

Saint Charles Swinton

Parish Newsletter

5 July 2015

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

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Preparing the Way Consultation 2015

As promised in the recent Pastoral Letter from Bishop John, the diocesan consultation is now ready and will remain open for several weeks.

It can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Salford2015> or even simpler by going on to the diocesan website (dioceseofsalford.org.uk) where there is a link on the opening page. Responses can be entered directly onto the electronic form. This is the best way to complete the questionnaire, since the system will also do the analysis of responses.

For those who do not have access to a computer, paper copies of the questionnaire can be obtained from the back of church.

As well as your individual responses, we have been asked to provide a collective response from the parish and so we will have a parish meeting for this purpose on **Wednesday 8 July at 7.30pm.**

The value of the collective response is to give chance to reflect on the challenges that face us as parish communities over the coming years.

Please submit all responses by the deadline of **Friday 7 August 2015.**



The Coming Week.....

Sunday 5 July Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)
8.45am. 11.00am

First Holy Communion

The final group of our children will be making their First Holy Communion at the 1100am Mass this Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers.

Monday 6 July St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr.

Maria was born into a poor family in Ancona, Italy in 1890. She spent her childhood at Nettuno, helping her mother in the domestic chores. She was a religious girl, much given to prayer. In 1902 while defending her chastity against a neighbour trying to rape her, she preferred to die rather than give way and was fatally stabbed. She forgave her attacker before she died, the following day.

8.30am Mass

7.00pm. Saint Vincent de Paul Society meet.

Tuesday 7 July 8.30am Mass

Wednesday 8 July 9.15am Mass in School-Class 5.

7.30pm Meeting to make response to the bishop's Diocesan Consultation. (see left for more details).

Thursday 9 July St Augustine Zhao-Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs.

This feast also celebrates the 119 Chinese Martyrs who died between 1648 and 1930. Augustine was a Chinese diocesan priest. Having first been a soldier who accompanied a priest to Beijing, he was moved by his patience and asked to be baptised; he was sent to seminary and ordained a priest. Arrested, he suffered most cruel tortures and then died in 1815.

8.30am Mass

Friday 10 July 8.30am Mass.

Saturday 11 July 9.00am Mass in Cemetery. 11.30am - 12noon Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sunday 12 July. Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. "Sea Sunday"

Further Ahead.....

Sunday 19 July. Sacramental Programme final celebration at 11.00am Mass.



Monday 31 August Bank Holiday 11.00am Mass in St Mary's, Wardley and St Joseph's, Moston Cemeteries.

Annual Foreign Mission Appeal. The Montfort Missionaries have been allocated our deanery for their 2015 appeal and are busy organising their schedule. I am pleased that they will be able to do the weekend I am away in September (12/13) as Father Frank will not be available that particular date!



"Building Missionary Parishes"

This, I think, is one of the most used expressions of Bishop John. It is meant to help us focus on why we exist as individuals and parish communities.

There is no doubt that over the next few years there will be many changes in the way we manage our parishes, given the projection of number of priests. To think in terms of mission helps us to think more positively as we reshape not only our structures but the way we think about our lives together as parish, as diocese and as Church.

During the past year our parish has been involved in a pilot scheme launched by our diocesan Evangelisation Department. The group that met on Wednesdays used the materials and they will be launched soon. But before that and to give even more substance to it, there is a national conference being held next Saturday "Proclaim 2015".

"Proclaim '15" is a national initiative from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales encouraging the development of missionary parishes. Currently preparations are underway for a great gathering from all over the country in Birmingham on 11th July this year. Parishes are encouraged to pray and discuss their work and commitment to evangelisation, using materials provided by the Bishop's Conference.

Please keep this in your prayers as Sister Joan, Frank and Ruth Robinson and I represent our parish in the diocesan contingent.

Watch this space!

Ecclesiastical Education Fund.

Thank you for your generous donations so far. As I suggested some weeks ago, we will use the "free" Sundays at the end of the month for further donations which will be possible next weekend and we will have the **final retiring collection to bring this year's appeal to an end on the weekend 24/25 July.**

Summer concerts...



**Saturday 11 July
7.00pm**

**Holy Rood Church presents
The Sounds of Summer
Concert**

Performed by the
Salford Royal Choir
£5.00 including refreshments
Details on poster in the porch.

**Saturday 18 July.
Visions of Paradise.**

A joint concert with Greater Manchester police Male Voice Choir and Cantare Ladies Choir
**in aid of Francis House
Children's Hospice.**
Details on poster in porch.

**Parish visit to
Stonyhurst
Sunday 9 August.**

There has been a very positive response to this proposed visit, so it will be going ahead. The coach will leave at 12.30pm from church and the cost, including price of guided tour will be £16.00 per head. Maria Kidd or myself will contact you if you name is on the list for confirmation of your booking.

Sacramental Programme 2015/2016.

If you have a child in Year 3 next school year and they are not in Saint Charles school and you wish to enrol them on the Sacramental Programme, *please give myself or Tracey Morley name, address, contact details.*

Drop-in Centre Appeal.

The Windsor Drop-in Centre supports homeless and disadvantaged people from Salford and surrounding areas. The parish supports this project in many ways, including the box in the porch where you generously place tins and other goods. Please note the following request from the centre....

"One of the areas we support our clients is by providing them with toiletries, a towel and a basic change of underwear so that they can have a shower when they don't have access to washing facilities. We therefore rely on donations of toiletries and underwear in order to be able to offer this service on a weekly basis.

We have now reached the point where we are desperate for donations of deodorant and new men's and ladies' underwear. If you can help with any of these items, please contact us on 0161 737 8775" (or of course place them in the box in the porch)

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

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At back of church.....

Latest Crusader Magazine.

Free as always, now in new compact format.

July edition of Bible Alive.

Manchester and Salford Prison prayer leaflet.

Readers' Guides. Readers please take the one with your name on.

Universe/Catholic Herald/Catholic Times.

Please note the new format of the Universe – a little bigger because of their use now of the Guardian printing press in Trafford Park.

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Thanks for your generous support of the parish over the past year.....

Offertory collections.....

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