

STANDING ORDER FORM

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Please make the payments detailed below and debit our account

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Name of Payee: Sacred Heart Rochdale **A/c No:** 60965308

Bank to which payment is to be made Barclays Bank **Sort Code:** 20-55-34

Amount (in words) _____ £ _____

Date of payments _____

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*Payments are to continue until _____
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*Payments are to continue until you receive further notice in writing

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St. Peter and St. Paul

On Line Masses & Services

St. Peter and St. Paul

9:00am Said Mass 10.30am Sung Mass

7.00pm Evening Devotions

Monday 29th June

9.30am Holy Mass *Weekday*

Church Open 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Tuesday 30th June

9.30am Holy Mass

The First Martyrs of the Roman Church

Church Open 12:00pm to 2:00pm

7.00pm Evening Devotions

Wednesday 1st July

9.30am Holy Mass

St. Oliver Plunkett, Bishop & Martyr

Church Open 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Thursday 2nd July

9.30am Holy Mass

Weekday

Church Open 12:00pm to 2:00pm

7.00pm Evening Devotions

Friday 3rd July

9.30am Holy Mass

St. Thomas, Apostle

Church Open 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Saturday 4th July

12noon Holy Mass

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Church Open 2pm to 4pm

Sunday 5th July

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00am Said Mass 10.30am Sung Mass



Solemnity of Saint Peter & Saint Paul

Today we celebrate the Feast of these two wonderful Saints, both founders of the Church, St. Peter as the first Pope and St. Paul as one of the greatest evangelists ever. Both were martyred for their faith.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
5:00pm to 7:00pm

Tuesday, Thursday
12:00pm to 2:00pm

Saturday
2:00pm to 4:00pm

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE EXPOSED WHEN THE CHURCH IS OPEN

PLEASE NOTE
ON THE DAYS THE CHURCH IS OPEN IN THE EVENING THERE WILL BE NO DEVOTIONS

NO DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY EVENINGS

Please pray for the following

Lately Dead: Leonard Streich, Shirley Keefe, Theresa Maddix, Norman Irvine, Dylan Dey, Marian Tomaszewski, Danny Heap, Albi Max, Sarah Max, Ellen Blair, Kevin Bruce, Margaret Rigby.

Anniversaries and B'days:

Fr Anthony Lawton, Thomas and Mable Hawkins, Elizabeth Howard, Thomas Devine, Stuart Clarke (*first Anniversary*), Gerard Molloy.

Other intentions: Special Intentions, Veronica Dunn, John Welsh, Andzia Nowak, Fr. Arthur Nearey, Jim and Helen Hyndman, Philomena Hill, Patrick Cahill. Margaret (Meg) Wood, Andrew Swaby, Marjorie Molloy, Alexander Shorrocks, Diane Leach, Deborah Rickman, Mary Grenier, Ann Welsh, Paul Joyce, Kathleen Ferguson,, Margaret Isherwood, Brian Lynam, Pat Gale, Cindy Nuttall, Maureen Sharrocks, Christine Rostron, Lyn O' Keefe, Gemma Beene, Margaret Walker, Paul Richardson
All affected by the coronavirus and those worried about loved ones.

Welcome to our Universal Internet Church

Connect to our Live streaming

To log on: on the front page of our parish website click **Church Web Cam.**



Newsletter by Email

To receive the newsletter by email please drop a note to the parish email: parish@sacredheartchurchrochdale.org.uk and we can add you to the list.

THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR CHURCHES

Following on from the permission from the government to open churches for public worship Bishop John has shared with the priests the guidance for the safe celebrations of Mass with a congregation. I share entirely the Bishop's concern that too speedy a return to Mass by too many people at the same Mass might increase risk. We need to approach the return to public Mass sensibly and slowly for the safety of all.

The permission for public Mass begins on 4th July however I think trying to do this for the first time on a Sunday will create some additional difficulties. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS IS STILL SUSPENDED.** If you are able you may wish to consider attending one of the week day Masses instead of Sunday as numbers at each Mass will be limited to **50**.

In order to try and accommodate as many people as possible I will temporarily increase the number of Masses available. They will be at the following times:

Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Monday to Friday 9:30am and 7:00pm

Saturday 12:00 noon

OUR FIRST PUBLIC MASS WILL BE ON MONDAY 6th JULY AT 9:30am

For all of this to happen **WE NEED MORE STEWARDS** I am grateful to the small number of people who have volunteered as stewards but we will need more if we are to have public celebrations of Mass. If you can help in this way have a word with Fr Francis ASAP.



A most interesting meeting.

Ten people including 4 of our youth attended the Cafod Zoom Meeting on Tuesday. After the opening prayer and welcome we looked at the way Cafod, is helping so much in **Refugee Camps** worldwide, including families in Lebanon, Bangladesh and South Sudan - already struggling by losing their homes and possessions they are now fighting the Corona Virus. This was followed by a most interesting Power Point Presentation about the **Hands On Programme** linking us with Columbia. For over 50 years, Colombia has suffered so much. More than 280,000 people have been killed in the conflict; many of these children. People living in the Magdalena Medio region are tired of being caught between government forces, guerrillas and paramilitaries. Rachael then brought us up to date with her fundraising efforts, linked to the **Hands On Columbia Project**. Her latest venture has 42 people playing on—line Bingo on Friday night. Well done Rachael!

Sophie then made us aware of the **latest backward move by Nestlé** who have said that from October they will stop using Fairtrade cocoa and sugar for KitKat bars. For the cocoa and sugar farmers, the timing is terrible. With the global health and economic crisis threatening their future, co-operatives representing 27,000 farmers now face losing almost £2m of Fairtrade Premium each year, along with the security and power Fairtrade has offered over the past 10 years. ASAP we will give you more info about how we can try to support these farmers in their 'fight'. The meeting ended with a prayer.

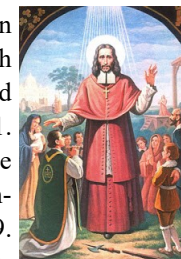
Next Meeting Tues 21st July at 8.00pm

THE SAINTS THIS WEEK

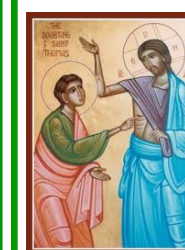
The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome these are the Christians who died (with Saint Peter) in the first great Roman persecution under the Emperor Nero in the year 67. The pagan writer Tacitus records their deaths.

Saint Oliver Plunkett

Oliver Plunkett was born in County Meath (Ireland) in 1625, and died at Tyburn in 1681. Ordained in Rome he was appointed Archbishop of Armagh in 1669. He held synods and visitations and promoted the reforms initiated by the Council of Trent. Imprisoned in Dublin in 1679, he was tried, condemned and executed in London, the final victim of the 'Popish Plot' and the last person to be executed for the faith in England.



Saint Thomas



unfairly remembered as "Doubting Thomas", his profession of faith, "My Lord and my God" is the climax of one of the Easter stories. Tradition has it that Thomas then preached in India, and was martyred there.

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal: born into the Royal family of Aragon in 1271, Elizabeth is known for her care for the poor; after the death of her husband, she gave away her worldly goods and joined the Third Order of Saint Francis. She died in 1336.

PRIVATE PRAYER

It is been heartening to have a small number of people coming to church each day for private prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I am grateful to the stewards who have made this possible. It would be helpful to have more stewards especially as we move towards the public celebrations of Mass once again. Private prayer will continue again this week at the times advertised in the bulletin.

COMING TO CHURCH FOR PRAYER

When you come into church for prayer from Monday there will be a number of guidelines that we will have to co-operate with so that everyone is safe and we do not help spread the virus.

- 1 Sanitise your hands as you enter the church
- 2 Sit only in the places that are available enable social distancing. It might mean you cannot sit in your usual place!!!
- 3 Please remain quiet in church. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during opening times.
- 4 Confessions may be heard but outside of the church. Have a word with Fr Francis.
- 5 Those displaying cold or flu like symptoms should not enter the church.
- 6 Sanitise your hands as you leave.

The church will be cleaned daily

Any completed knitting yet?

Thank you all those who have volunteered to knit tiny blankets for the premature baby unit at Royal Oldham Hospital. So far I have received two lovely finished ones. Please let me know if you have any more for collection.



Many thanks **Jeanette**
07717222830

TeamHill #MakingADifference Northern Care Alliance NHS Group Royal Oldham Children's Ward.

Rochdale Food Bank

Please take non perishable food to the back door of the Foodbank at No1 Riverside - opposite Mecca Bingo. They would be extremely grateful for anything you can give. The Food Bank is open **9.00am - 5.00 pm Mon to Friday** and you can drive right up to the door.

Help with your computer

Ring Steve Raines 07775 598 661
For Printers, Repairs, Toner &
Office Stationery ring Kleen Strike:
01706 658582

Diocesan Prayer

**Stay with us Lord
on our Journey**

emails: parish@sacredheartchurchrochdale.org.uk

Websites : www.stmargaretclitherowrochdale.org.uk

facebook. Holy Family & Sacred Heart RC Rochdale

Follow the Mass or visit the Church from the link on the Margaret Clitherow Website
Salford Diocese:- www.salforddiocese.org.uk

MINISTRIES AT MASS

I am sure you will agree we are all in unchartered waters at the moment with the way that we live and celebrate our faith and we will have to go step by step as we work out how best to do things for the safety of all.

With this in mind *for the time being* there will be no Readers, Altar Servers or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Mass. Theo will continue to read and serve at Mass as he has done in the lockdown period. I will distribute Holy Communion under one kind only. Once we have got into some form of 'normality' we will be able to reintroduce ministries at Mass. I ask for your understanding in these matters.

MASSES AT HOLY FAMILY

At this time it is sadly not possible for there to be private prayer and public Masses at Holy Family Church. It has been quite a challenge to get one church prepared and meeting all the regulations let alone two. For the time being private prayer and public Masses will be at Sacred Heart Church only. The diocese has not yet inspected Holy Family Church and would prefer we concentrate on having each parish church open before opening second churches in a parish. If we can gather sufficient volunteers then we can look at the opening of Holy Family Church at some point in the future. It upsets me to have to put it like this as I like to be as fair as I can in the provision given to both our churches but there is a lot of work involved and if we fail to meet all the requirements we run the risk of being told to close again which would be awful.

WHAT DOES VOUNTEERING AS A STEWARD MEAN?

- 1 You will need to turn up 45 minutes before Mass to clean the church. Materials and PPE will be provided.
 - 2 You will instruct people to sanitise their hands and keep to social distancing.
 - 3 You will help direct people to specific places in church and direct then for Holy Communion and exiting church.
- It is not a big commitment. Committing to one or two Masses a week would be helpful. If we do not get sufficient volunteers then the numbers of Masses will have to be reduced for the safety of all.

SVP FOOD COLLECTION CHANGE OF DAY

Members of the SVP will be in the car park from 2pm to 4pm **ON SATURDAYS** to receive any donations of food that you wish to give for the needy. Many thanks to those who have donated not only food but financially too. All donations go towards helping those in need in our parish.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS

Would anyone like to volunteer as a catechist to help prepare our young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation? Training will be given. If so please have a word with Fr Francis as soon as possible. I have to give names of volunteers in by 16th July

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard observing social distancing regulations in the area in front of the church at Sacred Heart. Please phone to arrange a time to do this and I will be waiting.



THE COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Are now available for collection from the presbytery at Sacred Heart. Please do try and collect them if you are able. If you have arranged standing orders to contribute to the collection then there is no urgency to collect your envelopes. Many thanks for all who contribute financially to the parish via gift aid, standing orders and envelopes.

Prayer for the Sick & Housebound

Father we thank you for the gift of your Son in this Eucharist.

We now place before you all the sick and housebound of our parish

As they share in his Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and the joy, peace and healing of your presence, through Christ your Son, Our Lord.

Amen

‘The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.’
Pope Benedict XVI



June is the Month Dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hospital Chaplains

Springhill Hospice: 649230

Royal Oldham : 0161 - 627 - 8796

Fairfield Fr. Starkie 07979351744

North M/c Hospital 0161 720 2293

The Christie 0161 446 3097

Caritas / Cornerstone Big Sleep In Friday 10 July



In recent years, many parishioners have supported the Cornerstone Big Sleep Out to raise awareness and funds for homelessness projects. This year, due to the pandemic, we have had to find an alternative event and have come up with THE BIG SLEEP IN. To take part, all you have to do is stay put and sleep in your own home for the night but somewhere other than in your comfortable bed! This could be on the floor, on the sofa, under the stairs or somewhere else indoors—as long as it is safe and complies with the current government guidelines for social distancing and protecting yourselves and others from coronavirus. This is an awareness-raising and fundraising event. Any money raised from The Big Sleep In will contribute towards projects to help the homeless and most vulnerable at Cornerstone. **For more information and to register, go to <http://cornerstonecds.org.uk/big-sleep-in/>. To donate please Text BIGSLEEPIN and the amount to 70085**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The headteacher, her husband and four members of staff who have tested positive for Covid at St Marie's Primary School in Bury. Pray also for the other staff members and children of the school.

PAYING YOUR COLLECTION DURING LOCKDOWN

I do not like to mention the subject of money but sometimes there is a need to do so. During this time of lockdown the parish funds have been severely depleted as we have not been able to hold our usual collections which is the main source of parish income. Our usual regular outgoings have unfortunately remained the same. As we do not know how long this time of lockdown will continue you might consider paying your offertory collection by standing order or bank transfer. A copy of the parish standing order form is included in this newsletter.

If you complete this in paper, **please send it direct to your bank.** If you can't print it out, please let me know and I will put a copy of the form in the post but I will need your address details.

If you do this **online**, i.e. bank transfer or setting up a new payment destination **and you have a gift aid box**, it would be really helpful if you would put your current envelope number in the 'reference' box. You are still welcome to put your collections through the presbytery door too.



A Little Reflection For the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul

Have you ever heard it said that you can't make a silk purse out of sow's ear? I don't need a silk purse, but it is God's habit to make a wonderful piece of tanned leather out of sows' ears. And so we come to Saul of Tarsus and Simon the son of John. One was a bit of an academic, a student of Judaic Law

and Scripture and the other was a hot tempered man who aspired only to keep his fishing business afloat and yet who wields the key of heaven. A pair of pigs' ears, if ever there was! From these two, God made the Teacher of the Gentiles and the Rock on which the Church is built. Both were transformed by meeting and knowing the Saviour and by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Both left their previous ways of life for a new adventure with God. They both died as martyrs for the Faith in Rome.

God's saints are wonderful pieces of His handiwork, tanned leather, tooled and cut to size. Fancy silk purses tear so easily, wear holes and are pretty useless. A silk purse is a plaster statue, not a real person, painted and unreal. Christ did not come as a silk purse, but as a human being like us in all things but sin. He deliberately chose the rough and ready, the violent and the venial for His Father's plan. Whatever our personalities may be, our talents and our character defects, God's grace can make us fit perfectly into His plan.

His love wants us to be the people He knows we can be and gradually He will work to bring this about. Thus, we offer ourselves to God for His service and for Him to work on and with.

