

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: 8.00am, 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 7th Dec	8.00am	Edwardo DeOliveira (LD)
	9.15am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Patrick Ward (2nd Anniv. RIP)
	5.30pm	Vina DeOliveira (LD)
Monday 8th Dec <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8.00am	Alexandre Oliveira (LD)
	12.10pm	Antonia Fonseca (LD)
Tuesday 9th Dec <i>St Juan Diego Cuauhtloatzin</i>	8.00am	A special Intention
	10.00am School Mass	Priest's Intention
	12.10pm	Freda McAvoy (B)
Wednesday 10th Dec <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8.00am	A special Intention
	12.10pm	Baroness Helen Newlove (LD)
Thursday 11th Dec <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8.00am	A special Intention
	12.10pm	Philip Harper (LD)
Friday 12th Dec <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	8.00am	A special Intention
	12.10pm	John Groarke (1st Anniv) RIP
Saturday 13th Dec <i>St Lucy</i>	10.00am	Pacnilu Antheres
	5.30pm Vigil Mass	Antheres Elizabeth
Sunday 14th Dec <i>Gaudete 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





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.



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.

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

30th November 2025—£ 793.43

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.



Salford Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees
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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

Mass Intentions received this week

Baroness Helen Newlove, Freda McAvoy, Philip Harper, John Groarke, Pacnilu Antheres, Antheres Elizabeth, Mariyampillai Phillipaiya, Phillipaiya Franciscamma, Phillipaiya Anton, Mariya Manokarathas, Baby Regina, Edward Gnanaseelan, Kennedin Ariyaseelan, Rarjith and Lourdu Rajaseelan.

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

Baroness Helen Newlove and Philip Harper

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.



Pater noster,

Qui es in caelis,
 Sanctificetur nomen tuum;
 Adveniat regnum tuum,
 fiat voluntas tua,
 sicut in caelo et in terra.
 Panem nostrum quotidianum
 da nobis hodie;
 et dimitte nobis debita nostra
 sicut et nos dimittimus
 debitoribus nostris;
 et ne nos inducas
 in tentationem,
 sed libera nos a malo.

Amen



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).

2nd Week of Advent



PARISH CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Parishioners helping Parishioners.

Our parish Christmas project led by the SVP and Legion of Mary is once again going to make up food hampers and presents of new toys for struggling families.



We know that there are still some families in our parish who are really finding it difficult to make ends meet. After your very generous response over the past few years we are again asking for your assistance with this year's Christmas appeal to help our parishioners who are less fortunate than ourselves, to have a happy and less stressful Christmas.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP, when you are shopping for toys for your children and grandchildren, will you purchase an extra toy to share with other families or donate some non-perishable food; such as a small Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, rice, pasta, tinned ham, tinned soups & sauces, savoury pies, mince pies, savoury and sweet biscuits, preserves, breakfast cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, powdered or uht milk etc.

There will be a box at the back of the temporary church to place your donations in, until Saturday 13th December, Unfortunately we cannot accept fresh food as we have nowhere to store it).

Please do take this opportunity to help our own parish families at this wonderful time of the year, it's a small way that we can exercise our Christian duty by showing our love for those in need.

**The RCIA Course
Our Journey in Faith**

If you are not a Catholic
**Would you like to know what we Catholics believe?
Would you like to become a Catholic?**

If you are a Catholic
**Would you like to refresh your knowledge and
understanding of your Faith?**

OR
**Would you come to support those
enquiring about the Catholic Faith?**

**If you say 'Yes' to any of the above
the Journey in Faith (R.C.I.A.) is for YOU**

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



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.

'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/

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.

Caritas Salford Advent Appeal

Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has released its 2025 Advent appeal to shine the spotlight on the true meaning of Christmas.

To watch their latest animation and to find out more about how to help local people who are facing acute crisis this Christmas,

please visit: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/bee-there-2025/>

Advent Talks: Reflecting on Dilexi Te

During Advent, we are pleased to be joined once again by Sr Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd for a series of talks reflecting on Pope Leo's Apostolic

Exhortation Dilexi te. Join us every Tuesday between 25 November and 16 December as we consider how we welcome the birth of the Messiah into a world of multifaceted poverty.

The venue for this year's talks will be Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs' Church Hall, M38 0DL, and will take place from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Please email joankfmsj@gmail.com or phone 07934 816796 to register your interest.

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/>

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/>

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.**

