

Saint Charles Swinton

Parish Newsletter

10 July 2016

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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“The Process and the Plan”

An extract from the introduction in today's document from the Bishop.

This proposal document is just one part of a much longer process. For the benefit of those who may read it in isolation, I think that, before setting out my proposal, it would be wise to rehearse, once again, the reasons why there is a need for change. It is necessary to review how we organise ourselves as Church in the Diocese of Salford and consider the various priorities for our mission and apostolate. This must include the radical review of the number of parishes and their distribution in the diocese which has been under consideration for some fifteen years.

Even at the beginning of the 21st. century, it was well understood that there would need to be change because of the shift in the Catholic population, the ageing profile of the priests, the impending retirement of a generation of generous Irish priests who would not be replaced and the realisation that the Diocese had established too many parishes and built too many churches.

A programme of review was begun called *Faith in the Future* which, having resolved a number of questions in some parts of the Diocese, came to an end before the plan was completely implemented. This present review must go wider than just considering the number and location of parishes. We must consider the appropriate provision of pastoral care for our schools, our hospitals and our prisons. We need to consider the best way of providing most effectively for the elderly and inform, the isolated and the marginalised. There are increasing concerns about the homeless on our streets, the refugees and those who find themselves dependent on foodbanks. We need to organise ourselves as a Church which addresses the needs, and the opportunities, of our present circumstances. In all this we must also have a care for our priests.

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The Coming Week.....

Sunday 10 July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time “Sea Sunday”

A Special day of prayer for all who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy. The Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church & provides practical & spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports and we remember them in our prayer.



Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)
8.45am and 11.00am.

Consultation Document.

Today you will receive a copy of the bishop's document that marks another stage in the diocesan development process. After parish and individual responses to the first phase of consultation the bishop met with the priests in deanery groups and now in the light of all this he has produced this suggested way forward.

The temptation will be simply to go and see how our own parish will be affected, but it needs to be read as a whole to appreciate the context.

You will also note that this is a proposal and is still subject to another phase of consultation until the end of September. You can respond as individuals if you wish and we will have a meeting sometime in September to give a parish response.

Monday 11 July St Benedict, Abbot Patron of Europe

the “Father of Western Monasticism”. Born at Norcia in 480, he gathered followers in Subiaco before moving south to Monte Cassino in 529. There he founded his most famous monastery and composed his “Rule”. He died in 547.

8.30am Mass

Monday continued.....
7.00pm SVP Society meet

Tuesday
12 July
8.30am Mass

Wednesday
13 July
8.30am Mass

Thursday
14 July
8.30am Mass

Friday
15 July
St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor
born in Italy in 1218, he entered a Franciscan order and gained a Masters degree in Philosophy; he eventually became Minister General of the Order and Cardinal Bishop of Albano near Rome. He is remembered for his spiritual works and teaching. He died in 1274.
8.30am Mass

Saturday
16 July
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Principle Patron of the Diocese.

9.00am Mass in Cemetery.

11.30am – 12.00noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sunday
17 July
Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)
8.45am and 11.00am.

6.30pm Saint Charles hosts the monthly Ecumenical Act of Worship.

In all this discussion and review, there is also the invitation and challenge of Pope Francis to see ourselves in a missionary context, where we have the duty to present Christ to the world which is so strongly influenced by secularisation, materialism and consumerism. We must heed Pope Francis' teaching that we must be a poor Church for the poor. We are to be a channel for God's Mercy in the wider communities where we minister.

Having been installed as Bishop of Salford in December 2014, it soon became apparent to me that a further, and father more radical, review was now required. I am very grateful for the enthusiastic participation of thousands of people, both as individuals and in groups, who responded to the consultation *Preparing the Way*. The wide-ranging consensus of opinion in that consultation has assisted me in setting a direction for more involvement by parishioners, a revision of the sacramental programme, the establishment of the Permanent Diaconate and other matters.

The next stage of the review must concern our parishes. Although 210 parishes had already been reduced to 150, and a number of churches closed and even demolished, it was clear that a further reduction was required owing to a reduced number of priests available for pastoral ministry and because a number of parish communities had reduced in size to become unviable or communities had dispersed.

Put these different considerations together and we see the need for a review so that the best provision can be made for the Catholics of the diocese.



Summer Happenings.

Saturday 23 July

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society are hosting an "afternoon tea" for the "Senior Members" of the parish. 2.00 -4.00pm.



Seniors of the parish who are on the regular visiting list will receive a written invitation. However... the invitation is open to anyone of this certain and esteemed stage of life. So, if that includes you, please do come along. It would be useful, but not essential if you could let us know by putting your name on the list at the back of church.



The SVP are also anxious to know of anyone who is living alone or finding it difficult to get out and would appreciate a visit at home.

They also are always happy to discover anyone in need who would appreciate some material help. I am grateful to school for putting us in touch with some needy families.

Summer "Week" of Guided Prayer.

Once again we are offering this over two weeks, from 6 - 20 August. For the Year of Mercy these weeks have been promoted throughout the diocese. Our parish has been designated as one of the centres for this. We will be resourcing it ourselves as in past years.

Christian Aid at Morrisons.

Churches Together in Swinton and Pendlebury have been given permission to take a collection on Monday 18 July, 10.00am - 2.00pm. Would you like to volunteer for a slot? Please let me know if you can. Apart from the monetary benefit for this ecumenical charity it is a good witness to Christian presence in the locality.

Sacramental Programme 2016-2017.

If you have a child not in Saint Charles school eligible for First Communion (i.e. in Year 3) and wish them to be part of the Sacramental Programme, please let me have name/contact details before the end of the school year.

SPUC 50th Anniversary Pro-Life Conference.

This is being held at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, 23 - 25 September. Details on notice board poster.

Do you have the time to help our children read?

Saint Charles School are always keen to welcome volunteers who can sit and listen to our children read. The commitment can be as much or little as you are able - one or perhaps two hours a week, preferably at about the same time and day if possible. Please let me or Mrs Campbell know if you are able. (you do not have to have children of your own in school)

The flowers on the main altar and Our Lady's altar this weekend are in remembrance of and from this week's funeral of Thomas Worthington RIP.

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