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5th Sunday of Easter

On Line Masses & Services

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Said Mass

10.30am Sung Mass

6.00pm Devotions

Monday 11th May

9.30am Holy Mass - Easter Weekday

7.00pm Evening Devotions

Tuesday 12th May

9.30am Holy Mass - Ss. Nereus,
Achilleus & Pancras, Martyrs

7.00pm Messa in Lingua Italiana

Wednesday 13th May

9.30am Holy Mass - Our Lady of Fatima

7.00pm Evening Devotions

Thursday 14th May

9.30am Holy Mass - Easter Weekday

7.00pm Evening Devotions

Friday 15th May

9.30am Holy Mass - Easter Weekday

7.00pm Evening Devotions

Saturday 16th May

11.00 am Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

12noon Holy Mass - Easter Weekday

7.00pm Evening Devotions

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Said Mass

10.30am Sung Mass

CAFOD Meeting 5th May 2020

We had an amazing CAFOD meeting via Zoom – amazing for a number of reasons.



It was our first meeting for some time and under new leadership of Patricia Swaby, but the most encouraging thing of all was the number of young people who attended – six out of a total of twelve.

With the current pandemic there was much discussion of CAFOD's Emergency Appeal for more financial aid to provide support to poorer countries in the world who are now suffering from the Coronavirus but do not have the health or financial support systems that we have. Obviously we can't have an emergency collection being away from church but we resolved to do something straightaway. Thankfully there is money on hand from the Traidcraft Stall: **£350**, and **£400** raised from this year's Soup Meals so **£750** will be sent immediately to CAFOD.

The young people are to look at ways they can support CAFOD during the Lockdown. Many people reading this may already have sent off a donation to CAFOD but if not **you can donate online at Cafod.co.uk**

or **send a cheque** to CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB .

Another Zoom CAFOD group meeting on Tues 26 May at 8 pm. *All welcome.*

Masses

Sick: Jim and Helen Hyndman.

Lately Dead: Kazimiera (Kath) Osgowicz, Charles Hartley, David Kelly, Fr Peter Gooden, Fr Columcille Murphy, Jim Sweeney, Teresa Flanagan, John Kelly, Fr. Liam Comer, Mgr Antony Conlon, Fr. Paul Dillon, Christy Joyce, Catherine Kelly, Terry Leyden, Rita Moran.

Anniv: Denis Fogarty, Joseph Openshaw, Florence & Edward Pearson, Gerard McGrath, Joan McLean, John Thomson. Jim Finerty. Sarah O' Sullivan.

Other intentions: Special Intentions.

Please Pray For

All affected by the coronavirus and those worried about loved ones.

Fr. Arthur Nearey. Philomena Hill, Shirley Keefe,, Patrick Cahill. Margaret (Meg) Wood, Andrew Swaby Marjorie Molloy, Alexander Shorrocks, Diane Leach, Deborah Rickman, Mary Grenier, Ann Welsh, Paul Joyce, Kathleen Ferguson,, Margaret Isherwood, Brian Lynam, Pat Gale, Cindy Nuttall, Maureen Sharrocks, Christine Rostron, Lyn O' Keefe, Gemma Beeney, Margaret Walker, Lynda Howard, Paul Richardson

Welcome to our Universal Internet Church

To connect to our Live streaming

To log on: on the front page of our website click on **Live Church Cam.**



Newsletter by Email

To receive the newsletter by email please drop a note to the parish email: parish@sacredheartchurchrochdale.org.uk and we can add you to the list.

Kazimiera (Kath) Osgowicz

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Kath Osgowicz who died peacefully in Oaklands Care Home after a long illness. Kath was a regular member of Sacred Heart congregation until she became ill. Her funeral will take place at Rochdale Cemetery on Tuesday 12th May at 2.00 pm.

Charles Hartley RIP

Our condolences to the family of the late Charles Hartley. His funeral will take place on Thursday at Rochdale Crem.

David Kelly RIP

We remember in prayer David and his family. David's funeral will take place on Friday at Rochdale Crem.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Our Parish Pilgrimage to Poland in the Footsteps of Pope John Paul II

Now Sat 10 - Sat 17 April 2021

If you are interested in joining us please contact **Jeanette on 07717222830.**

NB. This is during the Easter school holidays.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



The Gospel read today at Mass is the one I often choose for Requiem Masses. These are the intimate words of our Lord spoken at the Last Supper and faithfully recorded by the youngest Apostle John and they resound through Holy Church in this joyful season. Just listen again to the words of our Saviour, the Good Shepherd as he speaks to the Twelve, hours before his arrest and betrayal.

He is trying to give them good memories to go on when the worst had happened - betrayal by Judas and the beginning of his Passion. "Do not let your hearts be troubled - trust in God and trust in me." "I am going to prepare a place for you now and after I have gone and prepared you a place I shall return to take you with me so that where I am, you maybe too." "There are many rooms in my Father's house and if there were not I would have told you."

Now there you have it. These words of course are addressed to the whole Christian community and are valid for each and every one of us. Jesus is talking to YOU. "Do not let your hearts be troubled - I have gone to prepare a place and I shall return to take you with me."

Our journey through the pilgrimage of life and the final passage of death from this life to the Eternal life is done with Jesus our Lord "Taking us" - like a parent takes the hand of a child as it reaches up for security. He is taking us by the hand to rooms prepared for us- for us!!! Imagine that? It has our name on it. I remember being taken through an old graveyard near my grandparents house. I reached out instinctually to hold granny's hand. She said "Are you afraid?" I must have shown it and she said to me - "it's not the dead you need to be afraid of but the living!!!" How true as we all discover. I was only 8 so I did not comprehend then.

Our Lord uses such human language to reassure us. But remember he speaks with Divine knowledge and authority. He is not a guru trying to comfort us with some therapy. He is the Way and the Truth and this is the reality. "I shall return to take you with me." In death we will not be alone.

Fr. Francis

EVENING DEVOTIONS THIS SUNDAY 10th MAY

Please note that Devotions for this Sunday will be at the earlier time of 6:00pm.

This will enable all of us to listen to the message of the Prime Minister concerning the next stage of lockdown and whether there will be any easing of the current regulations.



Thank You So Much

Finola, Elizabeth and Andrew Kelly wish to thank you all for your prayers, Masses, cards, flowers, phone calls and messages of sympathy that they have received, and continue to receive, since the sudden death of John.

They have experienced a lot of comfort, at a very difficult time, knowing that so many people are there to support them. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

May John rest in peace.



Christian Meditation

On Wednesday last nine people took part in the Christian Meditation Group via Zoom.



The group has been meeting on a weekly basis and besides the prayer and meditation it has been lovely to see familiar faces in this time of lockdown.

Next Meeting Wed May 13th at 8.00 pm
If you would like to join in contact Pat Shine on 07717226758.



Hospital Chaplains

Springhill Hospice: 649230
Royal Oldham : 0161 - 627 - 8796
Fairfield Fr. Starkie 07979351744
North M/c Hospital 0161 720 2293
The Christie 0161 446 3097

On Line Banking.

Anyone with an on line Bank Account can pay their collections by a standing order / direct debit or simply make a one off, on line transfer. You do not need to fill in a form to set up a temporary direct debit. For the reference put in Sacred Heart, the sort code, your current envelope number & name. Please put Gift Aid if you have signed a Gift Aid Form.

For example : Sacred Heart

20-55-34 60965308

Gift Aid 79 Shine

500 Club during Virus

We will suspend the Draw until we can all come back to church again and start the year then. Those who have already paid your payments will be carried forward.
(Jeanette) *Thank you for your support.*

Prayer for the Sick & Housebound

Father we thank you for the gift of your Son in this Eucharist.

We now place before you all the sick and housebound of our parish

As they share in his Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and the joy, peace and healing of your presence, through Christ your Son, Our Lord.

Amen



Diocesan Prayer

Stay with us Lord
on our Journey

emails: parish@sacredheartchurchrochdale.org.uk

Websites : www.holyfamily-rochdale.co.uk www.sacredheartchurchrochdale.org.uk

Twitter/instagram: [@holyfamilyroch](https://www.instagram.com/holyfamilyroch)

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Follow the Mass or visit the Church from the link on Sacred Heart Website - Live Church Cam
Salford Diocese:- www.salforddiocese.org.uk



The Parish SVP, following the Coronavirus Lockdown, has been busier than ever.

Due to the special and confidential nature of our work, we are unable to give specific details or publicise it. We have been working hard attending to the vulnerable of all ages within our Parish by distributing food and supporting needy families within our parish community, being a focal point for information and assistance and by ringing those isolated in their homes who have felt lonely and housebound.

We are having to buy a lot of the food ourselves as very little food is now being donated to the foodbank in Rochdale and the foodbank vouchers are becoming a less viable option. Along with SVP nationally, we are setting up a “knock & drop” service – delivering emergency food parcels and medicine to the isolated and housebound. To this end, we are asking our parishioners to donate as they used to, we will set up a 2 hour “Donate at Church” slot on every Sunday (2pm – 4pm) from Sunday 10th May on the Sacred Heart carpark. Simply drive onto the carpark, deposit bag of food and drive away. An SVP member will then alight their own vehicle and wipe down bag with antiseptic wipes and place in the boot of their car. For those parishioners who would like to contribute but are unable to attend, please notify us via Fr Francis and we will collect from outside their home.

We also have links with a needy Parish in India and are formally twinned with it. The Parish is St Mary's, Kakkadampoyil, Kerala, India. We are hoping to develop a partnership with our Parish CAFOD group to join us in our twinning and support of this Indian Parish. This would then become a Parish venture to address overseas aid in a very tangible and worthwhile way.

In terms of financial aid, From September (when we were formed and had no access to our bank account) to December 19 we spent 111% of our income, from January to date we have spent 25% of our income - we have to reserve some of the income to be remitted to the National conference and current demand for food and supplies. We are formulating plans for the rest. We are grateful for your continued support.

If you, or you know of anyone who needs practical help/a phone call, please let Fr Francis have the details and he will pass them to us and we will be in touch as soon as possible.

If you feel you can help in any of the above then again please let Fr Francis have your details which he will then forward to the SVP.

Please Stay Safe. We are here should you need us - we are only a call away.

Frank Pearson

President

St Margaret Clitherow SVP Conference

CONFESSIONS

For anyone wishing to go to confession during this lockdown time please ring the presbytery and make an appointment.

Confessions (with social distancing) will be heard in the carpark at Sacred Heart.

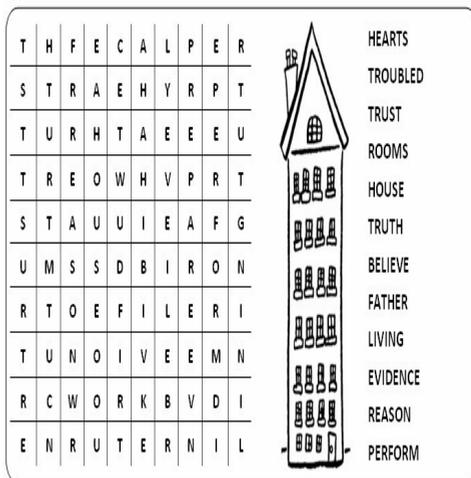


Rochdale Food Bank

As you can imagine at the present time there is an even greater demand for food from the Food Bank. Unfortunately with churches etc. being closed the food bank has lost a very large source of their supply.

However you can still donate.

Those who are able can take their non perishable food to the back door of the Foodbank at No1 Riverside - opposite Mecca Bingo. They would be extremely grateful for anything you can give. The Food Bank is open **9.00am - 5.00 pm Mon to Friday** and you can drive right up to the door.



PAYING YOUR COLLECTION DURING LOCKDOWN

I do not like to mention the subject of money but sometimes there is a need to do so. During this time of lockdown the parish funds have been severely depleted as we have not been able to hold our usual collections which is the main source of parish income. Our usual regular outgoings have unfortunately remained the same. As we do not know how long this time of lockdown will continue you might consider paying your offertory collection by standing order or bank transfer. A copy of the parish standing order form is included in this newsletter.

If you complete this in paper, **please send it direct to your bank.** If you can't print it out, please let me know and I will put a copy of the form in the post but I will need your address details.

If you do this **online**, i.e, bank transfer or setting up a new payment destination **and you have a gift aid box**, it would be really helpful if you would put your current envelope number in the 'reference' box. You are still welcome to put your collections through the presbytery door too.

MASS IN ITALIAN

On Tuesday of this week our evening devotions take the form of Mass in Italian. Do pass the message around to any Italians who may wish to join



us via the camera.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

In these days of virus we have rightly applauded the work of our key workers in the NHS. They have done and continue to

do, a fantastic job. In our parish we also have another fantastic group of key workers who need our recognition. Our grateful thanks must go to all our teachers and support staff in our parish schools: Holy Family, Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert's. On behalf of our parish community may I say a heartfelt **'Thank You.'** to you all for your dedication and support of our children who for various reasons need to be in school and also for your support of those children who are 'home schooling.' Your efforts in the service of our parish are greatly appreciated.



STANDING ORDER FORM

Bank Name:

Address:

Please make the payments detailed below and debit our account

Name of account to be debited _____ A/c No: _____

Address _____ Sort Code: _____

_____ Date: _____

Name of Payee: Sacred Heart Rochdale **A/c No:** 60965308

Bank to which payment is to be made Barclays Bank **Sort Code:** 20-55-34

Amount (in words) _____ £ _____

Date of payments _____

Date of first payment _____

Special instructions (if any) _____

*Payments are to continue until _____
(including date of last payment)

*Payments are to continue until you receive further notice in writing

**THIS INSTRUCTION CANCELS ANY PREVIOUS ORDER IN FAVOUR OF
THE PAYEE NAMED ABOVE**

Signature: _____

*Delete as applicable