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Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church
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27th July 2022

Dear brothers and sisters,
Just a reminder of the forth coming Masses and liturgies:

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

Tuesday 2nd August – Saint Peter Julian Eymard (Memoria)

St. Peter Julian Eymard was born in France in 1811 and ordained a priest in 1834. He founded the Priests of the Blessed Sacrament who were dedicated to fostering devotion to the Eucharist. He died in 1868.

**5pm – 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
followed by veneration of a relic of St. Peter Julian Eymard**

Wednesday 3rd August (Feria)

10am – 10:30am 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.'
- St. John Paul II

Friday 5th August

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

6pm Mass, Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (Memoria)

The doctrine of Mary, Mother of God was proclaimed as the Council Ephesus (431 A.D.); Pope Sixtus III erected a Basilica on the Esquiline Hill in Rome to honour her which became later known as Saint Mary Major.

Saturday 6th August

6pm The Holy Rosary for Peace in the World

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

Sunday 7th August

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

Monday 8th August

7:30pm – Parish BBQ Meeting at the back of church

Tuesday 9th August

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

6pm Mass, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was born in Germany in 1891. She was killed with her sister Rosa in the gas chamber of Auschwitz in 1942. A convert from Judaism, she became a Discalced Carmelite, and embraced in her life the cross of Christ.

Wednesday 10th August

10am Mass, Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (Feast)

St. Lawrence was a Deacon in Rome in the time of Pope Sixtus II. He was responsible for the charitable works of the Roman Church. He was asked, when arrested, for the treasure of the Church to which he responded by pointing to the poor, hungry, lepers and widows he served. Tradition tells that he was killed by being roasted on a grid.

10:30am Coffee Morning and a special day for a parishioner (as mentioned by Fr. O'Brien)
Everyone is welcome!

Thursday 11th August

10am Mass, Saint Clare, Religious (Memoria)

St. Clare was born in Assisi in 1193, followed St. Francis in his life of poverty and was the founder of an order of nuns (Poor Clares). She led a very austere life, abounding in works of piety and charity. She died in 1253.

Friday 12th August

5pm – 5:50pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6pm Mass (Feria)

Saturday 13th August

9am – 9:50am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
10am Mass (Celebrated in Lady Chapel)
6pm The Holy Rosary for Peace in the World
6:30pm Vigil Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 14th August

9:30am The Holy Rosary for Peace in the World
10am Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sanctuary Lamp

This week (30th July - 6th August) the Sanctuary Lamp burning in prayer before the Tabernacle is for Raymond Davitt.

The following week (6th August - 13th August) the Sanctuary Lamp burning in prayer before the Tabernacle is for The Wolstenholme Family.

Last Weeks Offertory Collection

£533.97 Thank you for your kind generosity.

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.

Our Lady of Oswaldtwistle - Parish BBO – 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.

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,

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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

