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Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church

DIOCESE OF  SALFORD

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

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

Latently Dead: Raymond Byrom, Tom McIntyre, Tracy Banks, Ian Alveston

Anniversaries: Ken Robinson, Dorothy Robinson, Robert Pinder, Jean Dwyer, Alan Isherwood, Mary Michael Coyne

Masses & Liturgies 28th January – 2nd February 2020

Tuesday 28th 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 1st 6:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 2nd 10:00am Mass.

Sanctuary Lamp. This week's intention is for Robert Pinder.

Last weekend's collection £785.66 Thank you for your kind generosity.

Retiring collection this weekend is for Caritas Salford. As the official 'home' charity of our Diocese, Caritas Diocese of Salford has 21 formal services and centres; helping homelessness; poverty alleviation; those suffering from benefit sanctions; raising awareness of human trafficking; refugee services; visiting the elderly and housebound; campaigning for justice; working in our schools, and housing and supporting young mothers and babies..

Sunday of the Word of God. Today is the first Sunday of the Word of God, called such by Pope Francis. The Holy Father hopes that this Sunday will be a day 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. I've included a few resources below that I find useful when praying with the Bible which you may find useful: *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: New Testament by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch; Jesus the Bridegroom: The greatest Love Story ever told by Brant Pitre; How to read the Old and New Testament by Etienne Charpentier and John Bowden*

Baptismal Course. Session I of the baptism course will take place on Sunday 2nd Feb 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

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!*

Parish Centre Lock Street. The Parish Centre will be having an Irish Night on 13th March 2020. Tickets are on sale at the back of Church. See the poster at the back of church.

Fundraising Committee. On Sunday 23 Feb 2020 2-5pm there will be a two-course meal at Franco's at a cost of £15.00 per person, plus raffle and stand up bingo. All proceeds to the Parish Building Fund. Any Raffle prizes would be appreciated. If you are interested, please put your name on the list at the back of Church.

Ossy Mills Group will be meeting on the 3rd February at 11:30am

Parish Coffee Morning will be held on the 10th February at 09:15am at the back of Church. All are welcome.