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Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church

DIOCESE OF  SALFORD

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Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. S D O'Brien

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Parish office hours this week Tues-Fri 9am-1pm

Sick: Tracy Banks, Brenda Heaton, Matthew Sutcliffe, Harold & Hilda Owen, Margaret Ormsby

Lately Dead: Raymond Byrom, Tom McIntyre

Anniversaries: Alice & Hubert Neville, Catherine Metcalf, Thomas Leslie Rushton, Teresa Ainsworth, Helen Morley, Bernard Sullivan

Masses & Liturgies 21st January – 26th January 2020

Tuesday 21st 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions. 7pm Mass.

Wednesday 22nd 9:30am Mass. 11:00am Mass at St Oswald's School.

Thursday 23rd 10:00am Requiem Mass Thomas McIntyre RIP. 7pm ABC Group.

Friday 24th 9:30am Mass. 1:30pm Funeral Service Raymond 'Ray' Byrom RIP

Saturday 18th 9:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions. 10:30am Mass

6:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 19th 10:00am Mass.

Sanctuary Lamp. This week's intention is for Jean Dwyer

Last weekend's collection £784.48 Thank you for your kind generosity.

Retiring collection next weekend for Caritas which will allow ongoing support to continue important work in our parishes and across the Diocese.

Sunday of the Word of God. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has declared that next Sunday (Third Sunday of Ordinary Time) should be given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people. The parish scripture group will resume again after Easter once Father has helped prepare those candidates who are to be received into full communion with the church.

Parish Catechist. A catechist is someone who feels called to serve God and the parish community by passing on something more precious than silver or gold – the Faith. One of the great joys I have as a priest is passing on the Good News of Jesus Christ and accompanying a person on their spiritual journey. With the wide range of people approaching me I am no longer able to do this on my own and so appeal to you my brothers and sisters for help. If you would like to know more about being a catechist and how you can help me then please do contact the parish office – *the harvest is rich, but the labourers are few!*

Hope in the Future. The Bishop writes INTRODUCTORY RITES: Penitential Act. Do you remember when, as children, your mum or dad (or grandparents) would say as you came in from an afternoon or evening of play "Make sure you wipe your feet before you come in!" Perhaps this is something you still say! In a sense that is what the "penitential act" is all about. It is part of our preparation to worship God in our liturgy – the first thing we do once we are all gathered is a spiritual "wiping of the feet", asking God to cleanse us of sins and faults and failings, so that we can worship properly. I remember an anecdote that an elderly missionary used to tell, of a woman who went to confession and started speaking about her husband's failings. Then she moved on to talk about her mother-in-law's failings and then the sins of her neighbours. At a certain point, the confessor said to her: "But, madam, tell me: have you finished? — Very well: you have finished with the sins of others. Now start telling your own". Even though this is a penitential moment, it is also joyful, because it celebrates the love of God who desires only that we turn back to him and live! It helps us to become, as Saint Paul says, "the holy people of Jesus Christ, called to take their place among all the saints."

Baptism Course. Session I of the baptism course will take place on Sunday 2nd February after the 10am Mass. Session II will be on Sunday 8th March. In line with diocesan policy and Canon Law at least one parent must be a baptised Roman Catholic who can produce their baptism certificate to prove this. The family must live within the parish boundary and attend Mass. Only a faithful baptized Roman Catholic can be a godparent. *'A baptised person who belongs to a non-catholic ecclesial community may be admitted only in company with a catholic sponsor, and then simply as a witness to the baptism'* **Can. 874 #2**



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Parish Centre Lock Street. The Parish Centre will be having an Irish Night on 13th March 2020. Tickets will be on sale soon. See the poster at the back of church. Book it in your diary.

Fundraising Committee. On Sunday 23 Feb 2020 2-5pm there will be a two-course meal at Franco's at cost of £15.00 per person, plus raffle and stand up bingo. All proceeds to the Parish Fund. Any Raffle prizes would be appreciated.