

Parish Newsletter Supplement



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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION TODAY October 21st/22nd

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today. The World Mission Sunday Collection supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or are in need, regardless of their background or belief. Donations are used to support churches, hospitals, clinics, dispensaries, schools, orphanages and vocations. By supporting MISSIO, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries to build peace and share the love of Christ with those most in need.

Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can, to this very important collection, which will sustain the future of our Church. ***Please place World Mission Sunday donation envelopes in the offertory basket or World Mission Sunday Collection basket today. Envelopes can also be returned at Mass the next two weekends.***

To donate via card/cheque You can make a credit/debit card or regular donation at missio.org.uk/donate or by calling 020 7821 9755 during office hours. Please make cheques payable to World Mission Sunday.

Sincere thanks for your prayers and donations. These are financially challenging times and any donation you are able to make will be very gratefully received.

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DIOCESE OF  SALFORD
SYNOD 2023-2025

**THE SYNOD
FOR OUR PARISH AND OUR DIOCESE**

(communion, participation and mission)

**AT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER POPE FRANCIS
LAUNCHED “THE BIG LISTEN” -**

an opportunity for listening and dialogue on the local level in order to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in Salford about the next stage of our faith journey.

As an initial step our Parish will be holding two meetings on different days and at different times in each of our churches.

The first at St. Joseph's
in the New Meeting Area on Tuesday 24th October at
2.00 P.M. To 3.00 P.M.

and

The second at St. Thomas of Canterbury in The Becket Suite on Thursday 26th
October at 7.00 P.M. To 8.00 P.M.

Everyone is welcome
Refreshments provided

*(to help with arrangements if you are attending either of the Meetings
would you please complete your details on the form
at the Information Point in the Church porches)*



Loving Father,
Be with us as we seek new ways
of being your people in our Diocese.
May each new day bring us
closer to your son Jesus,
As we follow his teaching and
become disciples of love.
As we continue our Synodal journey,
draw us closer to each other.
May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us.
Open our hearts, as we listen to each
other and reach out in love
to your people.
Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.
Amen

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

St. Joseph, Pray for us.

Please pray for the Synod of Bishops Gathering on Synodality, Rome, started October 4th for 3 weeks.

The General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality begins on Wednesday, October 4 2023, following a two-year process that started in September 2021 when the Vatican released a preparatory document and instructions on preparing for the gathering. Hundreds of Catholics from around the world then met in their parishes to discuss the questions posed by the synod. The syntheses of those conversations were then sent to their respective Bishops' Conferences that are tasked with bringing all voices to the table.

Finally, representatives of the episcopal conferences met at the continental level, the final stage before the General Assembly, which itself will take place in two parts, beginning with the gathering in 2023 and concluding with a second meeting in October of 2024.

The Synod will see the participation of 363 voting members, including women. Some participants will be attending as representatives of Bishops' Conferences, others have been appointed personally by Pope Francis, and some will be attending as "fraternal delegates," "spiritual assistants," or "experts and facilitators."

Parish Music

We are fortunate in St Cuthbert's to have a thriving Parish Music group that serves at the 9.30 Mass at St Joseph's and at the 11.15 Mass at St Thomas', and an accomplished organist who serves alternate weeks at the 11.15 Mass.

We aim to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to inspire and enthuse our ministry, opening our hearts and minds to new music as well as treasuring the old and familiar, to enhance the prayer and worship of the Parish Community. New members of all ages and abilities are always welcome. If you are a musician or singer and would like to join us please approach anyone of us after Mass or use the contact details below.

We would also like to be able to provide live musical support for the Saturday 5.30 Mass at St Thomas' on a regular basis. If you are an organist, keyboard player, guitarist or other musician who thinks they could assist with this please get in touch. There would be no requirement for a weekly commitment, just whatever you could offer.

Please remember our music ministry in your prayers.
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All Souls Memorial Service Saturday 4th November 11am St Thomas'

We are drawing close to the time of year when we come together to prayerfully remember our friends and family members who have died. Our All-Souls service for the whole parish of St Cuthbert will be on the 5th of November at St Thomas of Canterbury church. We think about and prayer for our dead family and friends throughout the year.

This service will bring us together as a community to collectively remember our loved ones. Refreshments will be provided after the service in the Becket suite. There will also be information stands and brief presentations on the support available to those who have been bereaved, whether recently or some time ago.



A new service Offering Online Mentor-Led Sacramental Prep for Parishes via the Diocese.

More information and a short video can be seen when you visit their site



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

SVP tea party

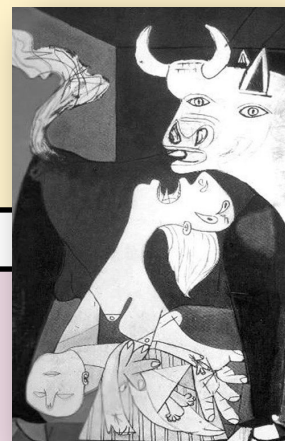
On Tuesday, 31st October in the Becket Suite

Autumn Mass for the Sick

On Saturday, 28th October at 2.00 p.m.

at St Thomas of Canterbury church,
followed by light refreshments in the Becket Suite.

The International Catholic News this week contains informative articles around the situation in Israel and Palestine at the moment. You can view these articles using the link below
ICN Weekly Summary (campaign-archive.com)



Pope calls for world day of prayer for peace as catastrophe looms in Gaza

Warning against a humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and ongoing conflicts elsewhere, Pope Francis has called for a day of fasting, penance and prayer for peace in the world Oct. 27.

"War does not solve any problems, it only sows death and destruction. It increases hatred, multiplies revenge. War erases the future," he said at the end of his general audience talk in St. Peter's Square Oct. 18.

"Our thoughts go to Palestine and Israel," he said to applause.

"Casualties are rising and the situation in Gaza is desperate," he said. "Please, may everything possible be done to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe."

What is also "disturbing," he said, is the possibility the conflict will spread just as so many other battles of war are being waged in the world.

"Please," he said, "let us continue to pray for peace in the world, especially in tormented Ukraine," a tragedy that is no longer talked about but continues.

"Silence the weapons. Listen to the cry of the poor, the people, the children, for peace," the pope said.

He urged all people of faith to take "just one side in this conflict: that of peace. But not with words, with prayer, with total dedication."

For this reason, he said, he has decided to call for a day of fasting, prayer and penance October 27th.

The pope invited men and women of every Christian denomination and other religions as well as those committed to the cause of peace to participate in any way they feel is appropriate.

There will be an hour of prayer starting at 6 p.m. Rome time in St. Peter's "implored for peace in the world," he said,