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3rd Sunday of the Year

Weekending 20th/21st January 2024

Mass Times This Week

Saturday Vigil 5.30p.m., Sunday 9.30a.m.,

Eucharistic Service Times This Week

Monday 8.30a.m., Tuesday 8.30a.m.,

Wednesday 8.30a.m.,

Thursday 8.30a.m., Friday 8.30a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 11.30a.m. - 12.00noon

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Liturgical)

Sunday	3rd Sunday of the Year <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>
Monday	St Vincent <i>St Vincent was a 3rd century Spanish deacon who was martyred during the persecution which took place under the Emperor Diocletian</i>
the Wednesday	St Francis de Sales <i>St Francis de Sales was a 17th century French Bishop of Geneva who distributed printed essays on the faith. He is the Patron Saint of journalists and writers</i>
Thursday	The Conversion of St Paul <i>The End of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>
Friday	Ss Timothy & Titus <i>Ss Timothy and Titus were companions of St Paul who were entrusted with the care of the Christian communities in Ephesus and Crete. To them are addressed the Pastoral Letters attributed to St Paul</i>
Saturday	St Angela Merici <i>St Angela Merici was the 16th century founder of the Ursulines who were devoted to the education of young girls</i>
Sunday	4th Sunday of the Year <i>Caritas Sunday</i> <i>(See below)</i>

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Parish)

Sunday	10.30a.m. <i>Coffee Morning prepared and served by our St Vincent de Paul Society</i> 10.30a.m. <i>Sacramental Programme Workshop No.1</i> 7.30p.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting</i>
Monday	<i>The Rosary will be recited after the 8.30a.m. Eucharistic Services this week</i>
Tuesday	7.30p.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting</i>
Wednesday	8.45a.m. <i>Babies' & Toddlers' Group</i>

Thursday **8.00p.m.** *Keep Fit!*
7.30p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*
 Saturday **5.30p.m.** *The Retiring Collection is for 'Caritas Diocese of Salford'*
 Sunday **9.30a.m.** *Sacramental Programme Presentation Mass*
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10.30a.m. *Coffee Morning prepared and served by Irene Blaylock and Annette White*
7.30p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

ALL LAST YEAR'S LOST PROPERTY – is on one of the tables in the church porch **this weekend**. So, if you lost your teeth, hearing aids, glasses, walking stick, umbrella, etc. have a look on the table! Items still there at the end of the month will be placed in one of my black wheelie bins! (We have to make room for this year's lost property!) (7/1) (14/1) (21/1)

FURTHER TO THE DIOCESAN SYNOD MEETING - held here last Thursday at the *Big Listen* event, there are boxes available in the church porches to place any comments you may wish to make and which will be shared at the forthcoming diocesan meeting. Paper and pens are also available, if you were unable to attend the meeting, you are still invited to comment on how you think future development of the Church should proceed. For further information please see the Parish Website. The boxes will be available up to next weekend, should you wish to complete your comments at home. (14/1) (21/1)

THE RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – is for *Caritas Diocese of Salford*. This organisation is the principal social action agency of the diocese. Its mission is to put 'love into action' by helping those across the *Diocese of Salford* experiencing poverty, disadvantage and discrimination and to transform their lives with dignity. *Caritas Diocese of Salford* provides a practical response to those in crisis, suffering hardship or who are at risk. It supports people as they rebuild their lives for the long-term, enabling them to live in a safe, healthy and secure environment. It also calls for a better, more just world, where the voices of the poor are heard and acted upon and positively influence the systems, decisions and resources that affect those most in need. (21/1)

VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY – are required, as two current volunteers will not be continuing. Volunteers must be DBS checked. If you would like to help, please contact me and we will take it from there. The *Children's Liturgy* takes place every Sunday morning during the 9.30 Mass. Thank you. (24/12) (31/12) (7/1) (14/1) (21/1)

CAFOD – THE CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT – is looking for people to give just a little time and join it in its mission. Could you help at a parish level? It is also looking for volunteers to visit local schools. Training and support will be provided. For more information please visit cafod.org.uk/Volunteer, or contact salford@cafod.org.uk, or telephone on 07710 094454. (14/1) (21/1)

A SERVICE OF BLESSING FOR ENGAGED COUPLES – will be held on **Saturday 17th February** at *St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst, Manchester* at 2.00p.m. It will be led by Bishop John Arnold and it is intended for couples getting married this year. I have a *Letter of Invitation*, from Bishop John, for any couples who would like to attend, as well as an *Attendance Form*. Please see me if you require them. (21/1)

THE DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM - is planning two pilgrimage experiences. In May, young people in Years 7, 8, and 9 will have the opportunity to join the team for our third *Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham*. The group departs **on Friday 3rd May** and returns on Saturday 4th May - after joining up with the main diocesan pilgrimage. Our young people will also have the opportunity to travel to Lourdes as aspiring volunteers in the centenary year of our diocesan pilgrimage. The pilgrimage takes place between 25 July 2024 and 2nd August 2024 and is for people in years 8, 9, and 10. Please email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for more information (21/1)

Keep safe and keep well.

May God bless you and St Aidan and St Oswald pray for you.

Fr Stephen. ©