



SCHEDULE

Sun 5th	Easter Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:45 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
Mon 6th	Easter Monday 08:00 Mass	
Tue 7th	Easter Tuesday 09:15 Mass	
Wed	Easter Wednesday	—
Thu 9th	10:00-12:00 Garden Open	
	Easter Thursday 12:00 Mass	
	12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 10th	Easter Friday 09:15 Mass	
Sat 11th	10:00-12:00 Garden Open	
	Divine Mercy Sunday 17:00 Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 12th	Divine Mercy Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
Mon	Eastertide week: 2 08:00 Mass	
Tue	Eastertide week: 2 09:15 Mass	
Wed	Eastertide week: 2	
Thur 16th	10:00-12:00 Garden Open	
	Eastertide week: 2 12:00 Mass	
	Requiem Mass 13:30 Anthony Baker	
Fri 17th	Eastertide week: 2 09:15 Mass with SF School	
Sat 18th	Confirmation Programme 10:45 Session 2	
	Eastertide week: 2 11:00 Confession & Adoration 12:00 Mass	
	3rd Sunday of Easter 17:00 Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 19th	3rd Sunday of Easter 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	

EASTER SUNDAY (A)

THE EMPTY TOMB: "HE MUST RISE FROM THE DEAD."

Today we hear the account of Easter Sunday morning, when Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early. She must have been shocked and distressed to find that the body of Jesus was not there. Mary ran to Simon Peter to tell him, "They have taken the Lord of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

So Peter and John run to the tomb. John gets there first but it is Peter who enters the tomb first. He sees the linen cloths lying there and then the face cloth which had been on the head of Jesus folded up in a place by itself.

Then John enters the tomb and we hear, "...he saw and believed." In this Gospel, John is held up as the role-model of discipleship. The disciples had already been told by Jesus that he would go up to Jerusalem, suffer and die but rise again on the third day. They had failed to understand this.

During Lent, I asked children at both schools why they believed in the Resurrection of Jesus. Even the youngest pupils gave some wonderful answers. They spoke about the accounts in the Bible, the way that witnesses have spoken about faith, the way faith has been handed on through generations.

Some of the pupils spoke about prayer and said that they know that God is there when they pray and that they experience him when they come to church. Easter is a time to celebrate our faith and to think again why it is we believe in the Resurrection.

Like those first disciples, we have been told about Jesus' Resurrection again and again. We have forty days now up until the Ascension to really ponder the mystery again, so that we can each experience a personal Resurrection of faith within us.

God bless, Fr Kevin.



SPACES IN SACRED HEART SCHOOL (Y1 & Y4)

Due to the relocation of some of our lovely children, Sacred Heart school currently has space in Years 1 and 4. Please call the school (0161 223 0231) or visit the school office if you require a place in either of these year groups.

PARISH PRAYERS

If you would like a mass offered for a specific intention, pass an envelope with an offering of £10 or more to Fr Kevin, noting if it should be kept private.



MASS INTENTIONS

SPECIAL INTENTION: EMMA BRENNAN,
ANNIVERSARY: NIEVES BIKO SOPOLE, PILAR VALCARCEL BIKO, MARJORIE FISHER,
BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY: MARJORIE FISHER

OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE UNWELL

AILSA SMITH, JANET MCCARTHY, JENNIFER HUNTER, MARTIN BRENNAN, TOMMY LOFTUS

"EASY READ" BIBLES

I was very pleased that so many of you bought these beautiful editions of the Bible last weekend. They are very reasonably priced at £5.00. They will continue to be on sale for the next few weeks and in the Piety Shop, but hurry, they are selling fast!

MISSIO Talks & CAKE SALE



Thank you very much to all involved in the Missio talks at mass last week and thank you for the successful bake sale which raised £100.00 for Missio as well as a donation to the parish.

TWO WEEK NEWSLETTER

Please note that this newsletter covers the next two weeks. Weekday mass times are as they usually are but please note that the **9.15 a.m. mass on Friday 10 April** is at Sacred Heart Church as it is the school holiday.

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SPRING CLEAN IN THE GARDEN

Come along any **Thursday or Saturday**. join our volunteers and help to get the garden ready for the year ahead. There are lots of tasks to help with. Children are welcome as long as they are accompanied by adults. Reminder, we have Stations of the Cross in our gardens—come and enjoy the beauty of God's creation bursting into life.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk 0797 338 0443

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (CST) WEBINAR

Caritas Salford is offering a free webinar to introduce the basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) in an accessible way, with a particular focus on building hope, homes and a positive future for all.. Online Thursday 30th April 2026, 6PM to 7.15PM. Register for your free place or find out more: www.caritassalford.org.uk/events

OUR COMMON HOME: ENGAGING POLITICIANS

The Diocesan Environmental Leads Network would like to invite you to an online meeting on how to engage with politicians and let them know your views on climate and justice. They will be joined in the discussion, by Bishop John Arnold, Monday 13th April 6.30pm. Register to attend: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/our-common-home-engaging-politicians/>




With the May local elections fast approaching, now is an important time to do this. Following a meeting with the Catholic Diocesan Environment Leads of England and Wales, an alliance of organisations has come together to offer parishioners guidance on key environmental issues and to help them engage local politicians in dialogue about defending our common home and safeguarding the dignity of all our brothers and sisters.

SEASONAL WELLBEING EVENTS



These sessions are designed for seasonal connection with nature where we will heal, restore and focus on our mind, body and spirit. The 'Spring' session will be on **Friday 10 April**; The 'Summer' session on **Friday 3 July**, The 'Autumn' session will be on **Friday 16 October** and The 'Winter' session will be on **Friday 15 January 2027**. The cost is £5 per session. Please register by emailing laudatosicentre@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND MAR 27-28TH	
 Basket	TBC
 Basket	TBC
 Digital	TBC

Please consider making offertory contributions **by Standing Order**. If required, forms are available at each church, use the QR code, or **transfer** directly from your bank:



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