



St Joseph's Reddish

Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford

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1st Sunday of Lent

26th February 2023

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 26th February

1st Sunday of Lent

9am & 11am Mass

Monday 27th February

No Mass or Service of the Word

Tuesday 28th February

10.30am Requiem Service for
Teresa Carmel Hoole

Wednesday 1st March

St David, Bishop

9am Mass

Thursday 2nd March

9am Mass

Friday 3rd March

6.30am & 9am Mass

Saturday 4th March

11am Mass

followed by Exposition and
Confessions until 12 noon

5pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday 5th March

2nd Sunday of Lent

9am & 11am Mass



Prayer Intentions for the Sick.

We pray for: Kieran Toft, Gary Waterhouse, John Curley, Raymond Sweeney Snr, Ann Tweedie, Michael McNeill, Nellie Walsh, Maureen Burke, David Goodwin, Edward Fitzpatrick, for a sick child.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.

Prayer Intentions for the Dead.

We pray for the recently deceased: Sheila Humphrey, Pauline Pritchard, Peter Thorpe, Sylvia Drumm, Nicola Hunt, Margaret Bayley, Gerald Caulfield.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Elsie & Mary Neary, Trevor Pearson, Clare Farnell, Peter Davies, Nonie Slamen, Francis & Peter Heys, Anne Louise Handley.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Special Intentions

For a successful pregnancy, & for prayers answered.

Lent is a 40-day fast—a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. It's a time when we can prepare our hearts for the remembrance of Christ's death. Our observance of Lent culminates in the solemn celebrations of Holy Week when on Palm Sunday we follow Christ from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to the foot of the Cross as sorrowful bystanders to His Passion, before rolling back the stone of the empty tomb and the joy of the Resurrection.

Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart."

We journey through Lent as a parish family, becoming closer to each other and through that closer to Christ, who never fails to encourage us. We should encourage each other therefore in our Lenten practices as we contemplate that Love that reaches down to us in all circumstances.

There will be stations of the cross at St. Joseph's every Wednesday evening at 7.00pm commencing 1st March and culminating on 29th March.

In addition, there will be a "Penance Mass" each Friday during Lent at 06.30am.

Please make every effort to participate in this Holy season that we may contemplate well upon the mysteries of our faith.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) News the UCM expresses a huge “Thank you” to all the Volunteers who gave time and to all who supported our appeal for gifts and who participated in our “Pancake Tuesday” event, God bless you all! The total raised (minus expenses) was £152.51 which will be used towards future events and charitable donations.

If anyone would like to join the UCM they meet on the first Monday of the month in the parish hall at 7pm.

Vincent Ryan RIP. Colin & Pat Tarling wrote to say a big “Thank You” to the parishioners who did the readings and music and to all who supported Vincent’s family by attending his requiem service.

Parish Sacramental Programme 2023 The Parish Mass at 11am next Sunday 5th March will be a Mass with our Children on their sacramental journey entitled “We are the people who Pray” and the children will attend with their families.

Their journey is a blessing for the whole parish, and I would ask that you keep all the children and their families in your prayers.

The 89th Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 28th July to 3rd August. Travel and accommodation booking is now open. All bookings and enquiries can be made via Joe Walsh Tours by phone on 0808 1890468, or email: info@joewalshstours.co.uk. Full details are available on the pilgrimage website: www.salfordlourdes.co.uk.

A Young Adults Day Trip to York will take place on Saturday 18th March from 8am to 5pm. Join Salford Youth Ministry and Manchester Universities’ Catholic Chaplaincy on a fascinating journey of faith history as they travel to the historic city of York to explore more about how it has shaped the religious fabric of our nation, and to learn more about inspirational religious figures, such as St Margaret Clitherow. The pickup points are at Manchester University Chaplaincy and Salford Cathedral. Cost for the day is £20. For further details and to register, please email: youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

‘Come and See’ Group: Do you think you have a vocation to the priesthood? To explore the idea of a vocation to the priesthood, a group has been set up for serious enquirers, to come together for Mass, breakfast, fellowship and some input to help with discernment. The group will meet on Saturday mornings beginning on 11th March at St Augustine’s Church. Please email michael.deas@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for details.

† PRAY † FAST † GIVE †

Baptism Requests: following discussion with the parish baptism team, the process for requesting baptism has been amended slightly. Anyone now requesting to have their child baptised at St. Joseph’s is asked to see Fr. Damien after Sunday Mass. Their details will be taken and in accordance with diocesan policy, Parents will be invited to attend a Sunday mass, preferably as a family, for a period of six weeks. Following which they will be given a date to meet with Fr. Damien and the Baptism Team and they will be given an agreed date of Baptism then. The dates of the Baptism Meetings in the coming months which will take place at 12.30pm in St. Joseph’s church are: Sunday 2nd April, Sunday 28th May and Sunday 16th July.

National Novena to St. Joseph 11th – 19th March The Mill Hill Missionaries will hold their annual Novena to St. Joseph 11th – 19th March. Masses will be available to view on zoom via their website www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena If anyone would like to have a Novena booklet to enable their participation, they should email novenamhm@gmail.com or telephone the Novena Director on 01628 673178. Petitions and intentions (and donations) are also welcome and can be sent to Novena Director, 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ.

Standing Orders If you would like to set up a monthly standing order for your collection it would help to reduce the amount of cash handled each week. The details required to set up a standing order are: Sort Code 20-55-34 a/c Number 00606111 Account Name TSDT St Joseph Reddish or your bank may state this should read The Salford Diocesan Trust, you need to put your name as a reference. If you pay UK Income Tax and wish to gift aid your contribution and you pay either through envelopes or standing order, this will allow the parish to claim and additional 25p for each pound you contribute. If you have not already signed a gift aid form you can obtain one from the sacristy.

Caritas Salford Lent Appeal

This Lent, will you make a change to change a life?

By remembering Caritas Salford during Lent, your donations and prayers will make a real difference to the lives of the local people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire that the team supports.

- Keep Caritas Salford in your prayers this Lent
- Join their Lent appeal and collect change to help change lives (you can pay in your collection or donation online at <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/lent2023/>)
- Help Caritas reach even more people by sharing news of the appeal with others and on social media