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17th September 2017
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today: Mass 6.30pm (vigil), 9.00am and 11.00am. Baptism 12 noon.
Monday: Mass 9.30am.
Tuesday: Mass 9.30am.
Wednesday: Mass 9.30am. St. Matthew.
Thursday: Mass 9.30am.
Friday: Mass 9.30am.
Saturday: Mass 12 noon. Confessions 12.30. & 5.45 – 6.15pm. St. Pius of Pietrelcina.
Sunday: Mass 6.30pm (Saturday), 9.00am and 11.00am.

Baptisms: By appointment with Fr. Paul.

Marriage: According to diocesan ruling at least 6 months notice needs to be given.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament weekdays from 8.30 – 9.30am.

Readers: 6.30pm. Damian Maloney. Claire Wood.
next 9.30am. John Colligan.
weekend 11.00am. Catherine Naden. E. Robakowski.

Collection: Thank you for £1104.51 last weekend. (Gift Aid £562.61. Loose £541.90)

Counters: Group 2. **Church Cleaners:** Group C.

Toddlers: Wednesdays at 1.30pm. in the parish centre. All welcome.

Parish Centre: Please get in touch with Brian on 01706 357301 for bookings and further information etc.

Deanery Prayer: We pray for Fr. Sullivan and parishioners at St. Joseph's Ramsbottom.

APF: Promoters please collect your envelopes from the back of church after Mass today.

Tea/Coffee: All welcome to join us in the parish centre after the 9am and 11am Mass each Sunday.

Becoming Confident Catechists: 6 week course for catechists in parishes. An introduction for people new to this role and to help existing catechists find renewed energy and confidence. The course starts on Monday 9 October at St Anne's Parish Centre, Higher Openshaw, Manchester. For further information please contact christopher.lough@dioceseofsalford.org.uk Have a word with Fr. Paul if you would be interested.

Welcomers: Please collect your new rota from the sacristy today. New welcomers would be welcome.

St. Paul's Norden: You are invited to a Flower arranging demonstration on Thursday 21st September at 8pm. Please see the poster on the notice board.

Marian Procession: on Saturday 7th October 2017 at 10.30am starting at St Edward's Parish (13 Thurloe Street M145SG). Everyone is invited to take part. For more information please ring: 0161 2242589 (Fraternas) or email marianprocession@gmail.com

Sacramental Programme: If your child is in Year 3 (or above), baptized Roman Catholic, and you would like them to take part in this Year's sacramental Programme (Reconciliation and Holy Communion), please join us at 6.30pm on Monday (tomorrow) in the school.

McMillan Coffee Morning: We will be holding a coffee morning after the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday 1st October in aid of McMillan Nurses. Do try and join us and support this very worthwhile cause.

Hyning Hall: We hope that those parishioners who are with the Cistercian Sisters at Hyning Hall this weekend, have a truly blessed and fruitful time.

School Mass: All the children and staff will be joining us at the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday when we will pray for God's blessing on this new academic year.

SVP Awareness month: Theme "Welcome the Stranger" Week 2- Grief "To befriend people is vital. We can't solve everyone's problems, but we can befriend them ." Fr Paul Roche, SVP National Spiritual Advisor
Do you know of anyone who is bereaved? Contact us we may be able to help. Liz Ramsden 01706 658100.

Rochdale Food Bank: Thank you to all who so generously donate items it is both appreciated and still needed . An update from the Food bank, as from 6th September the following items are urgently needed :-
Semi skimmed UHT milk 1 litre packs, Pasta sauces, Sugar 500g or smaller packs.
Thank you again from the SVP on behalf of the Food bank "

Inherit the Earth: You are invited to attend a candlelit supper on the evening of the 28th September at 7pm at St Chad's encompassing a new exhibition by Christian Aid. We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you.

Rainbows: Rainbows 25th Anniversary Concert Fri. September 22nd 2017 at 7.00pm at St Vincent's Parish Centre Norden. Celebrating the work of Rainbows Bereavement Support Sites in Rochdale.
Featuring: Choir from St John Fisher R.C. Pr. School (first Rainbows site in the Salford Diocese) Maggie and Jed Morgan and other supporting artists. Donations to Rainbows Bereavement GB welcomed on the night.

Reignite: On Sunday 17th September the next Reignite Mass, with a focus towards young adults, will take place at Salford Cathedral at 5.30pm, followed by some input and refreshments.

Reformation: There will be a talk at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC on Monday the 9th of October at 7.30pm to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation .
The speaker will be Revd John Parry a retired lecturer from the Northern College in Manchester .

Churches Together: The next CTINWR meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 3rd October at St Paul's.

Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying "That's it; you've just gone too far this time: never again"? When Jesus says that we must forgive 'seventy-seven' times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn't just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: "Father, forgive them..." As his disciples, we must do likewise.