



DIocese OF  
SALFORD

# SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

2nd June 2024

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND  
BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS  
CHRISTI)



*"This is my blood, the  
blood of the covenant,  
which is to be poured out  
for many."*

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## WELCOME TO SAINT VINCENT'S

If you are a visitor to Saint Vincent's this weekend, please feel welcome! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Here is some information to help you feel at home:

**HARD OF HEARING?** There is an Induction Loop System installed in this Church: if you wear a hearing aid, please turn it to the 'T' setting.

**Refreshments after Mass:** Everyone is very welcome to stay behind after Sunday morning Masses and share a cuppa! Tea and Coffee are served in the Parish Centre on the opposite side of the carpark after 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

**Toilets:** The toilet is located near the side entrance: **children should not go out of Church unaccompanied.** Please use the disinfectant wipes to clean all surfaces after every use—dispose of them in the bin but do not flush them down the toilet. Thank you.

**Saint Vincent's Parish Centre:** The Parish Centre is available for parish use and outside bookings. Please contact Robert Allen on 0758 320 7810 for all enquiries.

## IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Requests for Masses & Prayers:

**Recently Deceased:** Steve Greaney, Johnny McEnaney, John Welch

**Anniversary:** Maureen Yates, John Murray, Rose Gillespie, Mr K. M. Varghese, Kathleen Doran, Robert Doran.

**Infirm:** Irene Portwood, Tom Morrison, Joe Thompson; Joe Thorpe; Roy Cooper.

Other: Boni Rakesh

**National Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

**Holy Father's Intention (June)**

**For migrants fleeing their homes.** We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

This week let us pray for the people of the parish of Saint Vincent de Paul, Norden, for Father James Manock, their parish priest and the Rural Dean, and for their parish primary school.

AT SAINT VINCENT'S THIS WEEK ...	
THE NINTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	
	PSALTER WEEK 1
<b>Monday 3rd June</b> Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs [Memorial]	2 Peter 1:2-7; Mark 12:1-12 <b>9.30 a.m. Word &amp; Communion</b>
<b>Tuesday 4th June</b> Weekday	2 Peter 3:11-15.17-18; Mark 12:13-17 <b>9.30 a.m. MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday 5th June</b> Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr [Memorial]	2 Timothy 1:1-3.6-12; Mark 12:18-27 <b>9.30 a.m. MASS for Peace</b>
<b>Thursday 6th June</b> Saint Norbert, Bishop [Memorial]	2 Timothy 2:8-15; Mark 12:28-34 <b>9.30 a.m. MASS</b>
<b>Friday 7th June</b> THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS [Solemnity]	Hosea 11:1.3-4.8-9; Ephesians 3:8-12; John 19:31-37 <b>9.30 a.m. MASS</b> No Abstinence Today!
<b>Saturday 8th June</b> The Immaculate Heart of Mary [Memorial]	Isaiah 61:9-11; Luke 2:41-51 <b>11.00 a.m. MASS</b> <b>12.00 noon Baptism of Isabelle Louise Ruth James</b> <b>6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)</b> <b>6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday</b>
<b>Sunday 9th June</b> The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1; Mark 3:20-35 <b>9.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre</b> WARNING: please note that the Women's Tour of Britain Cycle Race will be passing on Edenfield Road, the whole length of which will be closed from 11.00 a.m. <b>11.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre</b>

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

The key to today's readings is the word "Covenant". A Covenant is a solemn and binding agreement between two parties, which establishes the way in which each party will behave towards the other. It establishes rights and duties, and forges a new relationship between two people or groups of people. In the Ancient World, a Covenant was always sealed with a sacrifice and a meal: the sacrifice brought divine blessing on the covenant, and the meal sealed the relationship between the participants. In the Covenant that God forged with his people in the Old Testament, it was expressed very simply: God said, "You will be my people, and I will be your God." God would remain faithful to the people, and they were to remain faithful to God (this is where the commandments come in). This Covenant was sealed in its greatest form on Mount Sinai, as we hear in the first reading. When the Old Covenant had been broken beyond repair, God sent his only Son to establish a New Covenant: the sacrifice and meal of this New Covenant is Calvary and the Last Supper, where Christ is both priest and victim and altar. When we eat and drink this sacred meal at every Mass we are renewed in the New Covenant and the relationship with God, because Calvary and the Upper Room are present once more and the New Covenant is sealed for us anew.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### June: Month of the Sacred Heart

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—a timeless devotion which reminds each one of us of the fact that we are loved by God, revealed in the self-giving of Jesus on the cross and in the eucharist. As Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, whose mystical revelations developed this devotion as we know it today, said: *"The Sacred Heart is the symbol of that boundless love which moved the Word to take flesh, to institute the Holy Eucharist, to take our sins upon Himself and, dying on the Cross, to offer Himself as a victim and sacrifice to the eternal Father."* In this month of June try and take a moment just to say to yourself "I believe that I am loved by God," and then think how to respond to that boundless love!

### "Getting (Away) Together"

The "Getting Together" gang is on a trip on **Tuesday 4th June** to Ena Mill in Atherton - with unique shops, with tea/coffees, lunches on offer - and later in the afternoon having fish and chips at the Olympus Restaurant in Bolton. The coach leaves from church at 10.15 a.m. and returns, all being well, about 5.00 p.m. There are 10 spare seats on the coach (free), so if anyone would like to go along please contact Mary on **0748 730 9664**.

### "And There's More ..."

For some time now Jimmy Cricket has been putting on a little show in the Parish Centre for the local community. Everyone is always welcome. Why not come and bring your friends for an evening with Comedian Jimmy Cricket and his family this **Tuesday 4th June** at Saint Vincent's Parish Centre at 7.30 p.m. There's no admission fee, just a donation for refreshments, which will go to a local charity.

### S.V.P. Cake Sale

Each year the S.V.P. in our Diocese organises a week's adventure holiday in Snowdonia for 40 children aged 9 to 11 who are otherwise unlikely to get a break from home. The children enjoy canoeing, climbing, and hill walking as well as time on the beach and other fun activities. The children are supported by specialist staff and SVP volunteers. The costs are significant so we are looking to help by raising some money here at Saint Vincent's. Next **Sunday 9th June** there will be a cake sale in the Parish Centre after morning Masses. Please support this cause by coming along, buying a cake and having a cuppa! If you like baking then any cake donations on the day are very welcome!

### Norden Anglican Ladies...

... have extended their usual invitation to the ladies of Saint Vincent's to an afternoon tea with entertainment on **Thursday 20th June** at 2.00 p.m. at Saint Paul's Parish Hall, Blackpits Road, Norden. *Numbers are needed for catering purposes, so please sign up on the list in the porch as soon as possible.*

### The New Lectionary

You will recall that a new translation of the prayers of the Mass was introduced a few years ago: as part of that, it was also planned that there would be a new translation of the "Lectionary" - the book used for the scripture readings at Mass. This has finally been completed, and will be introduced on the First Sunday of Advent this year. The bible readings themselves will not change: what is changing is the translation. Whereas up to now we have used the "Jerusalem Bible", from Advent we will use the "English Standard Version." This does mean that we will require new books, which are not cheap! The four volume Altar Lectionary costs £695.00, and the Book of the Gospels £395.00. It has been suggested that people may want to make donations to enable us to purchase these new volumes in memory of a deceased loved one, whose names will be permanently inscribed in the new books. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope marked "**New Lectionary: in memory of N.**" There will be more on this new translation in coming weeks, and information about new missals. *There is a brochure on the noticeboard with more details.*

## BIBLE BITZ II

### 23: The First Letter of Saint John

Saint John comes close second to Saint Paul for the volume of content in the new Testament, which include his Gospel, three letters and the Book of Revelation. His writings are the latest in the Bible, possibly around the year 95: by then the Church was well-established in many places, and John's writings seek to comment on, refine and clarify the Christian faith. This first letter is a profound reflection on the nature of Christian life—how to live it, and where it leads. The Way is love—love of God and of neighbour, which must be real, and the Goal is life with God, who is love. One of the main concerns of this letter (and all Saint John's writings) was the heresy known as Gnosticism: "gnosis" is the Greek for knowledge, and this heresy taught that there was a "secret knowledge" in Christianity: it also taught that Jesus was not fully human, but a spirit, and that he was not divine. You can see where so much of Saint John's writing comes from! After beginning with a reference to the real incarnation of the Word, John encourages life in the light which is real love: "*If you claim to be in the light, but hate your sister or brother, you are still in darkness.*" (2:9); he reminds us that we are God's children, and so must trust God and avoid those who would lead us away from Christ. We must judge the things of the world—and things that seem to belong to religion—with great care. Again and again John returns to the word "love": "*There is no fear in love. Perfect love drives away fear.*" (4:18) And in Jesus this love is fully realised, and we truly are children of God! *Next Week: 2 & 3 John: Short but Sweet!*

### A SAINT FOR EVERYTHING ...

#### 7: The Patron Saint of Actors (and Comedians): Saint Genesius

Genesius was a member of an acting troupe in ancient Rome, which one day was putting on a comedy for the Emperor Diocletian, mocking Christianity. At one point in the play, they were imitating baptism, and Genesius had water poured over his head. Something strange happened: at that moment he felt the power of God's grace, and believed in the Christian faith he was mocking. He walked to the front of the stage and, to everyone's consternation, rebuked the Emperor for persecuting Christians. Not surprisingly, Diocletian was not happy with this, and ordered Genesius to be arrested and executed without trial. Many acting guilds take Genesius as a special patron, and there is a shrine to him in Saint Malachy's Church, New York, just round the corner from Broadway,



### SALFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD PRAYER

Loving Father, be with us as we seek new ways of being your people in our Diocese. May each new day bring us closer to your son, Jesus, as we follow his teaching and become disciples of love. As we continue our Synodal journey draw us closer to each other. May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us. Open our hearts, as we listen to each other and reach out in love to your people. Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Amen.

where many actors worshipped - including Bob Hope! Saint Genesius's feast day is 25th August. *Next week—the Patron Saint of Airline Pilots, Crew and Passengers.*

## DIOCESAN NOTES

### Lourdes 2024

Still time to join our centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes! We still have a few places left for any pilgrims wishing to join our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in our centenary year. The pilgrimage, led by Bishop John, will take place between 26th July and 1st August. To find out more and to book your place, please visit [salfordlourdes.co.uk](http://salfordlourdes.co.uk)

### Day Retreat: Jonah and the Whale

The Diocese of Salford's Day Retreat Programme returns in June to explore this remarkable Old Testament story from the Book of Jonah. The retreat takes place on Thursday 6th June between 11.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Gerard Majella in Lostock Hall. The session costs £20 to attend and can be booked by calling **01772 335387**, or emailing [office@saintgerards.org.uk](mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk)

### Salford Youth

Are you aged 18-35? Are you looking to celebrate your faith with other young Catholic adults across the diocese? Give the Diocese of Salford Young Adults Ministry a follow on Instagram! For the latest on upcoming events, opportunities to connect and get involved, as well as regular content and resources to nurture your faith life on the go, simply search [@salfordyouth](https://www.instagram.com/salfordyouth) on Instagram.

Our Diocesan Mass for Young Adults returns next **Sunday 9th June** to Saint Augustine's Church in Manchester. Mass begins at 5.30 p.m. with opportunity for confession between 4.45 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. Join us after Mass for a catch up with other young Catholics over a bite to eat and a short, personal talk about one man's remarkable journey to faith. All are welcome to attend!

### Bank Donations

The account details for direct banking, for either one-off or regular giving are: Account Name: **The Salford Diocesan Trust St Vincent de Paul Norden** Account Number: **80492523** Sort Code: **20.55.34.**

## NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

## THE SACRAMENTS

### Home Communions

Brenda Robinson is our Parish Coordinator for Home Communions: if you or a relative find yourself housebound for a period of time, or know of a Catholic moving into one of our Care homes, and would like to receive holy communion at home, please let Brenda know by phoning **0793 222 6981**.

### Baptisms

are by appointment: please collect, fill in and return one of the Information forms from the porch. They provide details of what is required and the next steps in the process.

### Marriage

is also by appointment. Please take an information leaflet from the porch and return the tear-off portion to arrange an interview. Please do not make bookings before this interview and note that six months' notice is required.

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Presbytery to ask for this Sacrament. It should not be left until the last minute, but the sick should celebrate this sacrament to receive God's healing and comfort.

### Confirmation and First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion is celebrated in **Year 3**, and registrations occur in September. Confirmation is celebrated in **Year 8**, and registration also occurs in September.

## CARE AND CONCERN

### Our Parish S.V.P.

The S.V.P. Conference at Saint Vincent's support people in need in a variety of ways; visiting people at home or in care homes, responding to calls for practical help, providing home cooked meals for around twenty four residents of Leopold Court, a local homeless unit, one day every fortnight, providing food bags for local families. If you or anyone you know would like any kind of help please contact Joan Hamilton on **0773 990 8561** or send an email to [PresidentD111410@svp.org.uk](mailto:PresidentD111410@svp.org.uk).

Please also remember that donations to the SVP can made at any time through the donations slot on the back wall of Church, or by bank transfer online: Account Name **D111410 SVP ST VINCENT—ROCHDALE**; Account Number **4608 2506**; Sort Code **60-60-04**. Thank you for your support!

### Rochdale Food Bank

Please place your donations in the boxes at the back of the Church. The Food Bank is currently short of everything, but in urgent need of **Coffee, Tinned Rice/Custard, Sugar, Tinned Potatoes, Fruit Juice and Jam**. More details at [rochdalefoodbank.org.uk](http://rochdalefoodbank.org.uk) and a full "shopping list" is available by the donations box.

### Donations

Please be aware that there are permanent donation boxes on the back wall of Church for **CAFOD, Caritas Diocese of Salford, Caritas Ukraine** and the **Parish S.V.P.** Thank you for your constant generosity!

## GOSPEL WORDSEARCH

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✠ **STAY WITH US, LORD, ON OUR JOURNEY** ✠