

## CAFOD NEWS

The CAFOD team intend to offer 'Easter Chocolate Baskets' this Easter – similar to our usual Christmas hampers.

If anyone has any baskets or boxes that we can use to place our various chocolate items in please will you send them to the church?

**WALK FOR WATER** for Lent CAFOD is seeking people to participate in a sponsored walk to raise money to help to provide safe drinking water for people all over the world. The challenge is to walk 10,000 steps a day, every day for 40 days. Sponsor forms are more details are available from the [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk) website.

**SPRING RAFFLE** there will be a spring raffle and further details are available on the CAFOD website ([cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk))

## DECARBONISATION PROJECT

The Diocese of Salford has started work with academic partners on a 'decarbonisation strategy.' This will involve understanding our carbon footprint and ways to reduce it, over the next two years. The team would welcome anyone with expertise in this area in our parish communities to get in touch at: [decarbonisation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:decarbonisation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk), so that we are more aware of those that might want to get involved. Thank you.

## LOCKDOWN THREE

As we continue with the third lockdown please note that the following regulations are in force

**BAPTISMS** - only 6 people are allowed to attend.

**FUNERALS** - a maximum of 30 people are allowed to attend.

**WEDDINGS** - are only to be celebrated in emergencies.

## SACRED HEART 1st HC PREP

we are in the process of the putting together the programme for this year. Parents and children, if you wish to be involved in the programme please download the registration form from the parish website **and return to Fr Francis by 31st January.**

There will be an introductory meeting for parents (via Zoom on 10th February at 7:30pm. Links to the meeting will be sent to those who have registered.



## CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

Pope Francis has declared this year (8th Dec 2020 to 8th Dec 2021) a year in honour of St Joseph. It has been suggested that groups of men in parishes could undertake a consecration to St Joseph. The preparation for this takes 33 days and will begin on 15th February so that the consecration can take place on 19th March - the Solemnity of St Joseph. I will be undertaking this preparation and consecration myself with an online group. If there is sufficient interest in the parish I would be willing to lead a group for our parish, Men of the parish please let me know via email if you would be interested in this.

## ZOOM CATECHESIS

before the various lockdowns we had a small group that came together to explore the Catholic Faith. Some of the group have expressed an interest in becoming Catholics. Due to lockdown regulations we will continue our meetings via Zoom. If you would like to join us then please get in touch via email and the links for the meetings can be sent to you.



**Zoom**



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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## SACRED HEART CHURCH

Kingsway, Rochdale  
OL16 5BX

## 24th January 2021

### Masses & Services

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Holy Mass (HF)

11.30am Holy Mass (SH)

Monday 25th January

9:30am Holy Mass (SH)

*The Conversion of St Paul*

Tuesday 26th January

9:30am Holy Mass (SH)

*Ss Timothy and Titus*

Wednesday 27th January

9:30am Holy Mass (SH)

*St Angela Merici*

Thursday 28th January

**NO MASS**

Friday 29th January

9:30am Holy Mass (SH)

*Weekday*

Saturday 30th January

12:00 Noon Holy Mass (SH)

*In Honour of Our Lady*

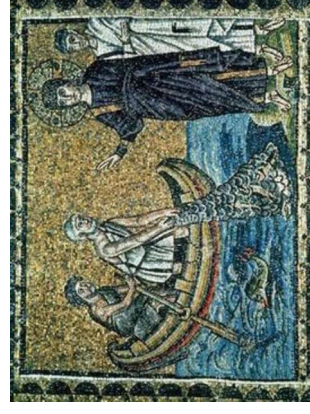
6:00pm Vigil Mass (SH)

Sunday 31st January

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Holy Mass (HF)

11.30 am Holy Mass (SH)



Where does Jesus begin his ministry? Where John the Baptist left off - preaching a message of repentance, of change, to welcome the new Kingdom of God. There is a simplicity about this message, which is not compromised by anything – today's Gospel has these simple words from Jesus, and then the story of his calling more disciples to follow him and share in the work of spreading this message. Repentance has had something of a bad press - we tend to think of it as an old-fashioned concept. But every age needs to hear this call: to look at what we do and say and assume, and realise that there are such things as right and wrong, and that sometimes we follow the wrong path. To follow Jesus, and to accept the Kingdom of God, demands that we make a radical choice, which might well change our lives.

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Please Pray For the Following

**Sick:** Marian Whyte, Eileen Naven, Bell McEvoy, Louise Sherrington, Ken Hargrave, Philomena Hill, Kathleen Payne, Doreen Boardman, Cindy Nuttall, Gemma Beeny, Lindsay Hillen, Jim & Helen Hyndman, Andrew Swaby, Marjorie Molloy, Stephen Ramlaul.

**Lately Dead:** Mgr Mark Langham, Nancy Anne Diver, David White, Aquiles Ramos Fidaiga, Gregory King, Don Wallace, Lynne Grayston, Tony Hampson, Sharon Reilly, Michael Beisty.

**Anniversaries & B'days:** Eric Brookes, Pat Coburn, Susan Cocker.

### Prayer for the Sick & Housebound

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

### Hospital Chaplains

**Springhill Hospice:** 01706 649920

**Royal Oldham :** 0161 627 8796

**Fairfield Fr. Starkie** 07979351744

**North M/c Hospital** 0161 720 2293

**The Christie** 0161 446 3097

### NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

To receive the newsletter by email please drop a note to the parish email: parish@sacredheartchurchrochdale.org.uk

### ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

can be emailed to the parish office (parish@sacredheartrochdale.org.uk) or through the door at Sacred Heart by 12:00 Noon on Fridays. Many thanks.

### SVP FOOD COLLECTION

Any future donations of non perishable food stuffs for the SVP can now be brought with you when you attend Mass and left in the porch. Many thanks for all your support for those less fortunate than ourselves.

### NEW WEBCAM

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this project **We have currently raised a wonderful £2,078 towards the total cost of £3,500.** If you would still like to make a donation drop your donation into the collection at Mass—marking your envelope 'Webcam' Many thanks.

### READERS AT MASS

Sat 23rd January Mary Grant (SH)

Sun 24th January T Napier (HF)

Bartek Stepniewski (SH)

Sun 31st January P Rowen (HF)

Eleanor Tierney (SH)

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME AT HOLY FAMILY

We have put together a series of meetings in preparation for First Holy Communion. These meetings will take place via Zoom. The celebrations of First Confession and Holy Communion will obviously take place in church. The first meeting for parents will be at 5:00pm on 2nd February. You will be sent the Zoom link and joining instructions nearer the time. A list of all the other dates and meetings are on the website.

**THE PROGRAMME DATES FOR SACRED HEART CHILDREN WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE**



### KEITH WILLMORE RIP

The Funeral Service for Keith will take place at Rochdale Crem on 25th January at 3:00pm.

### SANCTUARY LAMPS

We now have three lamps in the sanctuary at Sacred Heart. One burns by Our Lady, one by the Sacred Heart and one by the Tabernacle. These lamps can be purchased to burn for your intention. If you would like to purchase a lamp (donation £5) then have a word with Fr Francis or place your offering in an envelope marking it 'Sanctuary Lamp' and where you would like the lamp to burn and for what Intention.

The lamps this week burn as follows:

#### Sacred Heart

Eric Brooks

#### Our Lady

Sheila Knowles

#### Tabernacle

Fr Liam Comer

**Please note** lamps are burnt in the order that they are received. Names will appear in the newsletter when they are being burnt. It may mean you have to wait a little while before your lamp is burnt.

### THE DIOCESAN ALMANAC

giving details of all the parishes, priests, schools of the diocese. is available when you come to Mass. Priced just £3.50

### HOPE IN THE FUTURE

Let us pray for the parish-ioners of St. Peter and St. Thomas More, Middleton, for Fr. Peter Hopkinson, their parish priest, for Fr. Kevin Tierney and for Fr. Marcel and the chaplaincy to the Romanian community in the Diocese. We pray also for their parish primary schools. May they know that the Lord, who called Peter, has called them also.



### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

I am delighted to announce that Sr Linda of the Daughters of Divine Charity has been appointed as the deanery coordinator for Confirmation. She has already been in touch with our high schools and is looking forward to working with our young people. Here is an outline of our proposed programme.

The young adults in Year 8 of our High Schools will receive an invitation asking them to participate in the programme of preparation. Sister Linda will then lead 6 sessions with the students (either in school or via Zoom as circumstances dictate. These 6 sessions will be followed up by 6 sessions in the parishes led by catechists and the priests. All sessions will be completed by the end of May and celebrations of Confirmation will then be held in the parishes. Catholic Children who do not attend our Catholic High Schools and would like to be prepared for Confirmation should make contact with Fr Francis as soon as possible so they can be included in the programme.

### WEB CAM SOUND

I am pleased to report that the recent difficulties with the webcam sound have now been rectified and all is now well. A new transformer has been installed together with a bit of 'tweaking' here and there with the controls. I don't understand it all as my degree is in theology and not technology but at least as they say on the BBC 'normal service has been resumed'. All we need now is a new presenter!



'You've got to pray to Our Lady. When you lose devotion to Our Lady your out there with the wolves.'  
Mother Angelica