

Saint Charles Swinton

Parish Newsletter

6 March 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C

Mothers Sunday

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Mothers Sunday -or Mothers Day?

The day has long been associated with mothers, and family. For centuries it was custom for people to return home to their 'mother' church on Laetare Sunday - the middle of Lent. Those who did so were said to have gone 'a-mothering'.

The day often turned into a family reunion and a chance for children working away from home - often domestic servants - to spend time with their mothers.

Many used to pick flowers from the verges along the way to leave in the church or hand to their mothers when they got home.

But it was American social activist Anna Jarvis (1864-1948) from Philadelphia who campaigned for an official day to honour mothers in the US and is regarded as the "Mother of Mother's Day". She dedicated her life to lobbying for the day after swearing she would do so after her mother's death.

However, she became increasingly concerned at the commercialisation of the day, saying "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit." She also didn't like the selling of flowers and the use of greetings cards which she described as "a poor excuse for the letter you are too lazy to write".

In Britain, vicar's daughter Constance Smith was inspired by a 1913 newspaper report of Jarvis' campaign and began a push for the day to be officially marked in England. Smith, of Coddington, Nottinghamshire, founded the Mothers Sunday Movement and even wrote a booklet The Revival of Mothers Sunday in 1920.

The French celebrate the event on a different day altogether - 'Maman's' special day is reserved for the last Sunday in the month of May. A family dinner is the norm, and traditionally the mother being honoured is presented with a cake that looks like a bouquet of flowers.
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The Coming Week.....

Sunday

6 March

Fourth Sunday of Lent
"Laetare Sunday" - referring to the Latin words of this Sunday's Mass meaning "Rejoice" as the season of Lent is now well travelled and the celebration of Easter looms every closer.

"Mothers Sunday"

(see leading column on left)

This weekend Sacramental Programme celebration Unit 5, "We are People who Follow Christ".

Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)
8.45am. 11.00am

Monday 7 March

Lent Weekday

Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs. They died in Carthage in 203, in the persecution under Septimus Severus; the account of their lives and martyrdom, partly written by themselves, and eyewitnesses still survives.

8.30am Mass.

Tuesday

8 March

Lent Weekday

11.00am Funeral Mass for William Joseph "Joe" Kershaw RIP, 87 years old of Lumber Lane, Worsley

7.00pm I invite you to come to a meeting to keep up to speed on developments in the diocese following the Bishop's Consultation with everyone and his recent meeting with clergy. This is not a meeting to discuss any changes that the bishop has made or intends to make - he has not made any decisions thus far. However, it is inevitable that there will be some amalgamations of parishes and more sharing of priests. This meeting will be part of our preparation for change.

Wednesday

9 March

Lent Weekday

8.30am Mass.

10.00am Funeral Service for Margaret ("Peggy") Dowling RIP. Aged 87 of Old Clough Lane, latterly of Kenyon Lodge.

Thursday

10 March

Lent Weekday

8.30am Mass

Friday

11 March

Lent Weekday

8.30am Mass

Saturday

12 March

Lent Weekday

9.00am Mass in Cemetery.

11.30am -12noon Sacrament of Reconciliation.

12.00noon-2.30pm Lenten School of Prayer. Week 5

Exploring three-dimensional expressions of mercy (statues /monuments/ banners/hangings etc.)

See details overleaf and on flyers available at back of church.

Sunday

13 March

Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)
8.45am. 11.00am

This weekend Mill Hill Missioner Father Jan Klaver will be speaking at all Masses about the work of Missio and appealing for new Red Box promoters. These Red Boxes have been at the heart of the support of young Churches around the world.
(NB this weekend's appeal is not an appeal for money!)

Mothering Sunday or Mother's Day?
When you say 'Mother's Day' you are actually referring to the American version. In the US it falls on Sunday May 8th, ever since President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed it so in 1914. Many blame the USA for introducing the name Mother's Day to Britain and turning it into a commercial affair.

Mother's Day in Spain is celebrated on December 8th. Spaniards pay tribute not only to their own mothers on this day, but also to the Virgin Mary. The day includes religious celebrations across the country.

Mother's Day traditions
Simnel cakes are associated with Mother's Day. During Lent, people did not eat sweet foods, rich foods or meat. However, the fast was lifted slightly on Mothering Sunday and many people prepared a Simnel cake to eat with their family on this day. A Simnel cake is a light fruit cake covered with a layer of marzipan and with a layer of marzipan baked into the middle of the cake.



Traditionally, Simnel cakes are decorated with 11 or 12 balls of marzipan, representing the 11 disciples and, sometimes, Jesus Christ. One legend says that the cake was named after Lambert Simnel who worked in the kitchens of Henry VII of England sometime around the year 1500.

How about a free Mother's day hug?
A company called Magic Freebies is offering a free 'hug-a-gram' for those unfortunate kids who won't be able to give their mum a cuddle of their own on Sunday. The service offers a variety of 'huggers' of all shapes and sizes each with their own 'hugging style' to best suit their mum's cuddling needs. The hugger will visit the the mother at a location of their son or daughters choice (if the online application is successful), and deliver the hug in their chosen style to represent them.

Lenten School of Prayer



"The **Have It**"
PRAYING WITH IMAGES IN THE YEAR OF MERCY

Week Five Saturday 12 March.

"The Shape of Mercy"
Exploring three-dimensional expressions of mercy.

Week Six Saturday 19 March

"Stations of Mercy"
Exploring our traditional Stations of the Cross and the fourteen "Stations of Mercy" formed by the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Newsletter on-line.



We are now on the diocesan server - email address:-
paul.smith@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
Please use this new one from now on.

If you want an emailed copy of the Newsletter please resend your email address to the new email box; subject heading "NEWSLETTER".

Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent

If you are unable to get to Confession here during lent, please see notice in porch with details of times in other parishes in our Deanery.



Further ahead...

Chrism Mass at Cathedral.

As always, the bishop will be celebrating this Mass with the priests and people of the diocese representing all the parishes. **If you would like to represent the parish at this Mass I have three tickets.** I will give priority to anyone who has not been before and I am happy to provide transport.

However, please note that this year the Mass is on the morning of the Wednesday of Holy Week (not Maundy Thursday)

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.

Cubs Pamper Session (?!)

Lauren Ainscough is going to India with Loreto College in July this year to help children at three high schools. The Cubs are helping her to raise money to buy equipment to take with her.

Lauren is organising a **cake sale on Tuesday, 8th March** when the **Cubs are holding a pamper session (hand massage, painted nails) for Mums in the school hall from 6.00 pm to 7.45 pm.** *Come along ladies and be pampered for a good cause!*
p.s. donations of nail varnish would be appreciated.

Flowers for Easter...

Rita is once again holding classes each Saturday during Lent at 1.00pm. Come along if you are interested in helping with flowers at Easter. **All welcome.**

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