

Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies

“As we celebrate All Saints, and their lived examples of loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, we pray for the courage to follow in their footsteps, by supporting the poor, the helpless and the unborn. Lord hear us.”

General Guidance & Rules in the Parish

Whilst it is no longer required to stay two metres apart from people you do not live with and there is no limit to the numbers you may meet, the guidance goes on to say “in order to minimise the risk at a time of high prevalence, you should limit the contact you have with those you do not usually live with and increase close contact gradually. This includes limiting the number, proximity and duration of social events.” This is a note of caution for us in returning to parish activities. There will no longer be restrictions on group sizes for attending communal worship. This allows a return to pre-Covid-19 safety capacities whilst taking into account the guidance of the Bishops of England and Wales.

General guidance in church:

- Please do not enter church if you are symptomatic.
- Please use hand sanitiser available at the entrance & exits doors of church.
- The wearing of face coverings is encouraged.
- Church stewarding will now end.
- Track/Trace: Parishioners are asked to take personal responsibility by way of scanning the QR code in the church porch on their phones – you will need to download the NHS Covid-19 App to do this.
- The holy water stoop remains unavailable at this time.
- All church pews to open. Socially distanced seating remains available in the two transepts.
- Church windows/doors will remain open to maintain good ventilation.
- Frequently touched areas will be cleaned regularly.

Liturgical Guidance in church:

- The physical sign of peace remains suspended in the Liturgy of Mass.
- Offertory collection – this will remain in baskets on the tables at the back of church for you to place donations in as you enter/leave church.
- Holy communion will continue under only one kind with no administration of the Chalice. Ministers are asked to sanitise their hands and wear face coverings as before. Holy Communion is still recommended on the hand, though all who wish to receive on the tongue may do so with special care being taken.
- There is no longer a requirement to have a one-way system or other restrictions on movement within our churches so Holy Communion will be administered at the usual time with parishioners able to return to their seats thereafter. People should exercise good responsible behaviour when moving to receive Holy Communion and should avoid getting too close to each other.

Please Pray for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

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31st October, 2021 – All Saints Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 30th	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 31st	9.00 am*	Intentions of Margaret Gohan
	10.30 am*	The Parishioners
Monday 1st	10.00 am	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday 2nd – <i>All Souls</i>	10.00 am	The faithful departed
Wednesday 3rd	10.00 am	Intentions of the Broughton Catholic Charity
Thursday 4th	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Friday 5th	10.00 am	Celebrant’s Intention
Saturday 6th	6.30 pm	Deceased members of the Cafferata & Prickett Families
Sunday 7th	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Brian Carroll

(1) *Please note clocks go back 1 hour to GMT at 2 am on Sunday 31st October.

(2) Church open daily for private prayer after Mass until late afternoon.

(3) Confession available after any Mass – please ask Father Anthony.

Pope Francis: Love alone attracts and changes the human heart (From Vatican News)

At the General Audience last Wednesday, Pope Francis reflected on the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Paul reminds the Galatians – and us – that the centre of salvation and faith is the death and resurrection of the Lord, Pope Francis said at Wednesday's General Audience.

The Pope warned that there are many people today “who still seek religious security rather than the living and true God, focusing on rituals and precepts instead of embracing God's love with their whole being.”

Return to what is essential

So, he said, St Paul asks the Galatians “to return to what is essential, to the God who gives us life in Christ crucified.” Pope Francis encourages us to “place ourselves in front of Christ crucified,” including in Adoration of the Eucharist, when we feel we are losing the thread in our spiritual life. This leads to a further step, he continued: When we meet Christ crucified, Jesus changes our hearts, which leads us to understand that “the Gospel is meant for everyone, not just for a privileged few.” Thus, the Pope said, “the life of the community is regenerated” and through the Spirit, our lives as Christians are renewed, and we are able to continue “to engage in our spiritual battle.”

Works of the flesh v. fruit of the Spirit

Here Saint Paul presents a dichotomy between the “works of the flesh” and the “fruit of the Spirit.” Pope Francis explained that the works of the flesh are “behaviours that are contrary to the Spirit of God. St Paul does not intend to say that the flesh is evil in itself, but uses the term to indicate the condition of being turned in on oneself, “closing the door to the spirit” and reminding us that the things of the world grow old and pass away, “while the Spirit gives life.”

Christians are called to live out our baptismal calling, which leads to the fruits of the Spirit: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” Pope Francis invited Christians to read Saint Paul and reflect on our own behaviour to see if we are bearing those fruits.

A challenge for our communities

“The Apostle's teaching poses quite a challenge for our communities, too,” Pope Francis said. He explained, “the beauty of faith in Jesus Christ cannot be grasped on the basis of so many commandments or of a moral vision developed in many layers which can make us forget the original fruitfulness of love nourished by prayer from which peace and joyful witness flow.”

Nor, he said, can “the life of the Spirit ... be suffocated by a bureaucracy that prevents access to the grace of the Spirit, the initiator of conversion of the heart.”

Proclaiming Christ crucified

Therefore, Pope Francis said in conclusion, “we have the huge responsibility of proclaiming Christ crucified and risen, enlivened by the breath of the Spirit of love. For it is this Love alone that possesses the power to attract and change the human heart.”

First Sacraments 2021/2022

Nicola Cowell will again kindly be leading a new programme after the long period of interruption by the pandemic and asks anyone wishing their child to enrol on the parish First Holy Communion course to contact Father Anthony as soon as possible so that the preparation material can be sent to them. The course is ideally suited to children from Year 3 upwards (aged 7+ at the start of September this year). It is hoped classes will begin from the week commencing 22nd November, 2021.

World Mission Sunday – Thank You

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week, which raised £368.50. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

SVP Wilmslow - Retiring Collection Next Weekend

There will be a retiring collection next weekend towards the work of the St. Vincent de Paul society in the parish. The SVP is a voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need. Motivated by their faith, they visit vulnerable or isolated people across the parish and offer them friendship and practical support. Your generosity will be appreciated.

Food Link, Colshaw

Thank you for your recent generous donations of food. Sadly, the need is increasing– could you help to donate food to those struggling? We are very grateful to receive the following food donations: dried pasta, pasta sauces, cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, and tinned foods (pies, soups, beans, fruit, veg, meat, fish, etc.). Please leave any donations in the box at the back of church.

DISCOVERING PLAINCHANT – A WORKSHOP FOR SINGERS

A fascinating workshop exploring the world of plainchant is being held on Saturday 20th November 2021, 10.30am-4pm at St. Augustine's R.C. Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester, M15 6BW. This is the first of several workshops devoted to the repertoire of Catholic liturgical music organised by the St. Philip Neri Singers. In this first workshop, participants will be given an introduction to chant repertoire, taught how to read chant notation, and learn to sing pieces, concentrating on music for Eucharistic Adoration and for Our Lady. For more information, please contact the choir director Dr Rosemarie Darby at stphilipnerisingers@yahoo.co.uk or by calling 07798858900.

Father John Gaul SCJ RIP

We are sorry to report the death of Father John Gaul SCJ. May he rest in peace. Father John served in the Diocese as Parish Priest of Malpas and was latterly living in retirement in Stockport. Please remember him in prayer together with the community of the Sacred Heart Fathers.