



<b>Prayers Please</b>
We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder.
<b>Lately Dead:</b> Stella Lee, Peter Boardman, Eileen Wakes, Mark O'Brien, Winifred McKenna, Alice Guanieri, Paul Handley
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Rosemary Davies, Winifred Weston, James Crowther, Bernard Margiotta
<b>Mass Intentions:</b> Francis Xaiver Price (Birthday Remembrance), Mark O'Brien, Stella Lee, Peter Boardman, Rosemary Davies, John Carr, Winifred Weston, James Crowther, Bernard Margiotta
<b>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6):</b> We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers
<b>Hope in the Future</b>
This week in our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the parishes of St Mary, the Hidden Gem, with Mgr Kay and Fr Horne and St Augustine's and St Wilfrid's primary school. We pray for the Jesuit community at the Holy Name, Manchester with the Manchester University Chaplaincy and for the Daughters of Charity. Let us pray also for the Chaplaincy to the Manchester Hospitals. May they be a beacon of hope to the communities they serve.
<b>Facts and Figures</b>
<b>Mass Attendance</b> 6/7 July: 5pm-75; 9am-175; 11am-153 <b>Total -403</b>
<b>Offertory Collection</b> 6/7 July: £822.30 <b>Standing Orders (6 July-11 July) - £1,032.75</b>
<b>Cheques:</b> Whilst we are awaiting our new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to <b>St John's</b> . Thank you.

**Quiet Prayer:** continues at St Brendan's Church on Mondays and Wednesdays (3pm-4pm) until 20 July. This will be term time only and all are most welcome to call in.

**Keys Found:** A set of keys were found on St Brendan's car park. Please contact the parish office if you think they are yours.

**APF Red Box Collection:** The next "gather-in" of Red boxes and donations will be after 9am Mass at St John's this Sunday. *Thank you*

<b>Financial Summary for June 2018</b>	
<b>Income (for General Use)</b>	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	1,505.87
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	2,550.85
Standing Orders	2,656.75
Piety Stalls, Votives & Almanacs	370.78
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	243.00
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	107.15
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	70.00
Donations	60.00
Refund from Curry's Electrical	59.00
<b>Restricted Income (Specific Use)</b>	
Mass Intentions	330.00
CAFOD	78.05
Day for Life	549.55
<b>Total Monthly Income</b>	<b>8,581.01</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Church Expenses (both)	1,916.24
Presbytery Expenses (both)	1,172.38
Clergy Allowances	1,054.29
Wages (recharge for Feb & Mar)	3,536.32
Masses	2,098.00
St Columba Expenses	152.37
<b>Total Monthly Expenditure</b>	<b>9,929.60</b>
<b>Balance of Income/Expenditure</b>	<b>-1,348.59</b>
Again, there is an overspend. This now includes wage re-imbursements for 2 months.	

**Congratulations:** To Marc Fontes de Mello and Agnieszka Zaperta who were married at St John's last Monday. We wish them a long, happy and fruitful marriage.

**A Message of Thanks:** Margaret and I would like to thank everyone for their help and kindness when I fell outside church on Sunday. I'm recovering very well. Denis O'Kane

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Wednesday 25 July (7pm-8.30pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This is for parents from our parish who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please contact the parish office if you wish to attend on 301927 or email [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk)

**The Harbour Room Book Club Charity Book Sale:** Please support our Book Sale this weekend. All paperbacks are 50p each or 3 for a £1. Plenty of summer reading! All the proceeds this year go to church funds and the Air Ambulance Service (North). Thank you.

**Oberammergau Passion Play 2020:** Plans are underway for a second Parish trip (1-8 July 2020) to see this wonderful play with a week beforehand among the Austrian lakes and mountains. Places are limited and early booking is recommended. If you are interested in this trip, additional information and booking forms are available from Mary Cropper (01204 596439), Ann Gracie (01204 302912) and Margaret Russell (01204 853515). Mary, Ann and Margaret will also be available in the Patmos Room on Sunday 22 July after the 9am Mass if you would like to chat to them.

**Faith and Science:** An opportunity to discuss the relationship between faith and science. From Faith to Experience: taking a further look at natural theology. Our starting point will be the comment made by Cardinal Newman: "I believe in design because I believe in God; not in a God because I see design." We will consider how Alister McGrath and John Polkinghorne have developed a natural theology, which moves from God to man rather than in the reverse direction. We will conclude by exploring Polkinghorne's thinking about science and the Trinity utilising such an interpretative framework. All welcome

**Date:** 18th July. **Time:** 7pm-9pm

**Venue:** St Thomas of Canterbury, 132 Lonsdale Road, Heaton, Bolton. BL1 4PN.

## Scripture Festival

### Joy: The Surprise of the Gospel

Taking place at Salford Cathedral and the Cathedral Centre on 6 October 2018.

It is being organised collaboratively by northern dioceses, members of religious orders and is supported by the Scripture Working Group of the Bishops' Conference. The theme of Joy has been chosen to reflect the appealing message of Pope Francis in The Joy of the Gospel. The day is designed to offer a taste of scripture to a wide range of people across the North of England. As well as keynote speakers who will bring insights into how the scriptures offer us joy and hope, there will be a variety of workshops for people to explore the Bible in different ways. There will not just be an opportunity for bible study but also to respond to the text in words, art and prayer. The Word will also be celebrated in liturgy and music. We hope to attract as many people as possible by providing a varied programme at a very affordable cost. Full publicity and booking forms will be available shortly.

**Christian Meditation:** The dates for the remainder of July are: Tuesdays 17th, 24th and 31st. Thursday 26th

August dates are: Tuesdays 7th, 21st and 28th Thursdays 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th. The sessions are held in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's and begin at 2pm on Tuesdays and 7.15pm on Thursdays. All are most welcome!

**Spanish Mass:** To celebrate the Feast of St James on the 25 July, 7.30pm in St James' Church, Monserrat Rd, Johnson Fold, BL1 5TX. All are welcome! This will be an opportunity for all who speak Spanish as their first language and all who enjoy learning Spanish to celebrate Mass in Spanish. Food will be available after Mass.

**Salford Lourdes Pre-departure Mass:** At Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE on Sunday 22 July at 5.30pm. We warmly invite members of our pilgrimage community, past and present, to join us at Salford Cathedral for Holy Mass as we gather together in preparation for our departure to Lourdes for our 86th diocesan pilgrimage, during the 160th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John with music from our wonderful pilgrimage choir. This will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Cloisters and a chance to catch up with friends old and new before we travel. Please do wear your Salford blue t-shirts and hoodies if you have them and let's fill the Cathedral with a sea of Salford blue! We look forward to seeing you. Please share this invitation with those who may not otherwise see it. All are welcome.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 21/22 July		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	L Lamoury	TBA
9am (SJ)	A Grundy	P McArdle, A Rawlinson, M Speed, E Rothwell, T Armstrong, A Grundy
11am (SB)	K Denton	M Durkan, C Owen, P Brennan

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# Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Principal Patron of Salford Diocese

The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, celebrated on 16 July, was first instituted in the late 14th century in commemoration of the approval of the rule of the Carmelite Order a hundred years earlier. According to legend, a religious community was established even before the time of Christ on Mount Carmel. This is the mountain overlooking the Mediterranean Sea on which the prophet Elijah successfully challenged the priests of Baal and won the people to the true God. The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel entered the Calendar of the universal Church in the early 18th century.

Although there is no historical evidence for the pre-Christian Carmelite community, references in the 12th century record a community of monks on the holy mountain. Despite continual difficulties, the community built a monastery and church dedicated to the Virgin Mary on Mount Carmel in 1263. Saint Louis, King of France, had visited Mount Carmel in 1254, and brought back six French hermits for whom he built a convent near Paris. The Carmelite Order was formally approved in 1274 at the Council of Lyon.

## The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, according to the Carmelite tradition, was presented by Our Lady to St Simon Stock, the then Father General on July 16, 1251. Our Lady gave St Simon a scapular for the Carmelites with the following promise, saying: "Receive, My beloved son, this habit of thy order: this shall be to thee and to all Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire .... It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace."

The scapular stands for:

- A commitment to follow Jesus, like Mary, the perfect model of all the disciples of Christ. This commitment finds its origin in baptism.
- It leads into the community of Carmel, a community of religious men and women, which has existed in the Church for over eight centuries.
- It reminds of the example of the saints of Carmel, with whom it establishes a close bond as brothers and sisters.
- It is an expression of the belief that the bearers of the scapular will meet God in eternal life, aided by the intercession and prayers of Mary.
- It is instead a sign which has been approved by the Church for over seven centuries and which stands for the decision to
- Follow Jesus like Mary.
- Be open to God and to his will.
- Be guided by faith, hope, and love.
- To pray at all times.
- To discover God present in all that happens around us.