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‘Stay with us, Lord, on our journey’

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11th SUNDAY ‘OF THE YEAR’ 13 JUNE 2021

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am
MONDAY	12 noon The Dedication of St John’s Cathedral, Salford
TUESDAY	12 noon
WEDNESDAY	12 noon (St Richard of Chichester)
THURSDAY	12 noon
FRIDAY	12 noon
SATURDAY	12 noon (St Romuald)

The church is open every day

Monday to Friday from 11.45 am to 4.00 pm

Saturdays from 11.45 am to 4.00 pm, 6.45 pm to 8.00 pm Sundays from 8.45 am to 12 noon

My dear Parishioners and Friends,

How many of us, I wonder, remember the awful days, usually in November, when fog and smog made it impossible to see more than a yard or so in front of you when you were outside? Those days thankfully disappeared after the Clean Air Act of the 1960s.

After that, local Councils and Churches began to clean up the outside of public buildings, removing the grime accumulated from innumerable chimneys spewing dirty smoke over our cities for so many years. Among the blackest of buildings was surely our own Cathedral in Salford. It was cleaned up in the 1970s.

Tomorrow we celebrate the anniversary of its

consecration, which took place way back in 1890.

Saint John’s had opened in 1848 and was named as the Cathedral of the Salford Diocese in 1850, the year the Catholic hierarchy was restored in England and our diocese of Salford was formed.

In celebrating the dedication of our Cathedral, we remember that it is the Mother Church of the whole diocese. It contains the *cathedra*, the chair which is the symbol of the pastoral leadership and authority of our bishop.

Those bad days of fog and smog may have gone from our area. But the world continues to suffer from the pollution caused by what we know as ‘greenhouse gas

emissions’, caused mainly by the use of fossil fuels, including coal, oil and gas. So although we are no longer afflicted by fog and smog, we still feel the effects of pollution. It comes in the form of global warming.

It seems appropriate therefore that our Bishop, John Arnold, has asked us to keep this Sunday as **Climate Sunday**. He asks us to remember in our prayers the wonder of creation and our responsibility to look after it. We are asked to commit to reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and our impact on the environment. We are also asked to speak up, using our voice to let politicians know that we want a cleaner, greener, fairer future.

The Bishops of England, Wales and Scotland, in their recent pastoral letter for

Pentecost, reminded us that God is the Creator of heaven and earth and that the Lord is the Giver of Life. We must do as much as we can to treat God's creation with respect. Shall we think then about what further steps we can take in our lives to care for God's creation?



Every year a 'Mission Mass' is offered in Salford Cathedral for APF-Mill Hill Red Box holders, annual members and collectors. This year's date is **next Saturday**, 19 June, at 3.00 pm.

For those who can't attend, or feel uneasy about going because of Covid, the Mass will be streamlined on the diocesan website. Sadly, current restrictions mean that no refreshments will be provided afterwards.



Tomorrow promises to be a very important day for us all. What will the Prime Minister say about ending the restrictions we have had to endure for more than a year? His task isn't easy. It must remind us of our duty to pray for those in positions of authority, that they will make the right decisions.

For the time being Our Lady of Grace church will stay open after the 12 noon Mass until four o'clock, Monday to Saturday. Hopefully we will soon be able to extend those hours. Meanwhile, hand sanitising must still take place on entering the church and masks should be worn.



I am impressed by the leadership Bishop Philip Egan gives in the diocese of Portsmouth. He has

arranged for a **free online course**, covering five Tuesdays, called **Encountering Christ**. We are all invited to join.

Topics covered include: the Person of Jesus Christ; the Eucharist; Catholic Moral Teaching; Prayer and Christian discipleship; and Sacred Scripture.

The Academy of the Annunciation, Bournemouth, presents this course. It begins **next Tuesday, 15 June**, and comprises two-hour sessions (7pm - 9pm) on Tuesday evenings, once a week over five weeks. Each session covers a stand-alone topic. Full details can be found on their website: **www.aoa-edu.com**

Highly recommended for anyone wishing to deepen their love of Our Lord, and especially for parents and catechists. Just go to their website to register.



As I write comes the grievous news that **this week sees the last edition of the Catholic Universe and the Catholic Times supplement**. Universe Catholic Media Ltd has stopped trading. Cardinal Nichols comments: *The Universe has served the Catholic community devotedly since 1860. But now no more. I receive this news with great sadness. Strange times indeed!*

Wednesday of the coming week is the memorial of **St Richard of Chichester**. Let's make his prayer our own: *O my dearest Jesus, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly. Amen.*

Fr Allen

Fr Dearman's Reflections on the Rosary:

THE PREACHING OF JESUS

This third Mystery of Light covers a huge amount of material, the majority of the four Gospels in fact. We can choose our favourite sayings of Jesus for our reflections, knowing that whichever ones we pick will be infinitely precious as the words spoken by the Word of God. Our Lady must have been overjoyed to hear about his words and works, and we share her joy as we pray to her.

Our Father

Before each Hail Mary:

- 1 The kingdom of God is here: repent and believe the gospel
- 2 He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him
- 3 Your sins are forgiven: go in peace
- 4 Who is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?
- 5 Let the children come to me: of such is the kingdom of God
- 6 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God
- 7 Let us rejoice, because my son was lost and is found
- 8 You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world
- 9 Follow me and I will make you fishers of men
- 10 As the Father sent me, I am sending you

Glory be