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THE NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of OT (Year A)

Mass Schedule

Caritas Sunday

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 24 th	5.30pm	St P's	For the work of Caritas
Su 25 th	9.30am	St J's	For the Parish
	11.00am	St P's	For the College
Mo 26 th	No Mass		Sts Timothy & Titus
Tu 27 th	8.00am	St P's	Patrick Maloney L
Wed 28 th	8.00am	St P's	For the unity of Christians
Th 29 th	8.30am	SMH	For the School
Fr 30 th	8.00am	St P's	Patricia Ashley A

(Each Saturday during term time there are confessions and a Holy Hour from 4.30pm with Benediction at 5.15pm)

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope
P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday F = Founders Mass D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

Please pray for the following, the anniversary of whose deaths occur at this time: Claire Eleanor Morris, Margaret Holden, Beatrice Cross, Grace Clare Shoesmith, Rosanna (Rose) Wilcock, Peter Joseph Shoesmith, Mary Cecilia Rogerson, James Holden, Ann O'Hara and Molly Bailey. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	3 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	4 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
First	Isaiah 8; 23b – 9; 3	Zeph 2; 3, 12 – 13
Second	1 Cor 1; 10 – 13	1 Cor 1; 26 – 31
Gospel	Matt 4; 12 - 17	Matt 5; 1 – 12a

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in January 2026

For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishing for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



Follow me
And I will make you fishers of men

Today

Is the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel Jesus begins his ministry and chooses his first disciples.

Caritas Sunday

Today is Caritas Sunday. Fran Duxbury will give out envelopes and make a brief appeal at all Masses so that we can support them in their work. They target needy people within our diocese. More specific information on the Caritas Salford website.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Please remember to pray for the unity of all of those who believe in Jesus Christ.

Conversion of St Paul

If it were not a Sunday, today would have been the feast of the conversion of St Paul.

Visitors from Uruguay

The college is currently hosting 28 pupils and 3 teachers from the *Colegio Seminario* in Montevideo. They will join us for the 11am Mass on Sunday. They will leave tomorrow.

St Carlo Acutis relics

Are coming to the diocese. They will be at St Mary's Church, Burnley on Wednesday and Thursday (from 10am to 8pm). School visits will be organised on Thursday morning and parishioners can visit at other times. Bishop John Arnold will celebrate Mass in St Mary's to welcome the relics at 7pm on Wednesday.

ParkPlay

Continues on Saturday from 10am to 12 noon on the field behind the Village Hall. All children welcome.

Next Sunday

Is the fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel Matthew recounts the first sermon of Jesus where he proclaims the beatitudes.

World day of prayer for racial justice

Next Sunday is the world day of prayer for racial justice. May all feel included.

Fr Simon Bishop SJ, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Simon Bishop who died two weeks ago. Simon attended SMH and the College for 10 years. He became a Jesuit and returned to be chaplain. More recently he has been the Master of Novices. Sadly, he lost his battle with cancer. We still do not have a date for his Requiem Mass.

Vacancy at Jesuit Missions

Jesuit Missions is looking for a new 'Campaigns & Outreach Officer'. This is a remote working opportunity, with travel across the UK. For more information about Jesuit Missions, the Job Description/Person Specification go to: <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/vacancies/> Closing date: 9am, 2nd February 2026.

Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP

Will give a talk at the Holy Name church in Manchester: "How can we keep our hope alive today". Thursday 17th February at 7pm in the church. All welcome.

Last year's palms

If you kept your palm from last year's Palm Sunday, please bring it back to church. Fr Tim will need them to make the Ashes for Ash Wednesday.

The Conversion of St Paul

Is celebrated on 25th January. The feast would be celebrated today, but it has been superseded by the Sunday liturgy. "Saul", as he was known, was a fierce persecutor of the early Christian communities. He was present at the stoning of St Stephen, the first Christian martyr. He was on his way to Damascus when he fell and had a vision of the risen Lord. He then asked to be baptised and assumed the name "Paul". He turned from the church's persecutor to its staunchest defender.

We are grateful that his many letters were collected and preserved. Through them we learn much about the lives of the first believers in Jesus Christ. The letters are full of useful instruction and are still relevant to us today.

Tradition holds that both he and St Peter were martyred in Rome in about the year 65AD.