

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

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 Habiak; 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, Kim Talbot 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

Teresa Cross, Fred Gregory;
Catherine Whippy; Donald Stevens;
Alan Snape

Anniversaries

The Cummings and Horner Families
John Lyons; Margaret Sagal; Peter Coyne; Joseph Rutherford; Philip McKinney and Teresa Carter

Birthday Anniversary

Victoria Emmanuel

Special Intention

Good health and successful medical results for Paul Nathan
In thanksgiving for Matthew's recovery

LENTEN STATION MASSES

The Lenten Masses for our Deanery will be at 7 pm this Wednesday, 9th March, at St Anne's, Cobham Road, Accrington, and at 7 pm next Wednesday, 16th March, at St John's, Ivy Street, Burnley. Confessions will be available before each Mass.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MOTHERING SUNDAY
6TH MARCH 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
7 pm Lenten Station Mass at St Anne's , Accrington

THURSDAY 1.20 pm Requiem Mass for Donald Stevens RIP

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Masses at 9.45 am and 11.45

TAIZE PRAYERS at Sion Baptist Church at **6.30**

PM THIS SUNDAY, 6TH MARCH (not 6 pm) and continuing on Sunday evenings during Lent. All are welcome.



"YOUR BROTHER HERE WAS DEAD AND HAS COME TO LIFE."

As today we hear the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son (or the Forgiving Father), the message is Reconciliation - the making new of relationships, the healing of past wrongs and the opening of ourselves to the "new creation". This is just as the Is-raelites opened themselves to the New Creation of the Promised Land, when under Joshua they ended their sojourn in the wilderness after forty years of hardship, and began to eat of the produce of the country. It is all God's work: it is God who calls us back, and God who welcomes us into the Promised Land of his mercy when we return. So today, let us think not so much of sin and offences, as the new creation God offers us, if we but turn back to him and embrace him as our Father.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



The children have begun their Sacramental Programme leading to First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. They are joining us at Mass this Sunday. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this time

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.

HEALING MASS

We usually have our Healing Mass at 12 noon on the last Saturday of the month, However, the last Saturday of March is Easter Saturday and Mass is not celebrated during the day on Easter Saturday. Our next Healing Mass will be a week earlier—on **Saturday, 19th March at 12 noon**. This also happens to be the day when Fr Lannon celebrates his Golden Jubilee and he will celebrate Mass at St Augustine's in Manchester at 2 pm. Those who normally provide transport for the Healing Mass will be attending this Jubilee so will be unable to bring anyone to our Mass on this occasion.

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 **next 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 Coordinator, CAFOD Salford), followed by Mass presided by Father John Sullivan, the Director of Overseas Mission for the Diocese of Salford. .

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. Dr Brenda Huster, an experienced family historian, will give 2 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) E-mail: dmhenaghan@gmail.com All welcome

LETTER FROM GAVIN

GAVIN has been asked to go to Lourdes at Easter and help with the HCPT children. He realises that this would be expensive so he has decided to try and raise money so that HCPT will not have to pay his travel expenses. He is asking for Sponsors when he does the 'Oscot Great Run' this coming Tuesday, 8th March. There is a Sponsor Sheet at the back of Church. Please don't send any money directly to Oscot but put your donations in an envelope then place it in the Post Box outside the Priests Sacristy or at the Presbytery so that they can be forwarded to him. All the Sponsor Money will be forwarded to Gavin after next weekend.

ROME 2016

I would like to pass information on to you regarding a Pilgrimage to Rome. This would be for 5 nights (leave Monday, return Friday). Cost would be £645 per person plus Insurance. Single Room occupancy £90. Dates: 19th September to 23rd September. Included are return flights (Manchester Airport) / Coach transfers in Rome / Coach excursions to St Mary Major; St John Lateran and St Pauls outside the Walls. Half board at 3 star hotel. If you are interested 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

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

The Diocese is organising travel to and participation in the next World Youth Day, to be held in the presence of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in the Polish city of Krakow between 24th July and 2nd August 2016. Young people between 16 and 35 years old are welcome! More information about the cost of the trip, registration forms, prayer cards and even a PowerPoint presentation on World Youth Day can be found on the [Youth Page](#) of Diocese of Salford web site

