

Opening Times of the Church this week

Sunday: 7.30am—6.30pm

Monday to Friday: 7.30am—4.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am—6.30pm

Times of Holy Mass

Sunday: 9.15am, 11.00am and 5.30pm

Monday to Friday: 8.00am and 12.10pm

Saturday: 10.00am & 5.30pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Holy Days of Obligation

5.30pm (Vigil), 8.00am, 10am (Term time only), 12.10pm and 7.30pm

Times of Confession

Monday to Friday: 11.30am—11.55am

Saturday: 10.30am—11.25am and 4.45pm—5.15pm

Times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday: 11.30am—12.00noon

Saturday: 10.30am—11.30am

Join our live streamed services at
www.salfordcathedral.co.uk

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 14th Dec <i>Gaudate Sunday</i>	8.00am	People of the Parish
	9.15am	Mariyampillai Phillipaiya
	11.00am	Phillipaiya Franciscamma
	2.00pm Chinese Mass	Priest's Intention
	5.30pm	Baby Regina
Monday 15th Dec <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8.00am	Phillipaiya Anton Mariay Manoiarathes
	12.10pm	Edward Gnanaseelan
Tuesday 16th Dec	8.00am	Kennedin Ariyaseelan
	10.00am Whole School Mass	Priest's Intention
	12.10pm Advent Mass for Diocesan Curia	Bishops Intention
Wednesday 17th Dec <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8.00am	Lourdu Rajaseelan
	12.10pm	Rarjith
Thursday 18th Dec <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8.00am	Special Intention
	12.10pm	The sick of the Parish (SI)
Friday 19th Dec	8.00am	Special Intention
	12.10pm	Special Intention
Saturday 20th Dec	10.00am	Special Intention
	5.30pm Vigil Mass	Special Intention
Sunday 21st Dec <i>4th Sunday</i>	8.00am	Special Intention
	9.15am	Special Intention
	11.00am	People of the Parish
	2.00pm Filipino Mass	Priest's Intention
	5.30pm	Special Intention



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Welcome to our parish!

Please register with us via the website:
www.salfordcathedral.co.uk
or collect a form from the back of the cathedral.



The Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage

All enquiries for the sacraments of Baptism and Marriage must be made directly through the parish office.

A minimum of 6 months notice must be given for Marriage and a minimum of 2 months notice must be given for Baptisms.

Please contact the parish secretary via email at enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk or on 0161 817 2210 during office hours:
Monday to Friday, from 8.30am - 4.30pm.

Offertory collection

7th December 2025—£ 824.33

Thank you for your continued generosity

Donating Online

If you would like to make your offertory donation online, you may scan the QR code below.

You may also download a standing order form from the QR code if you would prefer to make your donation that way going forward.

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Mass Intentions received this week

Special Intentions, The Sick of the parish,
David Burslem, Doreen Matthews & Family, Rita Mills,
Ann Middleton & Family, Lily & John Maher

Please pray for all those who are sick and for those who have died recently.

Arranging a Mass to be celebrated for your intentions

If you would like a Mass to be offered for your intentions or for those you love, please complete the Mass Intention envelope at the back of Church and place your donation within.

Alternatively, you can arrange a Mass to be celebrated online by scanning the QR code.



CATHEDRAL PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Roman Catholic community, which welcomes everyone. As members of the Family of God, strengthened by the sacraments and guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to build a safe and loving parish. We nourish our community through the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, by the Word of God and catholic social teaching, following the commission of Our Lord Jesus Christ to "go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news." Mark 16:15



SALFORD CATHEDRAL Designated Jubilee Year Church Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence

The Year of Jubilee 2025 offers the opportunity to obtain a Plenary Indulgence - a special grace that strengthens our wounded souls in the fight against sin. Plenary Indulgences may also be obtained on behalf of our loved ones who have died, with the possibility of obtaining two plenary indulgences in one day, when one is on behalf of someone who has died.

Conditions to obtain an indulgence are:

- 1) Be resolved to avoid sin and live in a spirit of charity
- 2) Go to confession
- 3) Receive the Holy Eucharist
- 4) Pray for the intentions of the Pope

The Indulgence may be obtained by undertaking a pilgrimage here to the Cathedral temporary church or any designated Jubilee site in the Diocese and beyond, observing the conditions listed above. Those unable to attend here - including people who are sick, have accessibility needs, or are in prison - may also receive an Indulgence wherever they are by reciting the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any approved form and other prayers associated with the Holy Year.

Cathedral Sunday Mass Schedule from January 2026

A few months after we moved into the Temporary Church, we introduced the 8.00am Mass on a Sunday morning to help spread out the Mass going population and alleviate any potential overcrowding at the other Masses. However, as we prepare to return to the Cathedral in 2026, we need to begin rationalising the number of Masses celebrated on a Sunday, for three reasons:

1. There is currently ample capacity in the temporary church to accommodate the current Mass going population over 4 Sunday Masses, not 5.
2. The restored Cathedral will be able to accommodate twice as many people as it did before on a Sunday, due to the relocation of the altar.
3. If through a possible combination of sickness or a request for one of the cathedral priests to supply in a parish elsewhere, the remaining priest will be able to celebrate all the Sunday Masses by himself.

Consequently, **from Sunday, 4th January**, as the 8.00am Mass is the least attended of all the Masses on a Sunday, it will cease to be celebrated and the Sunday Mass schedule for the Cathedral parish will be as follows:

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Sunday: 9.15am, 11.00am and 5.30pm

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this change may cause.

Parish Christmas Raffle

The Christmas Raffle will take place on Sunday 21st December
in the Cloister at 1.00pm

Could we please ask you to return all sold and unsold raffle tickets
to the Parish office no later than Friday 19th December.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity



RCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next RCIA sessions will begin again in the new year on
Thursday 15th January 2026

**Please join us from
7.30pm-8.50pm
Meeting in the Assembly Room.**



First Holy Communion Parents Meeting

The next Parents meeting for children enrolled on the First
Holy Communion will be Saturday 10th January 2026 @
11.00am. The meeting will be held in the Assembly Room,
Cathedral House.

Parking will be available at 3 Ford Street, Salford. M3 6DP

3rd Sunday of Advent

Gaudete







DIOCESE OF Salford
SYNOD 2023-2025

As Advent ushers in a new liturgical year, the Diocesan Synod Implementation Group offers a brief update on our progress since the March 2025 Synod Voting Day, where 40 recommendations were prioritized under Leadership & Collaboration, Spirituality & Formation, Young People & Schools, and Community & Outreach—supported by Inclusion and clergy-engagement sub-groups.

Our emerging vision for a synodal Church in Salford centres on six themes: **prayer, listening, and renewal** as the heart of Eucharistic life; **welcoming, inclusive, and accessible** communities celebrating diversity; **participation and representation** through diverse leadership and formation; **young people and families** fully engaged in faith and service; **collaboration and resources** shared among all; and **outreach, dialogue, and healing** with compassion for survivors and interfaith ties.

The Group will advance strategies in 2026 to realise this Holy Spirit-guided path.

Hopefully, this information will help you to keep your parish updated. For further questions, please email synod@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

We now have details of the venue and timing for the feedback session with Danny Curtin. This will be on Thursday 12 February (10.30am for 11am start to 4pm) at the Village Hotel, Bury. Please put that in your diary.

Finally, there is still opportunity for a one-to-one conversation with Danny Curtin, in person and on Zoom. Two in-person dates have been added on 20 & 21 January. You can sign up by clicking here: <https://calendly.com/formation-dioceseofsalford>. There are opportunities for one-to-one on Zoom on 9-11 December and 12-14 January. Sign up here: <https://calendly.com/dannycurtin>.

Or contact Mike Coen for help in booking (Michael.Coen@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or on 0161 817 2214).

New contactless machines

The Temporary Church now has 3 new contactless machines by which you can make your donations to the Cathedral for votive candles, offertory collection or a general donation.

To use them, simply follow the instructions on the touch screen available.

Thank you for your continued generosity





Relics of St Carlo Acutis to Visit Diocese of Salford

In January, the relics of St Carlo Acutis will be hosted at two of our churches over five days, during which time the Diocese will welcome schools, parishioners and people from all over for veneration.

Carlo is the first millennial saint, and is celebrated for his profound faith and his use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukaemia at the age of 15.

The relics will be presented at St Mary's Church, Burnley from 28-29 January 2026 before they travel to St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst from 30 January to 1 February 2026.

More information will be shared soon with parishes and on the Diocesan website and social media channels.

Advice as energy bills continue to rise

If you or those in your wider parish community are in need of support with rising energy bills, Caritas Salford has put together some helpful advice on their website. Their energy advice service team can support with free sessions and drop-ins in your area. You can find out more by visiting www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport

Mass for Engaged Couples to be celebrated by Bishop John Arnold

Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass for engaged couples across the diocese. The Mass provides couples with an opportunity to seek God's blessing to guide and strengthen them during this time of preparation.

Newly-married couples are also invited to receive a blessing in their first year of marriage. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Church in Collyhurst on

**Saturday 14 February 2026
at 1:30pm**



Newsletter from Diocesan Vocations Team

The Diocese of Salford's vocations team is delighted to share its latest newsletter exploring updates on vocations to diocesan ministry, which includes the priesthood and permanent diaconate.

For the latest on ordinations, inspiring vocation stories, and the latest update by numbers, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/vocations/>

Safeguarding Survey Public Call for Information

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) are completing a safeguarding inspection within the Diocese of Salford, and would like to hear the views of as many people as possible regarding their arrangements for safeguarding.

Responses will be collected anonymously unless you choose to provide your contact information, and the survey will close at 11:45pm on Friday 16th January 2026.

To submit your response, please scan the QR code:



Children's Liturgy Activity - Advent 2025

Our Diocesan Environment Team has put together a fantastic resource for Children's Liturgy Groups, providing an engaging activity to complete during Advent.

You may download the updated worksheet by clicking the following link:

https://mcusercontent.com/76e219dab8653b775ba8aac4c/files/30c5d479-b4c1-0eb3-c8dc-0bb879b83e64/Advent_2025.pdf

Laudato Si' Centre Volunteer Call-out: Retired Educators

The Diocese of Salford's Environment Team is inviting retired education staff to volunteer at the Laudato Si' Centre to assist with their successful programme of school visits. Volunteers would be supporting sessions with children from nursery age to Year 11 with activities including arts and crafts, games, and foraging. To find out more, please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

December Carol Services: Diocese of Salford Schools' Singing Programme

The Diocese of Salford Schools' Singing Programme will be hosting a series of free carol services in churches across the diocese this December. Each service begins at 6.30pm and includes traditional carols and readings as part of a one-hour programme.

Find your nearest service at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/>

'Neurodiversity and Our Faith' Research

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into neurodiversity and our faith. If you are an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, they would like to hear from you. Your experiences will help them to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to complete the short surveys, please visit: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/