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THE NEWSLETTER

28th Sunday of the Year

Masses for this week

| Date | Time | Intention | Feast |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| Sa 14 th | 5.30pm St P's | Priest's Intention | Vigil of the 28 th Sunday of the Year |
| Su 15 th | 8.30am St P's | For the Parish | 28 th Sunday of the Year |
| Su 15 th | 10.00am St J's | Priest's Intention | 28 th Sunday of the Year |
| M 16 th | 7.55am | John Holden L | Weekday |
| T 17 th | 8.00am | John Holden L | St Ignatius of Antioch M |
| W 18 th | 8.00am | John Holden L | St Luke, Evangelist |
| Th 19 th | 7.55am | Priest's Intention | Jesuit Martyrs of Canada |
| F 20 th | 8.00am | Robert Jackson A | Weekday |

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance
 P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday

M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope
 D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

Please pray for the following, the anniversary of whose deaths occur at this time:

Mary Jane Smith, Mary Ann Holden,
 Margaret Mary Duxbury, Harry Ainsworth,
 Robert Joseph Jackson
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Readings at Mass

| | 28 th Sunday | 29 th Sunday |
|--------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| First | Isaiah 25:6-10 | Isaiah 45:1.4-6 |
| Second | Philippians 4:12-14.19-20 | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 |
| Gospel | Matthew 22:1-14 | Matthew 22:15-21 |

Diocesan Website:

<http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk>

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in October, 2017

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information.

Days of Prayer.

The Diocese of Salford identifies certain days of the year and commends certain intentions to your prayers on those days.

Thus,

Sunday 22nd October is a day of special prayer for the Spread of the Gospel.

Perhaps you might say a prayer or two for those intentions on the days as indicated.

Reports from the June '17 Conference of Jesuit Parishes in Swanwick.

Last June, Andrew Snape, Frances Aherne, David and Lucy Harrison and Fr Peter Griffiths represented our parish at the Conference.

The Conference looked at and considered the three significant documents issued by Pope Francis, namely 'The Joy of the Gospel', 'The Joy of Love' and 'Care for the Planet'.

This weekend, Andrew Snape will address us on 'Evangelii Gaudium' – The Joy of the Gospel

The Collection

Weekend 7th/8th October

| Vigil | 8.30am | 10.00am | TOTAL |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| £51.36 | £135.46 | £72.92 | £259.74 |

Many thanks for your generosity.

The CAFOD Harvest Fast Day raised £213.42 I will leave the account open for any late donations.

Next weekend: 21st/22nd October

Second Collection for 'Missio' – World Mission Sunday.

Eucharistic Ministry

When Fr Tim Curtis takes over the parish apostolate after Christmas, he will need as much help as he can get. One aspect of ministry which is now available to Ministers of the Eucharist is taking Holy Communion to the sick and house-bound. To this end, I am asking for two or three volunteers from existing Eucharistic Ministers to offer their services. The task is not demanding in time or energy and is much appreciated by the recipients. If you would like to help in this rewarding work, please let me know.

At the same time, I would like to increase the number of Eucharistic Ministers who assist at mass so if anyone wishes to offer their services in this way, again, please let me know.

Fr Peter Griffiths

'Hope in the Future'

Bishop John Arnold of Salford has launched a programme to further the missionary nature of the parish apostolate in the Diocese. It is entitled 'Hope in the Future'.

We received a copy of the Cross of St Francis of Assisi for our parish and details of a programme to be initiated to help us in the task of becoming even more missionary-oriented than we already are. More news of this in due course, but if you are interested – and you are encouraged to be so – in working with a small team to further this programme, please see me, Fr Peter Griffiths.

The Catholic Church & Homosexuality

You will not need me to tell you about the debate going on in society and in the Church on the subject of homosexuality. It has important implications for the Catholic Church and demands serious reflection.

The subject will be considered on Wednesday, 25th October 2017 in the Centenaries Theatre from 7.00pm to 9.00pm and will feature an award-winning documentary on the subject and a talk by Fr Philip Bochanski, Executive Director of Courage International.

If you wish to attend, please inform

mission2017@proclaimpublications.com

There is no charge but donations will be welcome to cover costs.

'Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador' ... a new play about the courageous life of Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop of the oppressed people of El Salvador, performed by RISE Theatre Company in St Wilfrid's Church, Preston on Friday, 10th November 2017 at 7.30pm suitable for adults and children 11+ and lasts for 75 minutes. For tickets £10, or £8 for Under 18's, contact Joe & Ruth White 07957 566741 or purchase from Sanctuary Bookshop, St Wilfrid's Parish Centre.