



Sacred Heart & St. Joseph's NEWSLETTER

1st Sunday in LENT

Beginning 9th March 2025

Masses for the coming week

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 7:30pm Station Mass

Wednesday 9:30 Rosary, 10am Mass - U

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Saturday 12:15am Mossley

Saturday 6pm Uppermill

Sunday 9:30 am Uppermill

Sunday 11.00 am Mossley

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent there will be

Stations of the Cross at 6pm in both churches. If you are able to join us in this ancient prayer of the Church, please try and come along.



Uppermill Quiz night. Thanks to all who came to the quiz night on Friday evening. We raised £580 for CAFOD. Thanks also to Sue for putting the questions together!

100 Club Mossley Winning numbers

- 1st prize 85 Lynn Laker
- 2nd Prize 29 Mary Jones
- 3rd Prize 72 Tony Murray

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please get in touch.**

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Sacred Heart Uppermill **Financial News**

As Sacred Heart moves into the Salford Diocese, one of our issues is the transfer of parish funds and the re-registering of those who so kindly Gift Aid to the parish.

Today at the back of church there is a form which all gift aid payers are asked to fill in and return as soon as possible, so that we have an unbroken gift aid scheme.

The completion of the hand over from the diocese of Leeds to Salford should be on 1st April 25. So, we need to move quickly. There will also be new envelopes available in April, with Salford Diocese on the front and our new charity number.

Please, could you return these forms next week?

Thanks for your help and understanding.

R.C.I.A.

The next meeting for those joining the church at Easter will be next Sunday 16th March @ 4pm in the usual place.

This will be our last meeting.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL The third reading of this bill is fast approaching, and MPs will be finally voting whether to allow assisted suicide in our country. At least 80 suggested safeguards have been rejected. Many groups who oppose the bill highlight real concerns for the sick, vulnerable, disabled and those suffering from depression. Even people with Anorexia and other treatable conditions fall within those eligible to have an assisted suicide.

Please contact your MP urgently to ask them to vote against this bill in April. There are cards at the back of church which can also be posted to your MP. This is our last few weeks to do something to stop this terrible and dangerous bill coming into law.

Masses received this week

Lately Dead

Alan Jones **

Matthew (Matty) Westlake

Bernard Mulhall

Eileen Killea

Anniversaries

Anne Higgins

Harry Heaton

John McKune

Patrick Hand

Noel Joyce

Alan Stansfield,

Francis Byland

Special Intentions

James Bell (S)

Members of the Joyce family

THIS WEEK

Lenten station mass

Tuesday the 11th of March at 7:30 PM at Saint Joseph's Mossley **Bishop John** will be the main celebrant this evening.

Other station masses 18th of March will be held at Saint Joseph's Shaw 25th of March St Herbert's Chadderton

Tuesday the 1st of April at Saint Ann's Ashton Tuesday the 8th of April St Edwards Lees

if you are able to join us for any or all of these masses, you will be most welcome.

All masses begin at 7:30pm

Sacred Heart - CHURCH SHOP

Still in need!

The shop is in great need of donations. Clothes, bric-a-brac, household items, children's toys and other things all gratefully received. You can also pop in for a cuppa and snack anytime between 9am and 12.30 Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Offertories last week Uppermill

1st collection £571.00

2nd collection £69.21

Shop £307.00

Baptism £40.00

Direct debits & standing orders

April -December 24 £5,116.30 - **Thank you**

REPAIR CAFES

Please see the poster in the porch about the setting up of one of these cafes in the area.

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the official agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for domestic social action, is conducting a survey to gather insights into the lived experiences of Catholic families in England and Wales. Specifically, we are focused on understanding the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the broader effects of the current economic climate.

The survey is available at the following link: csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey, and it will close on 25th March.

The insights gathered will play a vital role in our advocacy efforts to address child poverty and influence policy change. We are eager to hear directly from Catholic families about their experiences, and we would be grateful for your support in encouraging participation.



Cream Soup

Friday Soups for Lent are back!

We are offering a simple Friday lunch; every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday). The idea is you join us for a "simple" lunch, and give the money you would have used to make or buy your own lunch as a donation to

The Good Life Orphanage.

This is a chance to both do something "out of the ordinary" for Lent, and also help raise funds for the poor.

We raised £90 on Friday, thank you to all who came, and those who made soup!

All soups - homemade

**AGAIN, THIS FRIDAY - come and join us!!
12 noon at St Joseph's**

THIS COURSE STARTS THIS WEEK MONDAY 10TH MARCH

LENT COURSE 2025. Starts Monday 10th March and runs for 5

weeks. Venues and leaders are:

Tuesdays 1.30 – 3.00pm at Greenfield Methodist led by B Christopher & S Titmuss

Wednesdays 8.00 – 9.30pm at St Anne's Lydgate led by H Edgerton & V Stocker

Thursdays 1.30 – 3.00pm at Delph Methodist led by K McNally

Thursdays 7.00 – 8.30pm at Ebenezer, Uppermill led by J Rosedale & A Lee

Fridays 10.00 – 11.00am at Uppermill Methodist centre. Led by members of the group

CAN YOU HELP? - More parishioners are now taking up the option to donate regularly through Standing Order or Direct Debit.

This greatly helps with planning our financial affairs if the level of income is more regular. St Joseph's Catholic Church Sort Code:20-55-34 Account Number:30992119

You can also ask for Gift Aid to be added to your Standing Order. Please contact Fr Jim if you need a gift aid form.

YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIP SCHEME AT CASTLERIGG MANOR

Castlerigg Manor – the retreat centre of the diocese of Lancaster, based in Keswick – for young volunteers for the 2025–26 team. The youth ministry internship scheme offers solid experience and training, formal qualifications, and gives participants the chance to live in the Lake District, be part of a dynamic team, make friends for life, and really impact the lives of young people.

Interested? jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

EASTER RETREAT FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

During the Triduum – from April 17-20th – Castlerigg Manor will once again be running their Easter Retreat for teens and young adults. A chance to journey together through the Triduum and make some friends along the way. The programme offers a combination of fun, relaxation, prayer, talks, and of course the beautiful liturgies. The cost is £85, but anyone who can't afford that is invited to get in touch (director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) and we will probably be able to help out. For more information or to sign up... castleriggmanor.com >> what's coming up?