

# Saint Charles Swinton

Parish Newsletter

17 April 2016

4th Sunday of Easter, Year C

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## Disturbed by Disruption ?!

*Isn't it strange that people have to change in order to stay the same. So, for example, people who ran stagecoaches with horses had to change to motor coaches with engines if they wanted to stay in the transport business.*

*Of course, they could have kept with the stagecoaches but then they would soon find themselves in the leisure business and no longer a serious transport provider.*

*Human beings are the same. Being a disciple who follows Christ involves continuous development. Childhood prayers must evolve into adult prayer, an easy going friendship may lead to marriage, a person working at a simple task could aspire to the demanding responsibilities of leadership. If prayer, relationships and work never change over a lifetime then the person will no longer be as fully alive as God intends Christian disciples to be.*

That's why Blessed John Henry Newman's insight is so important: 'to live is to change.' Those called to consecrated life and priesthood live this out in a special way: a

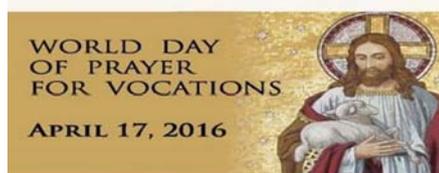
divine disruption takes their lives in unimagined directions. In turn, their changed lives influence others and help many people make the changes necessary to growing in faith, in relationships and in responsibility.

*The apostles are the most startling example of divinely disrupted lives.*

'Follow me,' said Jesus, and they left their fishing nets and went, so that untold numbers of people might hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

*Today we pray especially that those God is calling may allow the divine disruption into their lives so that they might become the disciples Christ intends them to be as priests and religious.*

*(from resources for Vocations Sunday)*  
*continued over...*



## The Coming Week.....

### Sunday

17 April

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
"Good Shepherd Sunday"  
and Vocations Sunday

*A Day of Special prayer for  
Vocations to the Priesthood and  
Consecrated Life.*

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

6.30pm Monthly Ecumenical  
worship – here at Saint  
Charles. The service will be a  
further reflection on all the "Good  
Shepherd chapter" of Saint John's  
Gospel. *Please do come along to  
welcome brothers and sisters from  
our local congregations.*

### Monday 18 April

Easter weekday.  
8.30am Mass

Saint Vincent de Paul Society  
meet at 7.00pm.

### Tuesday 19 April

Easter weekday.  
8.30am Mass

### Wednesday 20 April

Easter weekday.  
9.10am(ish) Year 5 Mass in  
school

7.30pm RCIA (adult formation)  
The "Four Last Things" -  
exploring the realities and  
imagery of our final destiny.

### Thursday 21 April

St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor

Born in Aosta (Italy) in 1033, he was  
attracted to the abbey of Bec in Northern  
France, eventually becoming Abbott,  
before becoming Archbishop of  
Canterbury in 1093. After a turbulent  
period of disagreement between Church  
and Crown, Anselm died in 1109. He left  
many fine writings, particularly in  
philosophy and mystical theology.

8.30am Mass

### Friday

22 April

Easter weekday.  
8.30am Mass

### Saturday

23 April

Saint George,  
Patron of England

9.00am Mass in Cemetery .

11.30am – 12.00noon Sacrament of  
Reconciliation.

### Sunday

24 April

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Today, the HCPT are having a  
celebration to mark their  
60th anniversary. It will take  
place at Wardley Hall from  
1.00pm.

*See poster in porch for details.*

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## Further ahead....

### First communion dates.

This year these will be weekends  
30 April/1 May, 7/8 May,  
14/15 May, 21/22 May, 28/29 May  
4/5 June and 11/12 June.  
The Final Celebration of the  
Programme will on Sunday 3 July.



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## Photographic Exhibition of the Holy Shroud of Turin.

Is taking place in the Cathedral  
until Tuesday 19 and includes  
showing of special film. *Details  
of opening and showings of  
film on poster in porch.*

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### A Parent's Prayer

Loving God, You have given us the privilege as well as the responsibility of parenthood. Guide us as we invite our children to hear your call to service in the Church.

May they respond with deep faith and generosity to the needs of others.

Help us to be a source of encouragement by our own desire to be committed people who serve with love and enthusiasm.

Amen.

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### Prayer of Thomas Merton

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me

Nor do I really know myself,

And the fact that I think

I am following your will

does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you

does in fact please you.

And I hope that I will never do anything

apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this,

you will lead me by the right road

though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always,

though I may seem to be lost

and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are with me,

and you will never leave me

to face my struggles alone.

Amen.

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### Prayer of St Francis

All Highest and Glorious God,

Cast your light

into the darkness of my heart.

Grant me right faith, firm hope,

perfect charity, profound humility,

with wisdom and perception, O Lord,

so that I may always and everywhere

seek to know and do

what is truly your holy will,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Offertory Collection Envelopes.

Those of you who use envelopes for the Offertory Collection will find your new box of envelopes on the table at the back of church. Please collect them after Mass.



If you wish to start using envelopes or BETTER STILL sign up to a regular standing order or sign a Gift-Aid declaration (so we can claim back tax) please take form, complete details, indicate if you want a set of envelopes or a standing order and return to me.

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### Mass Offerings....

If you want a Mass saying for any intention, please use the Mass

Offering envelopes situated at the back of church and complete the form on the front. Otherwise it is difficult to keep track of the multiple requests for Masses and other matters in the busy-ness of the "Apres Mass" at weekends.

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### Local events of interest....

**Saturday 23 April**  
Celebration of Saint George's Day a gala concert of brass and voices. Saint Paul's church, Monton. 7.30pm. *Details on poster.*

**Saturday 21 May**  
"Come and Sing" day at Saint Mark's, Worsley. Come and join in a performance of Vivaldi's Gloria. In aid of Genesis Breast cancer prevention Appeal. *Details on poster.*

### Further ahead....

**Saturday 7 May.**  
**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** Three coaches going from diocese. *For details, see poster on notice board.*

**Saturday 21 May**  
Halle orchestra at Bridgewater Hall - Dvorak's oratorio "Saint Ludmilla" which tells the story of this saint's conversion to Christianity and the triumph of Christianity over paganism in Czech lands. *Details on poster.*

**17/18/19 June.**  
**Annual Northern Catholic Conference** at Liverpool Hope University. Theme of Mercy. *Details on poster.*

**29th July - 4th August**  
**Salford Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes**  
For initial information see poster in the porch. Volunteers also needed from Medical staff, Lay volunteers, youth group and singers. If you can help please call the Pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

**Summer "Week" of Guided Prayer.**  
Once again we are offering this over two weeks, from 6 - 20 August. This was to have been a year without one but for the Year of Mercy these weeks have been promoted throughout the diocese.

**Vocations Weekend**  
for young women considering the vocation to religious life. Organised by the Faithful Companions of Jesus 27-29 May in Broadstairs, Kent. *Details on porch notice board.*

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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 11.30 am to 12.00 noon and after evening Mass

### BAPTISMS

By appointment. Parents are expected to attend a course of preparation.

### WEDDINGS

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Monthly as announced

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Mondays in school at 6.00pm

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**Monday to Friday:** usually 8.30 am

#### Holy Days

7.30 pm (eve), 8.30 am

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## Hymn Book Amnesty!

Can you please check that you do not have a parish hymn book at home. I know how easy it is to take one without realising and forget to return it. There must be at least fifty unaccounted for!

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ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

The *logo* and the *motto* together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric

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