DIOCESAN & OTHER NOTICES

Free resource: World Day of the Poor

The Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) has produced a resource for parishes, schools and individuals to mark this year's World Day of the Poor, which takes place on 15 November.

You can find it by visiting www.caritassalford.org.uk/CSANWorldDayofthePoor and you can find more information about other ways to support people experiencing poverty locally on the Caritas Salford website at: www.caritassalford.org.uk

Free Catholic Social Teaching Webinar

Catholic Social Teaching has been referred to as 'the Catholic Church's best kept secret' (Mark Shea). Many people are unaware of the depth of the Church's teaching on social justice, which applies the Gospel to current social issues impacting our communities.

On Wednesday 11 November from 6pm to 7.15pm, our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford will be holding a free online session on Catholic Social Teaching, in advance of World Day of the Poor. To register to join the freewebinar, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/CSTWebinarNov26

Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella

To mark the 300th anniversary of St Gerard Majella's birth his relics will be coming to Our Lady of Grace Church Prestwich (M25 1AS) on Monday 23 November from 5:30pm. Mass at 6:30pm with time for personal blessing with the relic after mass. There will also be the opportunity for confession from 5:30pm. St Gerard is the Patron Saint of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. You are most welcome to join us.

Mass for Carers

A Mass is being celebrated for all Carers within our Communities at St Cuthbert's RC Church, Palatine Road, Withington, Manchester. M20 3LH. Mass will start at 12 Noon on Saturday 28 November 2026. Following the service sandwiches and refreshments will be served in the parish hall. Mass will be live-streamed through the parish website - **stcuthbertswithington.com** - so please attend online if you are unable to attend in person.

Homelessness – Write to your MP

As part of their latest campaign to support people in our diocese who are homeless, Caritas Salford - our diocesan charity - has put together information on how you can write to your MP to call for change. They are asking for help from people in our parishes and would like as many as possible to call for Local Housing Allowance rates to be unfrozen and uplifted in line with local rents.

The current rates are a significant driver of homelessness, and a letter to your MP could help bring about change to support local families and adults at risk. Find out more and access the free template letter and more on the Caritas website at: www.caritassalford.org.uk/EndHomelessness

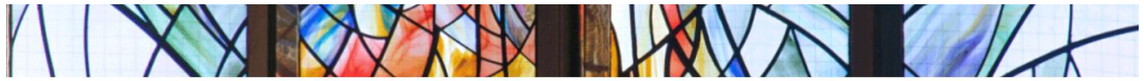
Christian men aged 18-30 sought for research interviews

Some surveys suggest that a growing number of younger men are engaging with Christianity. As a result, the Oxford University research team are looking for volunteers to tell them about their faith journey and help them understand their experiences better. They are looking for Christian men aged 18-30 who have found faith or the church in the last 5 years. If this describes you, you are invited to participate in a 40-60 min interview online or in person. You'll be asked questions about how you came to faith or church, your beliefs and practices, and the role Christianity plays in your life and identity. Your details will be kept confidential, and they will make every effort to ensure you are not identifiable in any reports or publications from the study. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Kristin Aune at Regent's Park College, University of Oxford at

kristin.aune@regents.ox.ac.uk

Call for research participants

Caritas Salford is carrying out new research into how the cost of living and financial difficulties impact people in, and connected to, our parishes and schools. The research will help to better understand people's experiences, and to inform and shape their campaigning work too. If anyone would be willing to be interviewed sensitively about their own experiences, please contact Annabeth Taylor at a.taylor@caritassalford.org.uk for more information. All information shared will be treated confidentially and used anonymously.



SALFORD CATHEDRAL
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 1st November 2026 | **31st Week in Ordinary Time** | **Newsletter No 43**

Sunday Cycle A | **Weekday Cycle 2** | **Psalter week 3**

Opening Times of the Church this week
Monday to Friday: 7.30am—4.30pm
Saturday & Sunday: 8.30am—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)

Holy Days of Obligation
8.00am, 10am (Term time only), 12.10pm, 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: 10.30.am—11.30am

Parish Office
250 Chapel Street, Salford M3 5LE
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Open Monday to Friday 8.30am-4.30pm

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Liturgies and Holy Mass intentions this week

Sunday 1st November *All Saints*	9.15am 11.00am 2.00pm *Eritrean Mass* 5.30pm	People of the Parish Molly Ross Priests' Intention Joan Heslop (A)
Monday 2nd November *All Souls*	8.00am 10.00am Requiem Mass 12.10pm	Patrick O'Mahony (RIP) Paul Briffa (RIP) Winnie & Richard Matthews (RIP)
Tuesday 3rd November *St. Martin de Porres*	8.00am 12.10pm	Intention of Molly Ross John Kerrane (S)
Wednesday 4th November *St. Charles Borromeo*	8.00am 12.10pm	Intention of Molly Ross Canon's Intention
Thursday 5th November *Weekday*	8.00am 12.10pm	Intention of Molly Ross Doreen Matthews (B)
Friday 6th November *Weekday*	8.00am 12.10pm	Freya Winnie & Richard Matthews (RIP)
Saturday 7th November *Weekday*	10.00am 5.30pm Vigil	Maria Giovanazzi (RIP) (BA) Intention of Molly Ross
Sunday 8th November *32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time*	9.15am 11.00am 2.00pm *Chinese Mass* 5.30pm	Intention of Molly Ross People of the Parish Priest's Intention Intention of Molly Ross

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CATHEDRAL 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

PARISH NOTICES

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 office via email at enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk or on 0161 817 2210 during office hours:

Monday to Friday, from 8.30am - 1.30pm

Offertory Collection:

25th October 2026 - *£1636.59*

Thank you so much for your incredible and continued generosity.

Donating Online

If you would like to make your Offertory donation online, you may scan the QR code below. Or contact the office for a Standing Order/Gift Aid Form.

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Mass Intentions received this week

Doreen Matthews, John Kerrane, Maria Giovanazzi, Bob Tupling and Patrick O'Mahony.

Please pray for all those who are sick at this time, and for all those who have died recently, especially***:***

Delia Groarke, Paul Briifa and John Kerrane

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 inside.

Music at 9.15am Mass

The Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

Entrance: 371 - For all the saints

Offertory: 830 - The Church's one foundation

Communion: 628 - Soul of my Saviour

Exit: 785 - Though the mountains may fall

The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Cathedral

Now that the Cathedral has reopened, we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the administration of the **Sacraments of Initiation** at the Cathedral - **Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion**—are regulated by the Church's law and reflected in the Diocesan Baptism Policy (link below), which recommends that the Sacraments of initiation should ordinarily take place in the parish where a family lives.

There is a good pastoral reason for this. It helps families to continue to become part of their local parish community, where they can attend Holy Mass, be known and supported, and receive ongoing pastoral care from their proper parish priest who has a responsibility for them. There is also a practical reason for this approach. It helps ensure that the sacraments of initiation are celebrated equally across the parish churches where families live. To that end, we would like to encourage all those who do not live in the cathedral parish and who are desiring for members of their family to receive the sacraments of initiation, to please make themselves known to the parish where they live. With our deepest thanks for your understanding in this matter.

https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/the-sacraments/initiation/

Cathedral Closure:
Tuesday, 10th – Thursday 12th November

Due to essential maintenance work required on the Cathedral's new fire security system, the Cathedral Church will be closed from, Tuesday, 10th - Thursday, 12th November. During these three days there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Confessions, and the 8.00am and 12.100pm Masses will be celebrated in the Assembly Room in Cathedral House. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

If your child is in Year 8, it is time to register for this year's Confirmation programme. Registration forms are now available from the Parish office. You can also contact Sr Anna by email at anna.yeo@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

If there any children who missed out on last year's programme and are interested in joining this year, please let us know.

The registration deadline for this year's programme is 7th November 2026.

The RCIA Course 2026-2027

Journey in Faith - Would you like to become a Catholic?

THEN the RCIA is for YOU

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA) the Catholic Church's official process for preparing and welcoming adults into full membership through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

We meet every Thursday, from 7.30pm-8.50pm in the Assembly Room

Please register by contacting the Parish Office,

Monday–Friday, 8.30am – 1.30pm

Telephone: 0161 817 2210 Email: enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk

Christmas Fayre Volunteer Meeting

There will be a meeting on Saturday 14th November at 11am in the Cathedral Cloister, for **ALL** volunteers who wish to help with the Christmas Fayre. Please come along if you can help, entrance via Cathedral House.

Holy Souls Envelopes

Month of the Holy Souls envelopes are available now to place in names of deceased parents, relatives, friends, and all for whom you with to pray. Mass will be offered for them during the month of November. Please return as soon as possible to the Cathedral or to the Parish Office.

Our Parish Christmas Fayre Is Back

ON SATURDAY - 28th November from 1.00pm

Cathedral Assembly Room & Cloister.

CAN YOU HELP US BY DONATING ITEMS?

Each week leading up to 28th November if you could please bring along items for the various stalls: -

Bottles – alcoholic and non-alcoholic for the bottle tombola

New toys for the new toy tombola

Any chocolate items for the chocolate tombola

New or good-as-new gifts

Any raffle prizes

Then on 26th & 27th November - Cakes either homemade or 'shop bought'

If homemade please provide a list of ingredients for allergy purposes.

Please bring all donations to the Cathedral Cloister on Sundays, to Cathedral House during the week, or leave with a Welcomer in church between 10am & 3.00pm Monday – Friday,

The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 20th December.

With your help we can make yhe Christmas Fayre a great success.

Please do not leave things in church if unattended.