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Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church

DIOCESE OF  SALFORD

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Lately Dead: Martin Feathers (Snr), Alan Knowles, Gillian Ledwick, Monica Jones, Michael Nieweglowski, Ian Ainsworth

Anniversaries: Geraldine Curran, Margaret Lee, Patrick Rochford, John Rochford, Gregory Heyes. Anne Pilkington, Fred Broadley, Michael Beard

Masses & Liturgies 26th November – 1st December

Tuesday 26th 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 7:00pm Mass

Wednesday 27th 9:30am Mass. 11:00am Mass at St Oswald's School

Thursday 28th 9:30am Mass. 7pm -8:00pm Scripture Group

Friday 29th 9:30am Mass. 6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction.

Saturday 30th 9:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. 10:30am Mass 6:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 1st 10:00am Mass.

Sanctuary Lamp. This week's intention is for Geraldine Curran.

Last weekend's collection £659 90 Thank you for your kind generosity.

The retiring collection this weekend is to help support the retired clergy of Salford Diocese.

Thank You. As we approach the end of the church's year and are about to begin a new one with the season of Advent (1st Dec) I would like to say 'thank you'. Thank you to all those parishioners who have contributed towards the life of St. Mary's to be both a place of prayer and community. There are numerous groups and individuals (too many to name) who do so much. Thank you for all you do and God Bless

Building & Finance Committee. When a new parish priest is appointed one of his duties, according to canon law, is to form a finance committee. Earlier this year I established such a group in accordance with both diocesan policy and church law. I am very grateful for their time, advice and assistance. They have helped save the parish a lot of money as well as assessing future church building projects. St. Mary's Building Finance Committee are Sean Keenan, Michael Partington, David Neville and Berni McGuinness.

Parish Centre Children's Christmas Party 14th December . Tickets are £6 and on sale at the back of church. The last day for ticket sales is the 1st December.

Red Wednesday. All are welcome to join us on Wed 29th Nov at 6:30pm when we will be praying the Stations of the Cross in church for all those Christians who are persecuted throughout the world. For more info contact Brenda Heaton or Mary Jordan.

Musical Evening 12th December 2019 Ticket sales for the above are selling extremely slowly (25), and unless we can boost this number, we will have to consider cancelling the event. We realistically require 50/60, which would be an acceptable attendance for the Concert Band and make the event enjoyable. If you're attending mass and not carrying money with you, but wish to attend, please give your name in after mass.

Parish Christmas Raffle . To help raise money for our church there will be a Parish Christmas Raffle with the chance to win a luxury hamper and other prizes. Tickets will be sold at £1 a strip.

Parish Family Christmas Decorating. After the fun of decorating the church last year which saw so many people in the parish family come together to enjoy a mince pie or two as well as raising a glass we thought we would do it again. Please come and help us prepare our church ready for the Christmas season on Wed 18th Dec starting at 7pm.

Women and the Bible. In response to the Bishops of England and Wales designating Sept 2019 – Dec 2020 as 'The Year of the Word' we have invited students at Mount Carmel High School to contemplate and produce artwork that reflects the theme 'Women in the Bible'. This art exhibition will be on display at the back of church from Sat 7th Dec – Sun 15th Dec.

Mount Carmel Advent Musical Concert. On Wed 4th Dec at 7pm Mount Carmel High School will have their Advent Concert here at St. Mary's Church. All are welcome to join us for this prayer time in preparing for the coming of Our Saviour.



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School Admissions now open. If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. It is quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You **MUST** apply even if you already have siblings in school.