

Prayer Intentions for the Sick

We remember the sick at Mass and pray for them as they endure pain, frustration and suffering. We also remember all those who care for them and all those who through research try to overcome the illnesses or disabilities they face. We pray especially for Kieran Toft and Gary Waterhouse
Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them
St Camillus of Lellis, pray for them

Prayer Intentions for the Dead

Recently Deceased: Tony Kelly, Shaun White, Christopher Langfield, Joe Kennedy

Anniversaries: Kathleen Conroy

Mass Intentions— When handing in Mass Intentions please state clearly whether the intention is for an Anniversary of Death, Lately Dead or for a sick person or any other intention, such as “Private” or “Special”. It is not always possible to say Anniversary Masses on the particular day of Anniversary due to other intentions or situations arising eg Requiem Masses .
If you are sending a Mass card then just write my name in the place where it says Rev. You do not need my signature. Just inform me of the intention.

Altar Servers needed If any boy or girl who has made their First Communion would like to become an Altar Server, please speak to Fr John, and obviously your parent(s) first.

The Faith Group The next “Faith Group” meeting will take place this Thursday 18th August at 7pm at the Presbytery.

Hospital Chaplaincy If you know someone in hospital who needs a priest, please contact the Hospital Chaplaincy who have responsibility for all patients. It is not possible as a Parish Priest to respond due to safeguarding and hospital procedures, unless the PP is appointed to the role of hospital chaplain.

Please also continue with prayers for: those who will receive their ‘A’ level results this week; those going/returning on/from holiday and finding problems at the ports and airports; for Peace in Ukraine, Taiwan and other areas.

Communion for the Sick and Housebound If you know anyone who is sick or housebound and would like Communion, please let Fr John know. “Housebound” means housebound and can’t even go shopping.



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Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Weekday Services during this coming week:

Monday— Friday No Mass

**Tuesday—Friday: 9am — A Eucharistic Service
led by a Eucharistic Minister**

**Sat: (St Bernard) 11am Mass followed by Exposition
& Confessions**

Sunday Masses

Vigil Sat 5 pm Mass Sun Mass 9am and 11am

Next Sunday is the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bank Holiday Mass at St Mary’s Cemetery, Wardley The annual bank holiday Mass at St Mary’s Cemetery is returning this August for the first time since the pandemic. It will take place at 11am on Monday 29th August. All are welcome to attend. Many of our diocesan priests are buried at Wardley, including Fr Moss O’Connell

The next Baptism meeting will take place after the 11am Mass on Sunday 4th September . Parents wanting their child to be baptised need to come along and, if possible the Godparents, to the second meeting. Meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month.

Number of Masses on Sunday At present there are 3 Masses for the Sunday (Sat 5pm, Sunday 9 & 11am). With numbers presently attending there is certainly no requirement for 3 Masses, especially when there are also plenty of Masses at nearby parishes. Even with First Communions we were nowhere full. As the number of priests reduce and those active are required to cover other churches then we should start responsibly thinking of reducing to two Masses very soon. Please think about this as very soon we will need to act. There will be a consultation paper put out in September.

Readers Could readers please sign up to read at Mass for August and September. The list is in the sacristy. Anyone is invited to read, but if new to reading in church should speak to Fr John first.

St Bernadette Relic Tour This September, The relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time, including a stop at Salford Cathedral. This very special, once-in-a-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people across the diocese to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes from our very own cathedral. Throughout the two-day period, parishioners will have the opportunity to visit the relics, in addition to joining in with a number of Masses, services, and other events.

Please visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/saint-bernadette-relic-tour/> to find out more and book your visit now. Mr Ged Duffy has offered to co-ordinate a parish visit to the cathedral. If you wish to visit in a group, please contact Ged on 07774 186055

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 5th—9th December 22

Northern Star Travel Ltd are organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (8th December), departing Manchester on the 5th. There are a few leaflets in the sacristy if anyone is interested in joining this pilgrimage. Cost for sharing a room £495 and for a single room £595. To book call 0161 773 2115

Safeguarding Anyone who has a role to play in the parish must have a DBS Certificate if they come into contact with either children or vulnerable adults. DBS application forms can be obtained from Yvonne Steele (07958715210) and Sheila Sweeney(431 0446), who are our Safeguarding Reps.

Walled Garden The walled garden on the Bolton St side of the church is gradually taking shape with raised and low beds. Further work is in progress to dig and level the grassed area. If you are interested in getting involved then please pass your details to Fr John or the volunteer co-ordinator Eilish Meehan. Volunteers meet on Tuesdays 10-12noon, weather permitting. All are welcome to pull a few weeds and sit and have a chat. We hope to have a summer house and grotto soon. A basket containing fruit and vegetables is placed outside the Bolton St entrance. Please help yourself to any of these vegetables as they come free of charge by courtesy of the gardeners.

Cost of Living Crisis If you know someone who is a parishioner who is seriously struggling to pay their bills at the present time, then please speak with any member of the SVP or Fr John.

Volunteers needed for SVP Vinnie Camps The SVP in the diocese are looking for volunteers to help assist with the running of a Vinnie Camp in Snowdonia next year. Vinnie camps have been running for 100 years, offering a week of fun, excitement and friendship to young people aged between 9 and 12 who are, for various reasons, in need of a break. For this to succeed, the SVP are looking for volunteers willing to undergo training and to work with young people. Volunteers must be prepared to have a DBS check if they do not currently hold a relevant certificate.

If you are able to help, or would like further information, then please contact Anthony O'Reilly by email on AnthonyO@svp.org.uk