

Last week's collection total £653 Thank you

Thank you for £250 for Peter's pence

Groups now open: - Monday - Young At Heart 11.30am to 1.30pm

Tuesday - Toddler's Group 9.30am to 11.30am. Places are available for parents/ carer and toddler(s). Please contact Anne Cummins 07305 392612.

Thursday - Drop Inn 10.00am to 1.30pm

Sacrament of Marriage: 6 months' notice must be given, please see Father to make arrangements.




PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR BAPTISMS by introducing yourselves to Father after Sunday Mass, when details can be taken and our team can begin the process to organise this wonderful Sacrament for your child.

SAFEGUARDING: Our parish community is committed to Safeguarding to ensure the well being of all members of our community. All volunteers over the age of 18 must have a DBS check every 3years. The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Christine Robinson and she is very happy to assist you in completing any paperwork required. She usually attends the 10.00 Sunday mass if you wish to speak to her or can be contacted by email at -christine.robinson.safeguarding@outlook.com

BURNAGE FOOD BANK; opening times are: Tuesday 12.30pm-2.30pm St Nicholas Church Hall, Kingsway, Burnage M19 1PL and Friday 3pm-5pm St Bernard's Church Hall, Burnage Lane, M19 1DR. www.burnagefoodbank.org.uk or tel: 07936698546.

MARCH FOR LIFE: I have arranged a block booking by train from Manchester Piccadilly station and from Stockport station to London Euston station and return, for the March for Life which takes place in London on Saturday, 2nd. September 2023. I have managed to secure a reduced price of £63.20 for each adult day return fare and a reduced price of £31.60 for each child day return fare. I do hope that you will be able to join us in this great act of witness to uphold the right to life for all unborn children and in the interests of the welfare and well-being of their mothers and fathers. To book your place please contact David Gazdecki by e-mail at zdpgazdecki@btinternet.com Thank you.

Bishop John's Ruby Jubilee: To mark the fortieth anniversary of his ordination to priesthood, Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass at 3pm today in Salford Cathedral. This Mass is open to all members of the diocese, without the need for tickets, and so you are welcome to come along if you wish to do so.

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15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

16TH JULY 2023



Clergy: Mgr Michael J Kujacz RD & Fr Joseph Oluwafemi Ojelabi, Seminarian Luke Bradbury
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 STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

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July: Month of the Precious Blood



The Gospel today is the beginning of a new section in Matthew, called ' The Parabolic Discourse' - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story, and gradually the true meaning becomes clearer and clearer. Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. In itself it is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus's audience - people who lived in an agricultural economy. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed that is thrown out and received in

different ways - the ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the word is one who allows it to lodge in the heart, but also produces a visible result. What is the harvest we should yield, when we have heard the word?

We pray for our Mother Church, our Cathedral Church of St. John, together with the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Joseph, Salford. We pray for Bishop John as he celebrates his Fortieth Anniversary of priestly ordination, for Canon Michael Jones, the Cathedral Dean, Fr. Ignatius, and Fr. Churchill. We pray also for the two parish primary schools, for the chaplaincy to Salford University and for all who work in the Cathedral Centre. May their sowing bring forth a rich harvest.

Pope Francis Tweet: "It is only by following the Lord that we come to know him each day, only by becoming his disciples and listening to his words that we become his friends and experience his transforming love."

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for July: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

This week's timetable

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year	16 th July	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	17 th July	Weekday Mass	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	18 th July	Weekday Mass [School leavers]	6pm 7pm	Exposition Mass
Wednesday	19 th July	St John Pleasington	9-30am	Mass
Thursday End of Term Mass	20 th July	Weekday Mass [StApollinaris]	9-30am	Mass
Friday	21 st July	Weekday Mass	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	22 nd July	Feast: St Mary Magdalene	11am 12noon	Confessions & Exposition Mass
Sixteenth Sunday of the Year	23 rd July	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass Mass

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

July 16th 10am Stephen Burke & Geraldine Fury

6pm Mary Teehan

July 23rd 10am Bernie Rowen & Pauline Nixon

6pm Shaun O'Donnell

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Danny Duffy, Kevin McGovern, Peggy Flaherty, Clive & Jean Buckley, Joseph Murphy, C.P. Johnson.

In your prayers please remember: John Press, Hughie Gallagher, Kath Welsh, John Lloyd, Ted Reid, Alan Hixon, Janet Burke, Imelda Dean, Jean Buckley, Fr Bernard Sparks, Bernard Cartledge, Sal & Cam Lusco, Margaret Duffy, Alison O'Connor, Julia Mansfield, Teresa Barrett, Edwin van der Sar, Des Reape, Breda Orr, Canon David Caine, Eileen & Denis Joyce, Tina McGeehan, Fr. Anthony, Zoe Daniels, Baby Amelia Griffin, Michael Hothersall, Emma Louise, Caroline Slevin, Bridget Golden, Michael Connolly, Christopher, Alfie Hooper, Hilary Addyman, Amy Devlin, Amy McDonald, Steven Moorhouse, Pat Kemp, John McLoughlin, Delilah Bardsley, William Harkin, Fr Wilf Cooper, Steve Lyons, John Lloyd, Gloria Oakley, Joan Lockett, David Fallard, Angela Close, Fr Chris Lough, Chris Williams, Margaret Stenson, Lauren Westian, Breda Duggan, Maggie Shackleton, Breda Duggan, Mary Saunders, Abraham McCoy, Delia Regan, Celia Gilligan, Bernard Howell, Lisa Nelson, Lucy Murphy, Mary Windsor, Patricia Gibbon, Pauline Zogaroli, John Monaghan, Arianna, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Anne Connolly, Deirdra Cottrill, Michael Hession, Ged Moran, Maureen Nash, Bridie Duff, Breda Duggan, Mary Boylan, Sandra Thorn, Kath Donnelly, Marie Fahey, Ann & Peter Lomas, Gerard Clegg, Celia Meschi, Olive Price, Michael O'Driscoll, Natasha Baker, Lisa Nelson, David Fettes, Archbishop Kelly, Margaret Moran, Alan Wilcock, Isla Murray, Marcella McNevin, Sir Bobby Charlton, Trevor Teale, Margaret Fisher, Natalie Forshaw, Ellen Leach, Patrick McCabe, Jim Campbell, Fr Peter Maloney, Tess Kenrick, Charlie McHugh, Stephen Bostock, Fr Philip Boast, Albert Oatley, Jimmy O'Hanlon, Meg Warriner, Lilly Flaherty, Patrick Carragher, Martin Conway, Katie Griffin, Lilly Keane, Bridget O'Brien, Fr Leo Heakin, Michael Turner, Tony Rock, Deborah Kemp, Fr Bob Morrow, Nancy Maguire, Therese Thompson, MJK, Fr Frank Austin, Annette Irving, Duncan, Chris Loftus, Canon Mort Stanley, Eamonn Coyle, Patricia Divine, Fr Bernard Higham, Ged McCarrow, Denis Law, James Barren, Kathleen Curley, Anthony Mullen, Marion Moran, Mary Mulvihill.

Our Lady's Lamp; for Kevin McGovern: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** for Refugees: New list at the back of the Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you

THE PARISH HALL IS OPEN TODAY AFTER MORNING MASS for tea and coffee come and join us and also to make our next Grand Draw, pop in and enjoy good company and fun.`

GRAND SUMMER DRAW Our first draw took place last Sunday and the winners were: - 1st Prize £50 Amy Greenwood Ticket No 468, 2nd £25 Andrea Keane 528, 3rd £10 Tom Rowley 397 4th £10 Shelagh Bridge 249. Our second draw takes place in the Parish Hall after this morning's Mass with the prizes being as above. It's not too late to buy a ticket and enter in our Main Draw next Sunday but all entries must be received before the 10am Mass. Please post your envelope through the Presbytery letterbox. The prizes will be 1st £400, 2nd £250, 3rd £150, 4th £50, 5th £25 6th £25. There will also 2 agent's prizes of £25 each. Good luck to you all.

CAKE SALE: Thank you for your support last week when £230 was raised to support Killian who is attending the World Youth Day this summer.

Short 2 night break to YORK AND WHITBY 12th to 14th September. Staying at the Best Western hotel on half board ... choice of evening meal Only 3 Twin rooms now available. No singles £185 pp. contact Ann Tipper 0161 442 5259. Visiting the Bar Convent in York. **Our next day out**, Saturday 16th September, **Chester & Cheshire Oaks** leaving 8am for Chester leaving at 1pm for 3 hours shopping at Cheshire Oaks, returning for 6pm. £15 per person, list at the back of Church or contact Ann on 442 5259

Saint of the week; 19th Saint John Plessington: The Plessington family originated at Plessington, near Blackburn in the north of the Diocese. John was born in 1634 or 1637, and studied for the priesthood in Valladolid, being ordained in 1662. He worked first at Holywell, in North Wales, before moving to Cheshire. He was arrested and tried and executed in Chester in 1679.



The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 28th July we hope to light a Parish Candle at the Grotto, and to take your petitions to leave with Our Lady. Please post any donations towards the candle and your petitions clearly marked in the box on the Lady Altar before 26th July. Thank you.

Did you attend St Pius in Rusholme? We are holding a reunion in our parish Hall, on Friday 8th September, 6-30 onward. Refreshment available, just come along bring your photos, all welcome. More details contact Ann on 07982280024

Prayer for the Synod: 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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us. St Joseph, pray for us.