

**ROME 2016** I would like to pass information on to you which I received this week regarding Pilgrimages to Rome. The details are that it would be for 5 nights (leave Monday, return Friday). The cost would be £645 per person plus Insurance. Single Room occupancy £90. The dates are 19th September to 23rd September. Included in the cost are return flights (Manchester Airport) / Coach transfers in Rome (Airport to Hotel) / Coach excursions to St Mary Major; St John Lateran and St Pauls outside the Walls. Half board at a 3 star hotel and Rome city tax. If you are interested please add your name to the list at the back of Church and I will arrange a meeting. This could be a great opportunity for us to see Rome during the Year of Mercy and the Mercy Door at the Vatican. *Fr Peter*

**LENTEN MASSES** The Lenten Masses for our Deanery will be at 7 pm on Wednesday, 9th March, at St Anne's, Cobham Road, Accrington, and at 7 pm on Wednesday, 16th March, at St John's, Ivy Street, Burnley. Confessions will be available before each of these Masses.

**PRODUCE STALL** The new Rota for stallholders on the Home Produce Stall is now available, and there are copies for everyone in the Parish Rooms. Thank you to everyone who is involved in this mini-community - the bakers and makers, the stallholders, and the customers, as well as our 'seasonal' novelties producer. A great piece of work by many people, all contributing to the Parish spirit, and adding £1,000 to £1,500 each year to Parish funds. Well done everyone!

A special conference day on "Researching Catholic Family History" including using up to date internet sources is taking place at the Salford Diocesan Archives at Saint Augustine's Grosvenor Square, Manchester, M15 6BW on Saturday 12th March from 11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. The speaker is Dr Brenda Huster, an experienced family historian, who will give two presentations and assist with personal research. There will be time for discussions, help with research and viewing records in the Archives. Coffee and Registration is at 11.00 a.m., a full hot lunch is provided and there will be tea during the afternoon. The cost for the day is £12.00 (advance booking) Please contact Mrs D Heaghan, 15 Maveen Court, Edmonton Road, Woodsmoor, SK2 7BG or email dmhenaghan@gmail.com (members and non-members welcome)

**GAVIN has sent a letter asking for Sponsors when he does the Oscot Great Run for his travel expenses to Lourdes with HCPT. The Run is on 9th March. Letter and Sponsor sheet are at the back of Church**

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

28TH FEBRUARY 2016

STAY WITH US,  
LORD,  
ON OUR JOURNEY

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY**

Quiet Hour : 12 noon—Confessions and Exposition. Mass 12.30 pm

**TUESDAY**

10 am Mass

**WEDNESDAY**

Stations of the Cross 11.30 am  
Quiet Hour : 12 noon—Confessions and Exposition. Mass 12.30 pm

**THURSDAY**

No Morning Mass  
2.15 pm Requiem Mass for Bernard Mulrooney

**FRIDAY**

Lenten Challenge Mass 6.30 am  
Stations of the Cross 11.30 am  
Quiet Hour : 12 noon—Confessions and Exposition. Divine Mercy. Mass 12.30 pm  
1.45 pm Women's World Day of Prayer

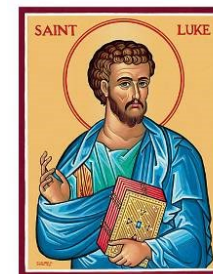
**SATURDAY**

10.30—11.30 Confessions and Exposition. Mass 12 noon  
Vigil Mass 6 pm

**SUNDAY**

Masses at 9.45 am and 11.45

**"The man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall."**



This is the theme of this Sunday: it underlines the need for repentance, which is the focus of our Lenten journey in Year C. Jesus, in the Gospel, uses two recent events in order to illustrate his point about sin and repentance - there is a price to be paid for sin, but there is a way of avoiding it: if we repent, we will have salvation and a new and real freedom. This idea is emphasised in the parable, where we see a tree not being condemned immediately, but given a chance to change and produce fruit. So are we. This links in with the two other readings, which also talk about escape - the escape of Israel from Egypt. This is to be a warning for us, as Saint Paul says: if we are Christians, we must live as Christians, and be aware of the need to watch our lives and the direction they are taking.





## PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kathleen Walsh; Kathleen Bottomley; Theresa Barker; Monica Cain; Joan Hobley; Mary Kilbride; Teresa McGough; Jan and Stella Habiac; Connie Howarth; Eileen Park; Connie Smith, Alice Spencer; Margot Thorpe, Vera Wright; Winifred Neary; Barbara Colpman; Bill Mansell; Stella Albenese; Jean Neale; Waheed Ali; Natalie Gabrielsen; Pat Baker; Margaret Flannery; Yvonne Groom. David Thomas; Kenneth Goldie; Dominic Dunleavy; Luke Mason; Pam Smith; Mary Wallace; Trevor Ryder; Patricia & John Walker; Peter Connor; Peter Scaife, Mary Bibb, Paul Nathan, Donna Spencer and Fr Terence Schofield.

**Father**, we ask you to send your help through us to those who are sick in mind and body. In our care may they see your love. Bless those who cannot be with us today, they are in our thoughts and prayers. May they be given courage and strength. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

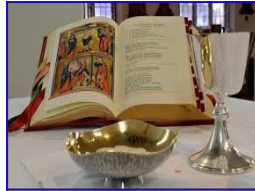
### MASS INTENTIONS

#### LATELY DEAD

Peggy Edwards  
Shirley Crook  
Bernard Mulrooney

#### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Chloe Poole  
Ladies' Guild



#### ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin O'Brien  
Margaret McKie  
Thomas McKie  
Agnes Fletcher  
Catherine Mary Hoyle  
Shirley Warren  
John Clancy  
Norman Taylor

**TOWNELEY CHAPEL LAMP** The Lamp burning in the Towneley Chapel this week is for Francesca M Flannery

**TAIZE PRAYERS** at Sion Baptist Church, this Sunday, 28th February at 6 pm, and continuing on Sunday evenings during Lent. All are welcome.



### BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to have your child Baptised at St Mary's please call in at the Sacristy after the 9.45 am Mass next Sunday morning and meet with the Baptism Team.

### LADIES GUILD ....

The Ladies will meet this Wednesday 24th February in the Parish Rooms at 1.00pm. Sheila and Moe on tea duty, please. All Ladies most welcome.

### AN INVITATION—FR LANNON'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Fr David Lannon will celebrate his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood with a Mass on Saturday 19th March at 2.00pm in St Augustines Church, Grosvenor Square Manchester. Everyone is invited to attend and join Fr Lannon for light refreshments afterwards.

### A TRIBUTE TO RUTH MCKIERNAN

Friends colleagues and students will pay tribute to Ruth McKiernan RIP in a concert on Thursday 10th March at 7.00pm in the Thomas Whitham Sixth Form College on Barden Lane Burnley BB10 1JD. International opera stars Kathleen Wilkinson and Sean Rouane, with Jim Hoyle (Trumpet) will feature alongside past and present students of Thomas Whitham and St Theodore's Colleges. All proceeds will go to Plendleside Hospice. Tickets £10. Please see the notice in the porch.

**FINANCIAL NEWS** Collection: £1,113.00 Votives: £105.00  
Retiring Collection: £96 Home Produce: £20 Car Park £140 Car Park (Football) £592.00 ; Sunday Coffee: £100; Donations: £100 and £120  
Many thanks for your help and support - Fr Peter

**ROMERO WEEK 2016**—The Justice and Peace Association of Caritas Diocese of Salford has arranged a commemoration of Blessed Oscar Romero has been arranged for **Saturday 12th March 2016** at Saint John's Cathedral, Salford. The day will consist of a talk at 2.00 p.m. on "The El Salvador of Blessed Oscar Romero" by Ann Wilson, Community Participation Co-ordinator, CAFOD Salford), followed by Mass presided by Father John Sullivan, the Director of Overseas Mission for the Diocese of Salford. .

**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD** In this year of Mercy, our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked that Friday, 4th March until Saturday, 5th March 2016 be set aside as "24 Hours for the Lord." In response to this invitation, there will be an opportunity to visit the Lord and celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation in Salford Cathedral during Friday, 4th March and Saturday, 5th March From 9.00am to 9.00pm each day.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** There will be a meeting for parents and children in St Mary's school this Wednesday, 2nd March, commencing at 7 pm