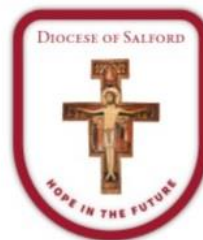


HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

Hope in the Future Representatives Zoom Gathering

Tuesday 23rd March 2021, 7:00pm



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God our loving Father,
We thank you, for blessing our parish
with all that we need,
to respond to our vocation to be a
missionary community in our locality.

We thank you for all our parish members who,
in response to your call,
give of themselves so freely to enrich
our parish life in the ways of love and service.

We ask you now,
to pour out afresh the gifts of your Spirit
upon each one of us that we may be inspired
to serve you in new and creative ways
as missionary disciples,
bringing your Light to the world.

We ask your blessing upon us as we journey
together in hope, through Christ Our Lord
Amen.

The Past Year

- Stage 3 disrupted half way through (March 2020)
- Formation & Training events moved online
- Parishes responded creatively as celebrated in the Stage 3 booklet
- Rebuild My Church resource
- Holy Hour - 4th October 2020
- Prayer at Home Resources
- Sacramental Preparation moved online
- Background preparation for Stage 4



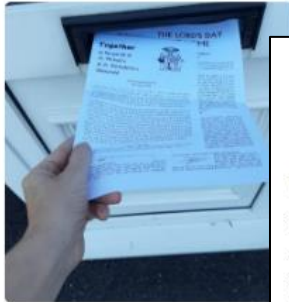
Lots to be proud of in Stage 3

- Parishes started live streaming Masses & times of prayer
- Parishes reaching out to those in need locally
- The Domestic Church strengthened (prayer at home/family catechesis)
- Liturgical formation for ministries & the assembly

St Michael and St Bernadette, Whitefield

- ONLINE & COMMUNITY PRESENCE

The parish have strengthened their online presence by developing a new parish website & Facebook page, both incorporating the Hope In The Future Initiative. Their Parish Pastoral Team has been a beacon of hope through these troubled times by delivering newsletters to those who were shielding, organising virtual coffee mornings and stewarding for the reopening of church which has given parishioners the confidence in returning to



St Vincent de Paul, Bolton

- LIFE IN LOCKDOWN - BUILDING FAITH AND COMMUNITY

Since lockdown, the parish has streamed Mass each day. Attendance has been great with a lively conversation taking place about the ongoing liturgy, its meaning and importance in this difficult time for many. Parishioners were involved in preparing readings at home sending them in by



Lots to be proud of in Stage 3

“During these challenging days, we have had to be a missionary Church in different ways. It has been wonderful to see so many parishes live streaming Masses, offering online formation, and providing acts of service to their communities. As churches reopen, we have a wonderful challenge of welcoming newcomers to our parishes.”

Bishop John Arnold

St James and All Souls, Salford

- ALPHA AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT

The parish of St James and All Souls moved the remainder of their Alpha course online which proved very successful. A team of 'Guardian Angels' provided practical and emotional support for vulnerable



DEANERY SCRIPTURE DAYS

Deanery Scripture Days were planned to develop school and parish links and celebrate The Year of the Word. Unfortunately, due to lockdown only two of the eight deanery days could go ahead but we hope to provide the other celebrations when this is possible. Schoolchildren from the deaneries of St Ambrose Barlow and



St Mary, Bamber Bridge

- MEETING JESUS IN OUR WELCOME

The mission team at St Mary's in Bamber Bridge asked parishioners to complete a questionnaire in response to the first pastoral message and worksheet on how we Meet Jesus in our Welcome. The responses were compiled and shared with the rest of the parish to help with planning to improve the parish's welcome. A similar



St John Vianney Deanery,

- STRUNG SONG SUPPER

A number of people from parishes in the Deanery of St John Vianney (Burnley Deanery) took part in the Strung Song Supper at St Joseph's Hall Accrington on 17th January 2020. Over 150 people from parishes in the Deanery attended and thoroughly enjoyed singing an eclectic range of popular and folk songs



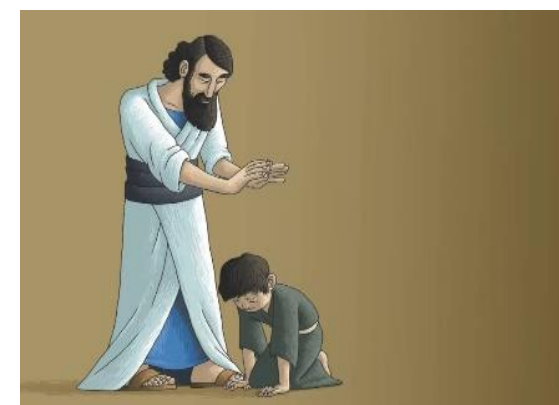
Online Sacramental Preparation Resources

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion

Heart Speaks to Heart: Reconciliation & Holy Communion

- Free online PDF Workbook & Session Videos (password **Godsgifts20**)
- Family Catechesis, based on virtues and encourages prayer as a family
- 5 reconciliation & 7 communion sessions (but adaptable)
- Printed copies available for £5.00 each - these are a quality product which the young people can keep as a reminder of their journey of faith.

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/first-communion

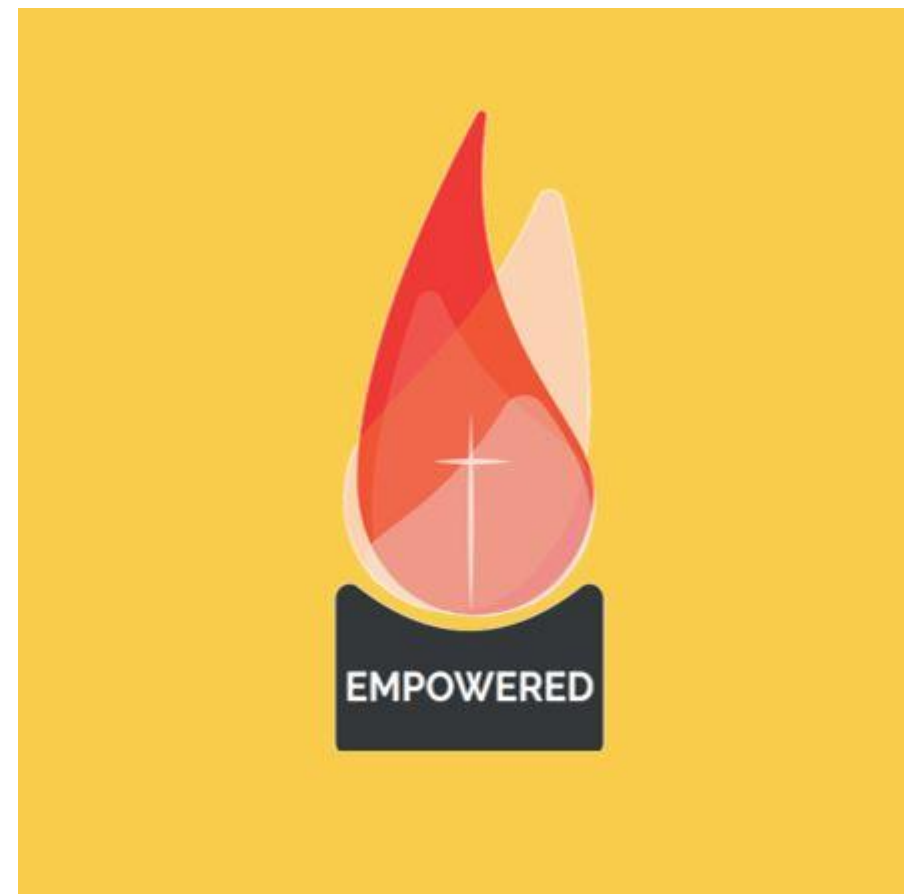


Online Sacramental Preparation Resources

Confirmation

EMPOWERED - The Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit

- 10 sessions with free downloadable PowerPoints
- Can be run online or in-person
- Based on the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit plus a session on the Rite of Confirmation and a post confirmation session
- Starting with the fundamental kerygma & big questions of faith for young people



www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/confirmation

Online Sacramental Preparation Resources

Marriage & Family Life - Family is Sacred

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/marriage/

Baptism - CaFE Resource & Diocesan Resource coming soon

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/baptism/

RCIA - Diocesan resource coming soon

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/rcia/

BAPTISM
Helping your children
get the most from life

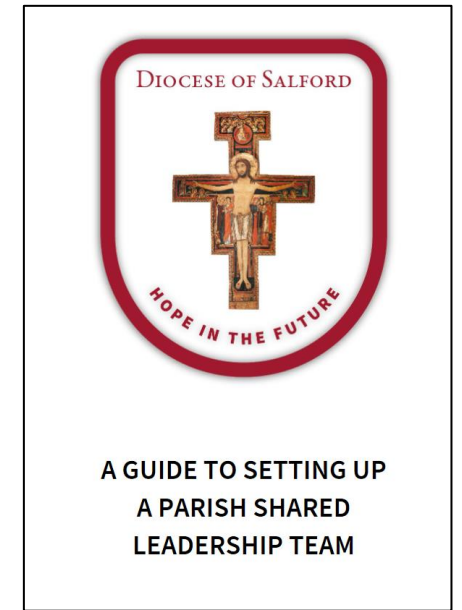
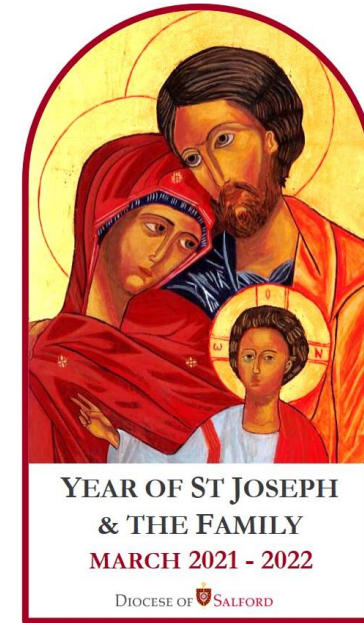


Revisiting Resources

- All the resources produced to date
- Shared Leadership Guide
- Formation/Training Day Recordings
- Year of St Joseph & the Family (March 2021-2022)

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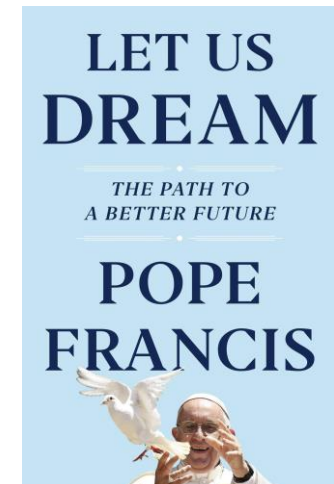


Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Irenaeus Project



Parish 'Re-start'

- Information sent from the Bishop to Clergy on changes of restrictions around churches, liturgies & services.
- Similar updates to laity (HITF, Catechists, Ministers)
- HITF teams/Shared Leadership Teams or smaller sub-group may want to support your priests in this 'restart of parish life'
- Following Government/CBCEW guidance
- 'Welcoming back' of usual parishioners, welcoming new members who have joined online, managing 'backlog' of Sacraments (Baptisms, Communion, Confirmations, Marriages, memorial services) and lay ministry involvement.
- Help create the 'new normal' which is Mission Oriented whilst balancing traditions of the parish



Environment

- HITF reps invited to be a link between the Laudato Si Centre and your local parish.
- If your parish has a dedicated environmental rep please email their email address to Dr Emma Gardner, Head of Environment (emma.gardner@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) however we realise parishes may not be able to identify someone for this role at present.
- Please fill in The Diocese of Salford Environment Survey: Caring for our Common Home

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SalfordEnvironment

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocese/environment/



Stage 4 – Proclaiming the Good News

“Our schools and the celebrations of Baptism, weddings, funerals, Christmas and Easter Liturgies, bring a significant number of people into contact with our parish. These times provide us with opportunities to engage people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Fourth Stage will place an emphasis on providing formation to deepen this engagement.”



Stage 4 – Proclaiming the Good News

- Anticipated launch - weekend of 2nd/3rd October 2021
- Launched locally in parishes as part of the weekend Mass or a Holy Hour
- Resources for the launch and the stage will be distributed electronically



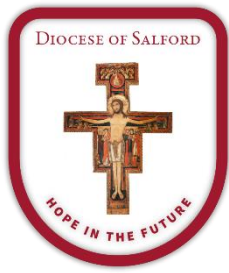
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Genesis Mission - Plymouth Diocese

- Practical approach to Evangelisation - 1-2-1 conversations
- Summer 2021 - team of 10 leaders to take part in 7-week zoom training from Fr Jon & Michele
- 16th Oct 2021 - Intro session from Fr Jon/Michele in-person or on zoom for HITF teams
- Leaders run 7-week training sessions for HITF teams
- Participants have a go at the Genesis Mission.
- Teams meet once a month for prayer, feedback on how the conversations went, for spiritual reflection and planning.

www.genesismission.co.uk/



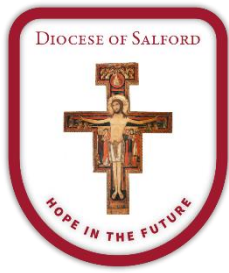


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General

- As a parish, do we see each of these occasions (Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Schools, Sacramental Preparation) as opportunities for evangelisation and not a burden?
- As a parish, could we be more ecumenical in the community by working with other Christian Churches and do more events/formation/prayer as a group of parishes/deanery?
- Do we pray daily for those who do not yet know Jesus and are we totally reliant on the Holy Spirit for our missionary efforts?
- Do we have an online presence (website, social media) and take advantage of local press/news to share our faith?
- Do we ensure the Kerygma is the foundation of all our catechesis?
- Post Covid, how can we encourage back parishioners who haven't attended in person for a while and welcome new members? Do we need to help with bereavement and healing?
- Is there a pipe line in the key areas of parish leadership?
- Could we pool resources with nearby parishes for Sacramental preparation & other activities?
- How can we ensure our parish is 'self operating'?



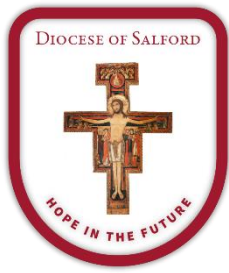
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Home, School, Parish links

- Do we have close links with our associated primary/secondary schools?
- Could we have a joint parish and school liturgy or event?
- Is there a parishioner who is a governor at each of the associated schools?
- Is there a member of the school community part of the parish HITF/Shared Leadership Team?
- Could videos, reflections and formation events be sent out to parents via text/email newsletters? Does the school website/newsletter include information from the parish and vice versa?
- Do we accompany families in building the domestic Church?



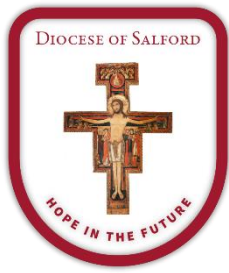


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Baptism

- Do we have a good Baptism preparation course to help parents understand the faith more and the responsibility of bringing up a child in the faith?
- Could the candidates for Baptism be presented to the parish at the weekend Mass so the community can see growth in the Church and pray for the candidate and family?
- Are there follow up sessions for parents?

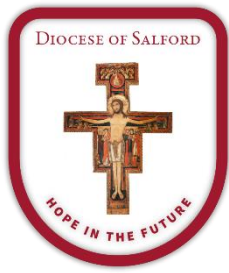


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RCIA

- Do we have a RCIA group which is well advertised in the parish and schools?
- Do we follow the correct liturgical catechetical process by presenting candidates to the parish and the diocese (at the rite of election) and receive candidates into the Church at the Easter Vigil?
- Does the whole parish accompany and pray for candidates on this journey of faith?
- Are candidates accompanied suitably finding out where they are coming from, helping them to understand the faith at their speed and providing opportunities for lifelong formation after the Sacraments?

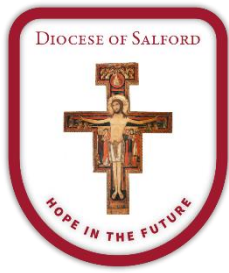


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Holy Communion

- Could we offer family catechesis or provide sessions for parental faith development using the Communion videos on the Diocesan website?
- Do our catechists attend regular formation and training using the guiding principles in the catechist's handbook?
- Do we regularly review and update our programme to ensure it is appropriate and 'fresh'?

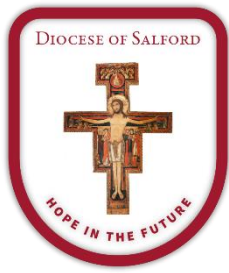


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Confirmation

- Could we work collaboratively with nearby parishes and schools to provide retreat days and preparation sessions for Confirmation candidates?
- Do our catechists attend regular formation and training using the guiding principles in the catechist's handbook?

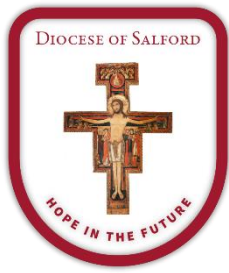


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Weddings

- Is there a marriage preparation course we can send engaged couples to, or could we run one in our parish?
- Do we celebrate as a parish newly engaged couples, newly marriage couples and those celebrating major anniversaries and in doing so celebrating marriage and family life?
- Are we 'pastoral' in our approach?

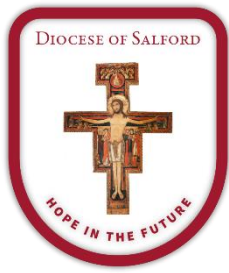


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Funerals

- Is there a parish bereavement group?
- Could parishioners support families in planning and preparing funerals instead of the priest?
- Do we see funerals as an opportunity to support families in their grief and to proclaim the sure and certain hope of the resurrection?

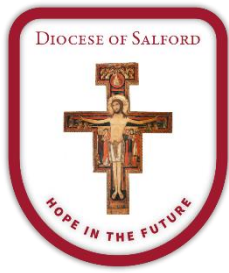


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Youth Ministry

- Are our young people doing the CYMFED Faith in Action Award?
- Do young people have a 'voice' in the parish?
- Could we, (possibly with other parishes), set up a young group? Do we have a parish rep?

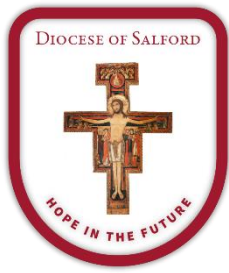


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Evangelisation

- Could we host an Alpha or Sycamore course?
- Could we organise 'nightfever', especially if our church has lots of footfall past it?
- Could we arrange a parish mission and invite people from the community and school to come along?
- Could we produce a parish flyer with service times and an invitation and post in to houses in the parish?
- Are we mission oriented in our online presence (website/social media) and with our property (parish hall, church noticeboards)?

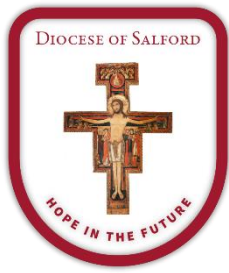


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Christmas & Easter

- Could we actively encourage parishioners to invite family and friends to a Christmas or Easter service?
- When our churches are full at Christmas and Easter with people who don't usually attend throughout the year, how can we make them feel welcome and help them encounter God, so they want to come back sooner?
- Do we advertise Christmas/Easter service times in the community, online and in local press?



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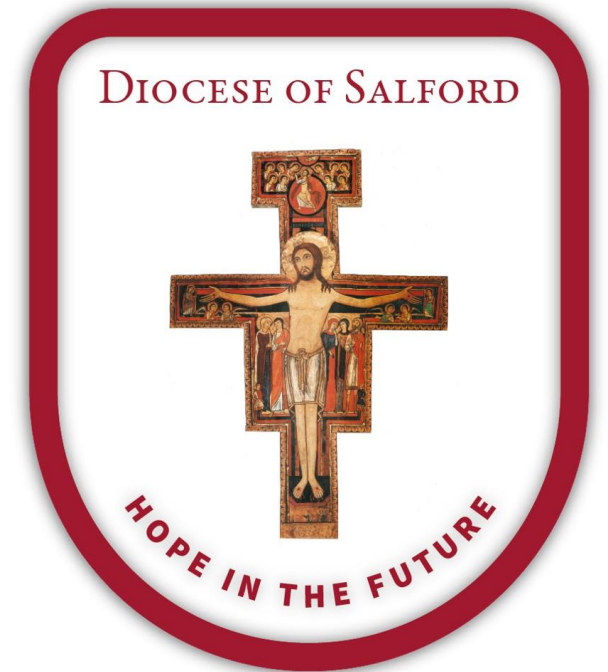
Formation Days and Resources

- Do we use the diocesan resources and share these in 'bitesize' chunks to the rest of the parish through announcements, newsletter and online?
- As a parish team, do we attend regular formation and training days to develop our own faith and ministry? Do we advertise these to the rest of the parish?

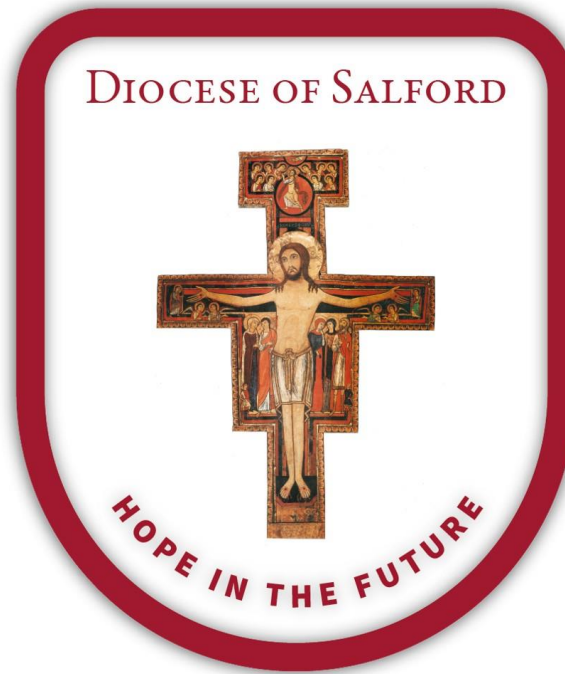
Breakout Room Discussion

- How has the past year been for your parish?
- What challenges and opportunities do you envisage as parishes 'restart'?
- What has given you Hope from what you have heard tonight?

*Opportunity to take part in the doorstep vigil at 8:00pm
(we will take a break between 7:55pm and 8:05pm)*



Feedback from groups



Closing Prayer

Coronavirus Day of Reflection

We remember all those who have died and been affected by the pandemic in any way.

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them.

May they rest in peace, Amen.

May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

