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Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church
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10th July 2022 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses & Liturgies for the Coming Week...

Saturday 9th July

9am – 9:50am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
10am Votive Mass of Our Lady (Celebrated in Lady Chapel)
6pm The Holy Rosary for Peace in the World
6:30pm Vigil Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 10th July

9:30am The Holy Rosary for Peace in the World
10am Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 12th July

9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart School, Accrington
All parishioners are welcome as we pray for those children who are leaving the school
5pm – 5:50pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6pm Weekday Mass (Feria)

Wednesday 13th July

10am Mass with the pupils of St. Mary's School
All parishioners are welcome as we pray for those children who are leaving the school

Thursday 14th July

10am Mass, Saint Camillus of Lellis, Priest (Memoria)

St. Camillus de Lellis was born in Italy in 1550, became a soldier but turned to ministering to the sick. He was ordained, and founded the congregation of the Servants of the Sick, which set up hospitals for the poor. He died in 1614, and is the patron of all health care workers. Let's pray for all those in our parish who work in health care this day thanking God for their work and service.

Friday 15th July

5pm – 5:50pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6pm Mass, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor (Memoria)
St. Bonaventure was born in Italy in 1218 A.D, became a Franciscan and eventually Minister General of the Order and Cardinal Bishop of Albano near Rome. He is remembered for his spiritual teaching. He died in 1274A.D.

Saturday 16th July

9am – 9:50am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
10am Mass (Celebrated in Lady Chapel), Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Principle Patron of the Diocese of Salford
The scriptures speak of the beauty of Mount Carmel, where Elijah defended the faith of Israel. In 1156 A.D. hermits settled there and set up the Carmelite Order to lead a contemplative life under the patronage of the Mother of God
6pm The Holy Rosary for Peace in the World
6:30pm Vigil Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 17th July

9:30am The Holy Rosary for Peace in the World
10am Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sanctuary Lamp

This week (9th July - 16th July) the Sanctuary Lamp is burning in prayer before the Tabernacle for Joseph Keane.

Last Weeks Offertory Collection

£637.60 Thank you for your kind generosity.

Our Lady of Oswaldtwistle Friday 9th – Sunday 11th September

One of the last big parish events before the Covid pandemic was the weekend feast for Our Lady of Oswaldtwistle in September 2019. There was a Friday evening Rosary Retreat; a Saturday evening torch light procession to the grotto; at the Sunday Mass the statue of Our Lady of Oswaldtwistle was solemnly carried through church; and finally there was a Parish BBQ on the Sunday afternoon. It would be wonderful to do this again, celebrating all those who have volunteered and supported our parish both in prayer and action throughout the year. Plus it's a wonderful opportunity to come together for something fun. We would hope to celebrate Our Lady and the anniversary of the church's consecration from Friday 9th – Sunday 11th September, the BBQ being on the Sunday. For such an event to take place it involves volunteers offering up their gifts and talents. If you can help from making brews, serving drinks, barbecuing burgers and sausages, washing up, finding gazebos and chairs, organising raffle tickets then you would be warmly welcomed and wanted. There will be a meeting this Wednesday (13th July) at 7:30pm at church for anybody who would be willing to volunteer their time and services. Our Lady of Oswaldtwistle, pray for us.

Parish Finance Committee

The parish finance committee have very kindly taken time to help me compose a letter that sets out clearly the overall picture of St. Mary's finances. There is an overview how Covid has had an impact, our current financial situation and the different ways parishioners can still continue to help the parish financially. I would like to thank the committee for their time and support. The letter will be published for Masses next weekend 16th/17th July.

Coffee Morning

Thanks to Anthony Flanagan for bringing photos of the St. Mary's Operatic Society to the parish coffee morning. Our parish certainly has a rich and cultured history! The next parish coffee morning will be on Wednesday 10th August at 10:30am. It will be a special one to celebrate a very special birthday but shhhhhh - it's a secret, they don't know yet! More details to follow soon.

Sacred Heart School

The school had a fun and successful Summer Fair last Friday and have very generously donated £100 to the parish out of the monies they raised. A **Thank You** to Mrs Mashiter and the school community of Sacred Heart.

St. Mary's School

On Monday Mr Crompton organised a school retreat day based on God's love through His Son, Jesus. Every class was assigned different activities to make them think and reflect how Jesus' love is real, present and also a gift to be shared with those around us, both near and far. In the afternoon the whole school came to church to experience time before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There was a period of Adoration followed by Benediction. To have a church packed with young people in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament was truly inspiring! A parishioner remarked about the model behaviour the pupils demonstrated.

Universal Synod Responses

Our first word is a heartfelt 'Thank You' to all who engaged in the process of gathering diocesan responses to help Pope Francis and the Synod of Bishops in reflecting on the Church as Communion, Participation and Mission. Over 1500 individuals took part, and group submissions were received from families, organisations and parishes. Not all of these were Catholics who attend church regularly. The responses from our diocese will join those from the other dioceses in England and Wales, Europe, and the rest of the world. These will be discerned by the Synod of Bishops

who will gather in Rome in 2023. At the back of church this weekend are leaflets, that have been sent through by the diocese, capturing the main points of feedback. Please feel free to take one or you can read the full response and a summary at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod.

Ukraine Crisis

We are all shocked and appalled at the devastating scenes of the invasion of the Ukraine. Catholic agencies are at the centre of the response to the unfolding humanitarian crisis and supporting those whom have been displaced. We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and all those against war. There are regular updates on the Caritas website on the various ways parishes and schools can support the aid effort. Please go to: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/ukraine-crisis/>

Summer courses at The Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst ***Catholicism & Contemporary Culture, 4th – 7th August 2022***

Explore the themes of truth, sacramentality and the symbolic in Catholicism and the challenges from contemporary culture. The second in our Faith & Reason series, this course offers a practical approach to fundamental themes of the Catholic faith. Of particular interest to senior leaders, teachers and catechist seeking a deeper knowledge of the Catholic vision in today's world. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-2/>

The Search for Happiness, 26th – 29th August 2022

Explore the four pillars of the good life – the Cardinal virtues – and how they structure our search for happiness, through the philosophy and theology of St Thomas Aquinas. In partnership with CEPHAS, this course offers a fascinating engagement with this foundational theme for the Christian life through the thought of the Church's greatest theologian. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-happiness/>

Join us for World Youth Day 2023

Registrations are now being taken for young people to join us as our diocesan Youth Ministry Team travels to Lisbon for World Youth Day 2023. Taking place between 31st July - 7th August 2023, World Youth Day will see young people from across the globe meeting in Lisbon to celebrate Mass with the Holy Father. Our own Youth Ministry Team will once again be travelling to World Youth Day with young adults between the ages of 18 and 35. Applications to join our diocesan trip are now open. You can find out more and apply by visiting <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/how-to-get-involved/>

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

Fr. O'Brien