appointment type: Full-time, two-year fixed-term contract (35 hours per week. Flexible working will be required including evening and weekend work as required by the role.). Location: Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist ('Salford Cathedral'), 250 Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE, Salary: £24,000 - £26,000, Closing Date: 12 noon on Friday 12 November 2021 For further information and to apply, please visit [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/)

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God Bless and keep praying.  
Our Lady of Oswaldtwistle, pray for us.  
Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Fr. O'Brien