



**Diocese
of Salford**

SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

29th June 2025

**THE SOLEMNITY OF
SAINT PETER AND
SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES**



*"I have fought the good fight, I
have finished the race, I have
kept the faith."*

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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.

Parking: please try to give priority to places nearest Church for people with restricted mobility. Thank you.

In our prayers ...

Masses & Prayers

Recently Deceased: Elizabeth Moore

Anniversaries: June Ann Fitzgerald, Patrick Joseph Dunne, Jim Carney, Padriac Carney, Noreen Carney, Stanley Lloyd, Trevor Owen, Mary Fleming.

National Cycle of Prayer

During Ordinary Time (Summer) 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 (July): For formation in discernment:

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Let us pray for the people of the parish of Saint James and All Souls, Pendleton and Weaste, and for Father Ian Farrell, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school.

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**.

At Saint Vincent's This Week ...

The Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time

PSALTER WEEK 1

Monday 30th June

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church [Optional Memorial]

Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22

9.30 a.m. Word & Communion

Tuesday 1st July

Saint Oliver Plunket, Bishop and Martyr [Optional Memorial]

Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27

9.30 a.m. MASS
1.00 p.m. "Getting Together"

Wednesday 2nd July

Weekday

Genesis 21:5.8-20; Matthew 8:28-34

9.30 a.m. MASS

Thursday 3rd July

Saint Thomas, Apostle [Feast]

Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

9.30 a.m. MASS

Friday 4th July

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal [Optional Memorial]

Genesis 23:1-4.19. 24:1-8.62-67; Matthew 9:9-13

9.30 a.m. MASS

Day of Abstinence

Saturday 5th July

Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest [Optional Memorial]

Genesis 27:1-5.15-29; Matthew 9:14-17

11.00 a.m. MASS for Peace
12.00 noon Baptism of Freddie Martin
6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)
6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday

Sunday 6th July

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12.17-20

9.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre
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THE WORD THIS WEEK

Peter and Paul are the two great heroes of the Apostolic Age - Peter for leading the first Christian communities and binding them in unity, a role that springs from his profession of faith in Caesarea Philippi, and Paul for travel-ling throughout the Roman Empire as the Apostle to the Gentiles, ensuring that the Gospel could be heard by all. They both ended up in Rome, the heart of the Empire, where they crowned their lives of witness by shedding their blood for Christ. As the ancient hymn for this feast day ("Decora Lux Aeternitatis") says: *"Rejoice, O Rome, this day; thy walls they once did sign With princely blood, who now their glory share with thee. What city's vesture glows with crimson deep as thine? What beauty else has earth that may compare with thee?"* In celebrating the death of these apostles and martyrs, we celebrate the triumph of two lives—and deaths—offered fully to God.

NEWS AND NOTES

Peter's Pence Collection 2025

This weekend a retiring collection will be taken after all Masses for "Peter's Pence". This is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Pope Leo as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need—a collection which now happens throughout the world but actually began in Anglo-Saxon England! The offerings of the faithful are intended to support the activities of the Holy Father for the whole Universal Church. The Pope, as Pastor of the universal Church, is concerned both with the needs of evangelization (spiritual, educational, justice, communication, political charity, diplomatic activity, etc.) and with the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in serious difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, the marginalized, victims of wars and natural disasters; special aid to Bishops or Dioceses in need, Catholic education, aid to refugees and migrants, etc.). For more information, or to donate online, please visit <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

Building Work

You may have noticed some work being undertaken on the Caldershaw Road side of the Parish Centre. We have been very lucky to obtain a grant to construct a permanent play area and forest walk for our pre-School on the previously unused land. This will not affect the rest of the Parish Centre in any way, but will be a very significant improvement to the provision of care for our pre-school children—as well as tidying up part of our site that needed it! The work should take about two weeks.

"Getting Together"

The next meeting is this coming **Tuesday 1st July**, from 1.00 - 3.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre, with the usual hospitality, refreshments and raffle. This week, we are having light entertainment from Patrick Fal-lon, also social time with quizzes and laughter. Please note this is the last meeting before breaking up for the summer. Everyone very welcome!

Concert

You are cordially invited to a special concert next **Saturday 5th July** from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in Saint Vin-cent's Parish Centre, featuring four musical groups from Rochdale Music Service: MC Brass (a brass band made up of young people aged 10-14); MC Sax group (a saxophone ensemble); Musical Theatre group and Rochdale Community Wind band - an award winning adult wind band! Tickets are £5.00 available on the door or from trybooking.com (QR code on poster in Church) All proceeds to be shared between Church and the Music Service. There will be refreshments and a raffle.

Salford Synod Update – June 2025

From Bishop John: "Our Diocese continues its jour-ney of renewal and listening, begun by the Synod process. A Synod Implementation Team has been formed to guide the four key areas identified at our voting day in March. Each grouping of Leadership and Collaboration, Community and Outreach, Young People and Schools, and Spirituality and Formation, have their own dedicated subgroup. As these teams begin their work, two recommendations are already developing. The Community and Outreach group is recommending **Welcome Teams** in every parish. Also ideas and opinions are being gathered which may promote appropriate **support structures for our clergy**. Let us continue to pray that we may dis-cern what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church, and to our Diocese, in these times."

Know Your Months!

Everyone knows that May is the month of Mary in traditional Catholic devotion, but were you aware that every month of the year has a devotional focus? This is the complete list:

January: The Holy Name of Jesus

February: The Holy Family

March: Saint Joseph

April: The Holy Eucharist (Blessed Sacrament).

May: The Blessed Virgin Mary

June: The Sacred Heart of Jesus

July: The Precious Blood of Jesus

August: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

September: The Seven Sorrows of Mary

October: The Holy Rosary

November: The Holy Souls

December: The Immaculate Conception

As you can see, on Tuesday we begin the month of the Precious Blood, thinking of the powerful signifi-cance of the blood of Jesus shed on the cross for us,

like the blood sacrifices of the Old Testament, as well as the Precious Blood really present in the chalice at Mass—which guarantees the New Covenant we are part of. Keep this though in your prayer this month!

S.V.P. Children's Camp

The S.V.P. in our Diocese runs a camp for 40 children aged 9 to 11 every summer in Snowdonia. This year's camp is from Sunday August 10th to Friday August 15th. The team of volunteers for this year has one remaining vacancy for a younger male helper aged 18 to 35. If you, or someone you know, meets this criteria and would like to join the team please contact Mark on 07526 934 099. All volunteers are subject to a DBS check.

August “Do”!

We still need a name for our August Day of Fun and Frolic! This year it will be taking place on the afternoon of **Sunday 31st August** in our Parish Centre (and grounds if weather allows!) As usual we will need volunteers to run stalls, bake cakes, serve refreshments and so much more! Please sign up on the list in the porch if you will be available to help in any way on the Sunday afternoon—and everyone put the date in your diaries!

A NEW SERIES!

WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Recently I was completely befuddled while doing some genealogical research: I found a 17th Century ancestor whose name was transcribed as “Kerenhappuch” - which I presumed was a mistake! So I went to the facsimile of the Baptismal register, and sure enough, there it was: Kerenhappuch. I had no idea what on earth this name was or where it came from, and after scratching my head for a while decided to give it a go on Google. To my surprise it *is* a real name—and it comes from the Bible! She was the youngest and most beautiful daughter of Job. My excuse is that in our Jerusalem Bible translation it actually translates the Hebrew (which literally means “horn of kohl for eye makeup”) as “Mascara” - emphasising her beauty, which in the context of the story shows how blessed her father Job was for his faith in God despite disaster. All this got me thinking about names in the Bible, and especially the names of women. So many of the lists and genealogies in the Old Testament are men about whom we know nothing, and yet there are a remarkable number of very significant women who make up the story of God's relationship with the chosen people. So for the next few weeks we will be looking at the women of the Old Testament, examining at the meaning of their names, and their importance in the history of salvation. Along the way we will meet some remarkable examples of virtue and courage like Ruth and Judith, as well as some less edifying characters like Delilah and Jezebel! Next week we will begin at the very beginning (a very good place to start!) with **Eve**.

DIOCESAN NOTES

Madonna Del Rosario Procession

The annual Madonna Del Rosario procession, organised by the Manchester Italian Association, will take place next **Sunday 6th July**. The procession will begin at 1.15 p.m. from The Halle Saint Michael's, George Leigh Street, in Ancoats. It will continue through Manchester City Centre to St Peter's Square, where Monsignor Anthony Kay will lead a short service. All are welcome to join this wonderful celebration.

Jubilee for Children and Families

This month, we join Catholics around the world in celebrating the Jubilee for Children and Families. As we come together in this Holy Year, we invite you to pray for all families in our diocese. May we look to the love of the Holy Family to guide us in our vocation to family life; praying for the grace to love with peace, gentleness, and hope in the face of all our challenges.

Salford Lourdes Pre-Departure Mass

The Diocese of Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage Team invites you to join them for this year's Pre-Departure Mass. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John, along with clergy from the diocese, with music for our wonderful Lourdes choir. Whether you're travelling with us to Lourdes, or are looking to accompany us in prayer at home, you're most welcome to join us at 5.30 p.m. on **Sunday 27th July** at Saint Patrick's, Collyhurst.

Southern Cemetery Mass

The Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce the return of its Cemetery Mass at Southern Cemetery—the first since before the pandemic - providing a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith and remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Join us at 12.00 noon on **Monday 25th August** outside the Roman Catholic Chapel in the cemetery. Seating will not be provided, so please bring a chair if you require one. In the event of poor weather, Mass will be celebrated in Saint Ambrose Church.

Summer Retreats at Boarbank Hall

The Canonesses of Saint Augustine, based at Boarbank Hall near Grange-over-Sands, has shared details of two retreats this summer. Join them from 26 July - 2 August for a retreat exploring more about the spirituality of our new Augustinian pope, Leo XIV, or perhaps join them between 18-22 August for an opportunity to read and reflect on the spiritual writings of Saint Augustine. To find out more about these retreats and other opportunities at Boarbank Hall, please visit <http://www.boarbankhall.org.uk>

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

At that time: The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no money bag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace be to this house!" And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near." I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.' The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!' And he said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

THE SACRAMENTS

Home Communions

Brenda Robinson is our 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 communion at home, please let Brenda know on **0785 559 8016**.

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 by appointment. Please take an information leaflet from the porch and return the tear-off portion to arrange an interview. Do not make bookings before the 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

Registration for First Communion 2026 will begin in September. Registration for Confirmation this year is now closed. For both Sacraments in 2026 children in Catholic Schools will be contacted directly, otherwise speak to Father James to obtain Registration Forms..

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**. Please also remember that donations to the SVP can be 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** 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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