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5th Sunday of the Year

Weekending 3rd/4th February 2024

Mass Times This Week

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

Eucharistic Services 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 **5th Sunday of the Year**
Monday **St Agatha**
St Agatha was a 3rd century martyr who was put to death for her determined profession of faith, as she rejected the amorous advances of the Roman prefect. She is privileged to have her name inserted into the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer No.1)

Tuesday **St Paul Miki & his Companions**
St Paul Miki and his companions were twenty-six 16th century Japanese martyrs who were crucified as part of a persecution of the Church

Thursday **St Josephine Bakhita**
A Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking
St Josephine Bakhita was a 19th century Sudanese national eventually who was kidnapped and sold as a slave. She joined the Sisters of Mary Magdalene

Saturday **St Scholastica**
St Scholastica was the 6th century sister of St Benedict who founded the Benedictine Sisters

Sunday **6th Sunday of the Year**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Parish)

Saturday **5.30p.m.** *The Retiring Collection is for 'Survive-Miva' (See below)*

Sunday **9.30a.m.** *The Retiring Collection is for Survive-Miva*
10.30a.m. *Coffee Morning prepared and served by the McGlade family*
7.30p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

Monday **The Rosary will be recited after the 8.30a.m. Eucharistic Services this week**
9.30a.m. *Jackpot Draw (See below)*
7.00p.m. *Scripture Group Meeting*

Tuesday **7.30p.m.** *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

Wednesday	8.45a.m. <i>Babies' & Toddlers' Group</i> 8.00p.m. <i>Keep Fit!</i>
Thursday	7.30p.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting</i>
Friday	7.00p.m. <i>Ladies' Fashion Show (See below)</i>
Sunday	10.30a.m. <i>Sacramental Programme – Workshop II</i> 10.30a.m. <i>Coffee Morning prepared and served by Jimmy and Liz Grennan</i> 7.30p.m. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting</i>

THE FEBRUARY EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC HERALD – is on sale in the church porch **this weekend** priced £5.00. Please place the money in one of the candle boxes. Thank you. (4/2)

THIS MONTH'S JACKPOT DRAW – will be held **tomorrow (Monday) morning** at 9.30a.m. Please make sure your subscriptions are up to date. May I thank all our members for your continuing support. If you are not a subscriber to the *Jackpot* and would like to be, see me after Mass and we will have you in it in no time! There are four monthly prizes of £500.00, £100.00 and two prizes of £25.00 each. Remember - you have to be in it, to win it!! Thank you.

THE RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – is for *Survive-Miva*, which is a Catholic lay association based in Liverpool and founded in 1974. Its members provide grants to fund essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access across Africa, Asia and Latin America. For more information please see the notice in the church porch. (28/1) (4/2)

A LADIES' FASHION SHOW – will take place **on Friday** in the new hall at *Ss Aidan & Oswald's Primary School* at 7.00p.m. It has been organised by the school's P.T.A. Tickets cost £7.00 and include a glass of *Prosecco* and a free gift and they must be purchased in advance from the school. For further details please see the notice in the church porch.

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) (28/1) (4/2)

A LENTEN TAIZE SERVICE – will take place **on 18th February, First Sunday of Lent** at 7.30p.m. This will be a fitting start to the *Holy Season of*

Lent. I hope you will find the time to participate in the *Service* and thus prepare well for the rest of Lent. (4/2)

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) (28/1) (4/2)

THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH – will take place **from 10th-18th March 2024** at *St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead*. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, the Society's Patron Saint, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on the Society's missionary outreach and for the intentions of all those who support their work. Masses are at 10.00a.m. every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it is at 11.00a.m. These Masses will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website on the following link: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. Also available on Zoom will be Evening Prayer together with the Novena Prayer at 6.00p.m. every day during the Novena. This year a special *Novena Prayer Booklet* has been prepared and is available on request for a suggested donation. You are welcome to send your petitions and/or to request a *Novena Prayer Booklet*. Please write to the *Novena Director, 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ* or email novenamhm@gmail.com. For further information please see the notice in the church porch. (4/2)

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – will be administered by Bishop John Arnold to students wishing to receive it and who are in Years 8, 9 and 10 on **Saturday and Sunday 17th/18th May 2024**. For students who do not attend *Newman College* there are invitations in the sacristy for you to collect. These contain information about how to register for the programme and the dates of all the seven sessions taking place at *St Edward's, Lees* and other important information. In addition, please see the notice in the church porch. (28/1) (4/2)

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

Fr Stephen. ©