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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: Brenda Heaton, Matthew Sutcliffe, Harold & Hilda Owen,

Lately Dead: Ian Alveston, Margaret Ormsby

Anniversaries: Robert Pinder, Reg Metcalf

Masses & Liturgies 4th February – 9th February 2020

Tuesday 4th 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 8th 6:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9th 10:00am Mass.

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

Last weekend's collection £861.85 Thank you for your kind generosity.

Retiring Collection for Caritas Salford was £110.35. Thank you.

Welcome. We welcome Fr. Noel Wynn S.M who will be celebrating Mass for us this weekend.

Parish Lenten Retreat. We are blessed this year to have secured Fr. Michael Doody, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Leeds, to give our parish Lenten retreat which will be from Tues 3rd – Fri 6th March 2020.

INTRODUCTORY RITES: The Collect or Opening Prayer Have you ever had a moment when someone was hassling you for something and you said or thought "I just need to gather my thoughts for a minute"? This is what this moment of the Mass is all about – gathering our thoughts. We have already done quite a lot – getting to Church, greeting each other and the Lord, joining together in hymns and penitence and praise – but now we stop for a moment. As with the Penitential Act we talked about a couple of weeks ago, as important as the words we say is the silence we are given. The priest says, "Let us pray," and then there should be silence – a silence long enough for us to "gather our thoughts." These might be the intentions we have brought to Mass, or things we have just heard as we greeted fellow parishioners, or even something that occurred to us during the Penitential Act or Gloria! Then the priest sums up our thoughts and prayers with some formal words: listen to them, and you will see a pattern: first, we praise God, perhaps mentioning some attribute; then there is a petition, asking for something, and then a result, keyed by the word "that". Some of the Collects in the Missal are very ancient, going back to the time of Pope Leo the Great. As well as their role in the Mass, they are a wonderful inspiration for prayer and reflection, and repay patient and careful reading.

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.



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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.

The Friendship Club will meet in St Joseph's Hall at 2pm on Wednesday 5th February. We will have the excellent Jazz Junction to entertain us again, so it promises to be a great meeting. We'll also be signing up for a trip out for a St Patrick's event in March.'