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Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church
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24th July 2022 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses & Liturgies for the Coming Week...

Saturday 23rd July

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

10am Mass (Celebrated in Lady Chapel), Saint Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe (Feast)
St. Bridget was born in Sweden in 1303 A.D. After the death of her husband (with whom she had eight children) she founded the Bridgettine Order. She died in Rome in 1373 A.D.

1pm Wedding of Alice Kennedy & Ben McCallion

6pm The Holy Rosary for Peace in the World

6:30pm Vigil Mass for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 24th July

9:30am The Holy Rosary for Peace in the World

10am Mass for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 26th July

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

6pm Mass, Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memoria)

Ss. Joachim & Anne are the names traditionally given to the parents of Our Lady, grandparents of Jesus.

Wednesday 27th July

10am -10:45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

'The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love. Then the soul appreciates these words, 'Come all you who are sick, I will restore your health.' - St. Bernadette

Friday 29th July

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

6pm Mass, Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus, (Memoria)

St. Martha, sister of Mary and Lazarus, received the Lord into her house and provided for his needs with great care. At her request the Lord raised her brother from the dead.

Saturday 30th July

6pm The Holy Rosary for Peace in the World

6:30pm Vigil Mass for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 31st July

9:30am The Holy Rosary for Peace in the World

10am Mass for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sanctuary Lamp

This week (23rd July - 30th July) the Sanctuary Lamp burning in prayer before the Tabernacle is for all the church helpers at St. Mary's.

Last Week's Offertory Collection

£613.05 Thank you for your kind generosity.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs McCallion!

On Saturday (23rd July) we celebrated at St. Mary's the wedding of Alice Kennedy and Ben McCallion, two of our parishioners. May the Lord bless them, may Our Lady and St. Joseph always pray for them, and may the angels watch over them and keep their family safe. Amen.

Roman Holiday

On Wednesday I travel to Rome for a holiday and I'm grateful to Adam, our resident seminarian, who will be keeping things in order. I would also like to say thank you to Fr. Noel Wynn SM, a Marist priest from Blackburn who will be celebrating the weekend Masses; Fr. Stamp (who everyone knows) who will be celebrating the next two Friday evening Masses and finally Fr. Waters (retired parish priest of St. John's, Burnley) who will be celebrating a Saturday Vigil when I return that day from Rome. My thanks to them all and be assured that I'll pray for us all, as a parish family, at the tomb of St. Peter.

Parish Schools

Sacred Heart, St. Mary's and St. Oswald's have all now broken up for the summer. We wish all the pupils and staff a well-deserved rest and keep them in our prayers when they return in September.

Our Lady of Oswaldtwistle - Parish BBQ – Sunday 11th September at 2pm

- There will be a Bottle Tombola – if you could donate some good quality bottles for this stall it would be much appreciated i.e. nice bottles of wine, beer, perfume, shampoo etc.
- There will be a parish raffle and again good quality prizes are needed, can you help? Do you work for a company/business who would be happy and open to offering vouchers/treatments/meals/gift tokens etc. as prizes? Any bottles and donations that people can give, please leave with the stewards at the back of church.
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Thank you as always for your time, generosity and support. God Bless.

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/>

Help us on our journey to net zero

As part of its ongoing commitment to caring for our common home, the Diocese of Salford is working hard to reduce its carbon emissions. To do this, research is being undertaken to calculate our existing carbon footprint, and we are hoping to find out more about travel around the diocese as part of that. As such, we would be very grateful if parishioners could complete a short survey to help us understand a little more about their own journeys to and from church.

Please visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/travel-survey/> to find out more and to complete the survey.

God Bless and keep praying.

Our Lady of Oswaldtwistle, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Fr. O'Brien