

SCHOOL



HOME



PARISH

Resources for Schools

THE BISHOP'S VISION

As we continue on our journey together it is important that we spend some time further developing our Home, School and Parish links. We are blessed in our Diocese to have many wonderful schools where pupils already contribute to the Catholic life and mission through prayer and service for those in need, supported by dedicated and gifted staff.

We also have dynamic and active parishes which are on this same journey to become beacons of hope in their communities. It is important that we walk together - home, school and parish - to engage with young people and their families.

It is important that the good work which takes place in the school is shared and lived out in the parish community and that the young people's faith journey continues in the parish long after they leave school through ongoing lifelong faith formation.

To achieve this, I believe it necessary to define a shared vision and mission to enable this project to continue with greater pace.

Our Vision

Our parishes, schools and families working together in partnership to develop a shared faith journey for our young people.

Our Mission

To provide resources and to facilitate opportunities that enable our parishes, schools and families to develop closer links, encouraging our young people to grow and develop their faith within their community.

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+ John Arnold
Bishop of Salford

THE FIVE STAGES

Stage 1: Celebrating the Parish

The first stage places an emphasis on prayer, invoking the power of the Holy Spirit to engage all people of the Diocese in this process. Key to this stage is to recognize and celebrate the missionary activity that already takes place in our parishes.

Every school and college is part of a parish. How can your school contribute to the building up of the parish community? How can your school pray for the parish, diocese, and universal Church?



Stage 2: Harvesting our Talents

The Church teaches that it is the mission of all people to proclaim the Gospel. Stage Two looks to develop this mission. During Stage Two, there will be an emphasis on encouraging all people in our parishes to discern their gifts and put them at the service of the Church, including sharing in the leadership of the parish.

How can we encourage members of our school community to discern their God-given gifts and talents for the building up of the Church? Could a member of our school community join the parish shared leadership team?



Stage 3: Living the Sunday Eucharist

The weekend liturgy is, in a real sense, the shop window for the parish. The third stage will provide an emphasis on how we can build on this celebration to ensure that our parishes are mission oriented through our welcome, our liturgy and our hospitality.

The celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian Faith. How can we help our pupils, staff, and parents to value the Mass more and more and to take an active role in the weekend liturgy in the parish?



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.

How can we help those in our school community to see themselves as Missionary Disciples and Ambassadors of Christ? How can we grow in our relationship with Jesus and share Him with others by what we say and do?



Stage 5: Sharing the Hope

Our parishes already make an enormous contribution to the local community. The fifth stage will place an emphasis on building on existing outreach and resourcing and providing new opportunities for the parish to be a beacon of hope within the local area.

How can our schools, in partnership with their parishes, be a beacon of hope to the community through social action and care for our common home?



FAITH IN ACTION AWARD & A CALL TO LEAD

The CYMFed (Catholic Youth Ministry Federation) Faith in Action award recognises, rewards, and celebrates the active faith and service of children and young people in their school and parish. Many young people are doing so much to follow Jesus' example in serving others in their schools and parishes. The Faith in Action Award encourages young people to take that service into their wider community and accept greater responsibility for their faith in action.

The award is for children and young people between the ages of 10 - 18, and has 4 levels:

1. Pin - At this early stage, young people will begin a journey of **discovering** what it means for faith to be active.
2. Bronze - Young people at the Bronze Level take the initial steps in responding to their faith, by way of **servicing** others.
3. Silver - This level encourages a maturity of faith which is expressed in terms of **leadership** and initiative.
4. Gold - The essence of the Gold Award is found in the young people's desire to **develop and establish** new ideas in terms of outreach and missionary work on behalf of the Church community.

"The Faith in Action Award Scheme is a welcome encouragement to young people to actively develop their relationship with God, to deepen their faith and put that faith into action for the common good. Its strength lies in inviting young people and adults in schools and parishes to journey together in faith and to make a difference in the world around them; so that all might know the joy of the Gospel." (Bishop John Arnold)

A Call to Lead

This new Post Confirmation Leadership Programme for young people, 'A Call to Lead', is a collaboration between the Office for Youth Ministry and Young Christian Workers. It has been based on the 'Be the Difference' programme. It creates opportunities for the young people to develop as leaders by exploring the reality around them and striving to make a difference. It enables them to take an active part in the life of their church, school, and community. The Leadership Programme consists of eight units each with three progressive stages for the home, school, and parish.

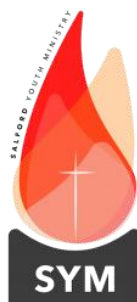
The units are:

1. Being Missionary Disciples
2. *Communication and Listening skills to become a Young Leader*
3. *The Friendship Circle*
4. *Prayer*
5. *The Review of Life, The Responsibilities of a Leader*
6. Tackling Finance and Fundraising
7. Parish Youth Leadership Team/Diocesan Youth Council
8. Practical Ideas/resources

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For more information and resources visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/



AROUND THE DIOCESE

St John Deanery (Salford)

Schools share message of Laudato Si' at Great Science Share

Fourteen schools from our diocese gathered in the sunny grounds of the [Laudato Si' Centre](#) in June 2022 to take part in the 2022 Great Science Share.

The Great Science Share is an annual campaign that invites children between the ages of 5 and 14 to share their own science-based questions and investigations to celebrate science and raise its profile in schools and communities.

This year's theme was climate action, so schools across the diocese came together at the Laudato Si' Centre - an environmental hub run by the Diocese of Salford - to share their thoughts, findings, and clear passion for caring for our common home.

Nichola Potts, headteacher of Christ the King Primary School in Walkden and organiser of the event, was delighted to hold the event at the Laudato Si' Centre.

She said: "[The Great Science Share](#) is all about peer learning, so the children are teaching each other about science and this year, the theme is climate change, which is why we are here. We're linking it back to God."

"We want the children to go back with a message to the schools about caring for our common home and the effects on the world if we don't."

After beginning the day with a procession carrying banners and placards calling for climate action, the schools gathered for a period of prayer before launching into a range of activities and demonstrations that explored the importance of pollinators, the impact of plastic and oil filling our oceans, the effects of melting polar ice caps, and more.

Children from each school took it in turns to present their projects to each other and to share their views on caring for our common home.

Ella, a student from Christ the King Primary School, said: "Nobody seems to be listening to the message about caring for our common home, which is why we need to spread the word and share the message that Laudato Si' has taught us about caring for our common home. If we can make people listen to the message of Laudato Si', we can make a difference."

Fellow classmate Gracie-May added: "When God created the world, He was happy and pleased and He doesn't want it to go away."

"Creation is a gift to us and we need to appreciate it and look how beautiful it is."

Based at Wardley Hall, the Laudato Si' Centre offers school and community groups the opportunity to learn more about caring for our planet and changing our lifestyles to become more sustainable.

From passing on practical tips on caring for the world around us, to reflecting on the faith-based foundations of the project, the Laudato Si' Centre seeks to inspire visitors to take action in their own lives and communities to answer Pope Francis' call in Laudato Si'.

This response has been embraced by some of the youngest members of our diocese, whose efforts to encourage others to do more to protect our planet presents us with hope for our future.

Nichola said: “Speaking on behalf of Christ the King, our mission has always been to have a holistic approach to education to develop the whole person for the benefit of the rest of the world. It’s the beating heart of what we do and should be doing.”

“The Laudato Si’ Centre fits in with so many things from a curriculum point of view and not just RE. For schools, it ticks a lot of boxes. It’s a regional treasure and we’re so lucky that it’s just down the road.”

She continued: “We chose Year 2 to take part today because they have a junior career left at primary school to keep that legacy going, to spread a very clear message about what we have to do to care for our common home.”

“We shouldn’t underestimate primary aged children and their search for truth and search for a better world. We can learn a lot from them.

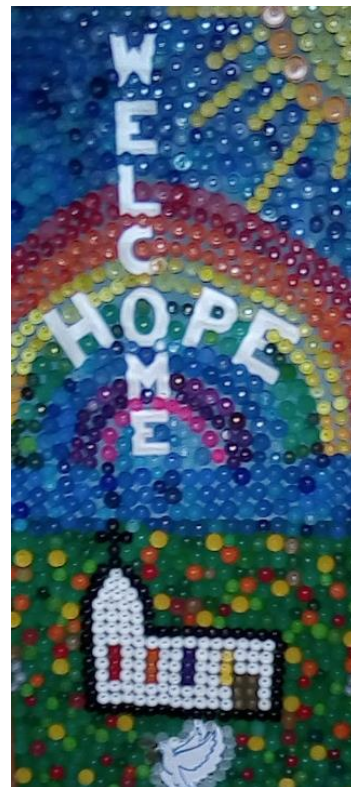
“These are the children who will hopefully come up with the solutions to protect our world.”



Parish of St Cuthbert, Bolton

Development of a Laudato Si Environmental Garden

Following the completion of building work by Great Places on land previously owned by the diocese and parish, it has been decided to redevelop what remains of the garden at the back of St Joseph's into an environmentally friendly space for the benefit of the local community. Pupils of St Joseph's Primary School have already been to the Laudato Si Centre at Wardley Hall, and teaching staff, a school governor and parishioners will be attending a 'Gardening for Wildlife' course at Wardley Hall on July 2nd. Work on the garden is very much at the planning stage. Initial ideas include areas for wildflowers, insect friendly plants, culinary herbs, and a pond. Some funding has been obtained from Bolton Fund through Bolton CVS. In collaboration with members of St Joseph's Primary School, the initial biodiversity will be investigated. Pupils will be involved with activities such as seed planting, investigating the pond and wood pile, and helping build a bug hotel. Older Thornleigh Salesian College students, parents, parishioners and members of the local community will be involved with the heavier work in the garden. As with all such projects, the garden will evolve over time.



'Welcome' and 'Hope'

The parish decided to make the Church porch more welcoming by designing a board using bottle tops using the words 'Welcome' and 'Hope'. The school children and parishioners from St Thomas of Canterbury were asked to collect different coloured plastic bottle tops over a period of 3 weeks. Once collected from school and church, a small number of school children came to church to help sort out the many bottle tops and helped to arrange the letters on the board.

Mother and Toddler Group

A mother and toddler group has recently been started at St Thomas of Canterbury Church. Feedback from many parishioners and school parents has been very positive and the group has been well received. The group started in March 2022 and is growing in strength where many friendships have been made. In addition, it has opened up other pathways around poverty and hardship where help has been offered and greatly received.



Lent Art Projects

Children from both schools were asked to make something around Lent that could decorate the church around this very special time of the liturgical year. They made models of gardens, the tomb, and their beautiful artwork adorned the church.

Family Fun Day

A Family Fun Day was suggested after Fr Chris agreed to attempt a 70km cross country run to raise funds for the local hospice (which he did complete in 10 hours then shared in the celebration of mass straight after finishing the run). There were over 30 stalls at the event from children's games i.e. hook a duck, roll a penny, bat the rat which the confirmation children ran.. The altar

servers were invited to try their hand at balloon making which they completed with great success for the smaller children producing dogs to hats and more elaborate animals. The tombola, plants, raffle, books, printing and stone painting were all manned by parishioners and their families. Bolton School of Dance were asked to perform and some thirty-three children amazed us with their street dancing much to their parents and grandparents proud delight. Local churches of other denominations were also invited to come along and have a stall which they did providing a real sense of community spirit. A group of our parishioners also served everyone with a splendid selection of afternoon tea, home-made cakes and jams. Towards the end of the afternoon the children were invited to run around the school field in celebration of Fr Chris's massive achievement and all received a medal by the Chairwoman of Bolton Hospice. Also in attendance was the Mayor of Bolton who chatted with stall holders and posed for photographs whilst everyone enjoyed some quality family time together. The event has raised over £4,000 for the Bolton Hospice.



Easter Baskets

A parishioner, who is also a governor at St Joseph's primary school, came into school and made Easter baskets for vulnerable people within the parish community. The children used arts, crafts and paper weaving (donated by St. Joseph's church) to create their Easter baskets which contained chocolate eggs and Easter chicks. The children then delivered their Easter baskets and they also took one basket home for one member of their family. The children shared with the school why they chose their family member and many were grandparents or members of their family who had recently had a difficult time. A parishioner helped the children to decide who was going to receive a basket within the local community/parish.

Parish of St Christopher, Romiley

'Experience Church' Prayer Trail Activity

With thanks to Jumping Fish Publications - Diocese of Gloucester and the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

Parishioners planned a prayer trail using a purchased resource 'Experience Church' (www.jumpingfishpublications.co.uk/) for pupils at the parish primary school to visit and take part in. This is the third 'Experience' event held in the parish. Previous events were Experience Pentecost and Eucharistic Journey. A group of parishioners planned the prayer trail using the ideas from the pack. Each pack comprises a set of laminated cards, giving a colour photograph of each station along with detailed instructions of how to create the stations, as well as careful directions to help the group leaders explore each part of the story with the



children. Each station also includes a reflective, multi-sensory activity.

Information goes out in the parish newsletter a month before the event, requesting help from parishioners. Some parishioners prepare resources, some help set the church up and some are happy to run the stations over the two days as the young people visit and experience the session. Housebound parishioners are keen to help by preparing resources to be used over the two days.

Classes are timetabled to visit Church over two days: KS1 between 45 - 60 min and KS2 60 - 90 minutes, they visit each prayer station (there are 6 stations in this 'Experience'). Parishioners deliver the prayer stations following / adapting the script.

The Prayer stations are:

The Font - The Church Welcomes
The Lectern (Bible) - The Church Teaches
The Prayer Desk/Kneelers - The Church Prays
Stained Glass Windows - The Church Serves
The Altar - The Church Celebrates
The Door - The Church Shares

After the session is complete the young people celebrate sharing a drink and cake. At the end of the school day parents are encouraged to visit the church and their child/children can take them round explaining the station. Resources/stations remain in church so parishioners can share in the experience.



Parish of Our Lady of Hope, Salford

Strong parish and school partnership

A 'Hardship Fund' was established during the pandemic to support families in need. This was a collaborative venture between the parish and school which helped a number of families with uniform and other needs. An appeal went out to the parish for financial help and a fund was set up. This is administered by the school and parish priest, with confidentiality at its heart, in order to respond to needs identified as urgent by the school.

The parish held a joint Summer Fair this year at Ss Peter and Paul church, with the proceeds being shared between the St Luke's primary school and Our Lady of Hope parish. Pupils at the school look part in a competition to design the Summer Fair logo and flyers and the winner of the competition will open the fair on the day.

More recently, the parish weekly newsletter has been sent out each week to parents of pupils in the school, for their information. This will hopefully encourage families to engage with events taking place in the parish.



Parish of St Clare, Blackley

Sacramental Preparation

This year saw the parish Sacramental Team coordinating the Sacramental Programme, in collaboration with the school, the children and their families. This allowed greater involvement from the parents in helping their children learn about the faith. This also gave opportunity for the parents to grow in their own faith and learn more about the parish and the wider Church. Following a successful period of preparation, two classes received their First Holy Communion at a dedicated Mass, attended by their family and friends.



Parish of Holy Infants and St Anthony, Bolton

Social event to celebrate the Queens Jubilee & The Feast of St Anthony

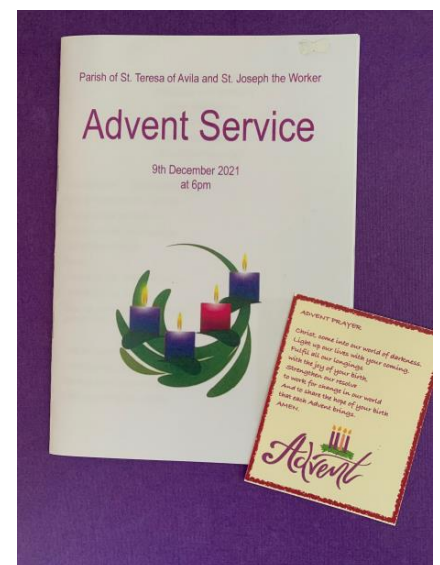
A Social Event was held in the school hall at Holy Infants & St Anthony's primary school in June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and the Feast of the parish patron, Saint Anthony. Following the parish 10am Mass, attendees gathered for sandwiches, cakes, tea, coffee and juice. A tombola and a raffle was then held with all the fabulous gifts being donated from parishioners who have been so generous with their gifts and time. The choir from Holy Infants primary school then performed some beautiful songs. The celebrations concluded with some games for the children with opportunities to win prizes. Fr Gerry and Fr Kieran, Salesian priests who have just joined the parish, were able to attend and enjoy the wonderful day too.



Parish of St Teresa of Avila and St Joseph the Worker, Irlam

Service and Prayer in the Community

In September 2021, the parish held a Welcome Refugee Day. It took place in St. Teresa's primary School and involved a range of activities in the grounds such as football, archery, basketball, crafts and time to sit and chat. The refugee families were welcomed with biscuits and drinks and a lunch of hot food and salads followed by ice cream which was enjoyed by all. Guests were entertained by music and poetry and just before leaving, the adults were able to select gifts of toiletries (donated by the parish) and the children chose toys to take home (donated by the children at the schools in the parish). Those who planned this event throughout the year and volunteered on the day were humbled and enriched by the experience. Parishioners commented on how 'it is always a privilege to touch the lives of refugee families and offer them a sense of belonging and hope in humanity'.



Advent, Lent and Easter Services

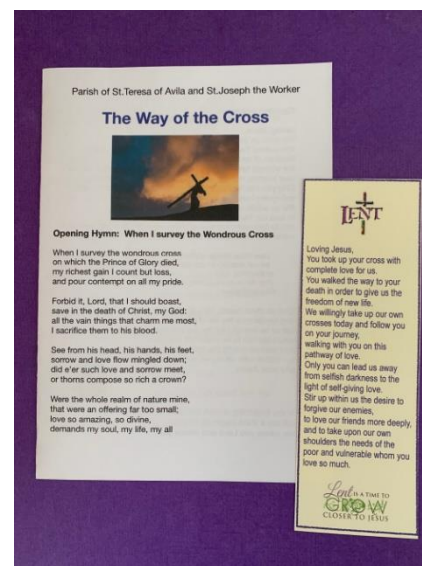
During Advent 2021, a service which involved parishioners and children from both the parish schools was arranged. A prayer card was given to all those who attended.

During Lent 2022, a Way of the Cross service which involved the parish and school children in prayer and reflection, was held.

A service for Good Friday morning was adapted to involve friends from the Church of England and the Methodist Churches in the district, after which those attending processed along Liverpool Road with some of the young people from the group carrying a large wooden cross which was erected on the edge of the parkland on the main road for all to see during the Easter Weekend.

Parish and School Summer Fayre

On Friday 1st July 2022, a joint parish and school Summer Fayre in the grounds of St. Joseph the Worker Primary School, was held. A group of parishioners, school staff and governors planned the event over several months and the day was a great success in bringing the whole community together. Organisers also had great support from the Polish Family Centre, based in the parish and all those involved feel much closer as a community as a result of the event.



Parish of Our Lady of the Valley, Clitheroe, Sabden and Dunsop Bridge

The Garden Project

A joint project between the parish and St Michael and St John's Primary School has greatly strengthened the link between the two and has involved parishioners, school staff, parents and children. The Garden is a small area behind the church separated by a fence from the much larger school gardens and playing field. The church plans are limited to rewilding and encouraging wild life coupled with the need for an attractive appearance. The school plan is much more ambitious with the Forest Trained leader hoping to create a large Forest School area.



For updates on the parish Laudato Si' group, please visit www.olotv.org.uk/parish-groups/laudato-si

ADDITIONAL IDEAS

Community Advent/Lent Service

This works well when it is facilitated by a secondary school working in partnership with their associated primary schools and hosted in a parish church. Staff and pupils from the secondary school and the associated primary schools all contribute to the liturgy and the parish hosting the event can change each year, moving around an area/deanery.



A suggested Advent Liturgy is provided, based on a liturgy created by CJM Music, on the following link -

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/School-Cluster-Parish-Advert-Liturgy.pdf

Sacramental Preparation - Family Catechesis Resources

Heart Speaks to Heart: Reconciliation & Holy Communion

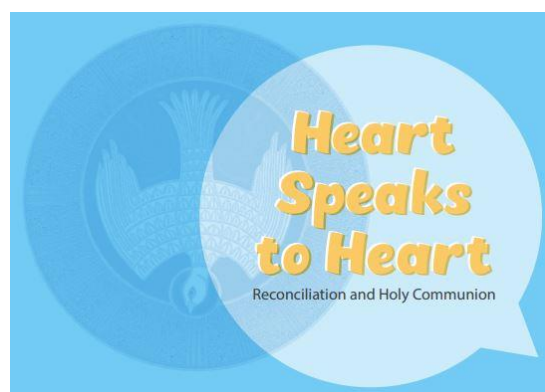
This wonderful First Reconciliation & Holy Communion resource comes highly recommended by the Diocese of Salford Sacramental Preparation working party 'The Wisdom Group'. This new resource is designed for Family Catechesis so parents/carers can work with their child through the sessions with support from the parish and school catechists. The sessions are based on the virtues and encourages prayer as a family with beautiful artwork. The book includes 5 sessions on reconciliation & 7 sessions on holy communion. An online interactive PDF workbook & videos for each session are available at the links below. These resources are available free of charge for our parishes, schools, and homes.

[PDF Workbook](#)

[Session Videos](#)

[Catechists' Resources](#) (please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for the password)

Printed copies of the Young Person's Workbook are available via the [Cathedral Centre Bookshop here](#). The workbook are £5.00 per copy and parishes/schools can be invoiced for this and collected from the Cathedral Centre Bookshop (alternatively, they are bought online for £6.00 to cover postage costs). The printed workbooks are a quality product which the young people can keep as a reminder of their journey of faith.



Further resource for Sacramental preparation can be found at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/first-communion/

PRAYER GARDEN



As part of our Hope in the Future programme, parishes, schools and families might like to start work on a Prayer Garden to give thanks to our Creator and establish a quiet place for prayer and reflection.

Many communities across the diocese have already created a Prayer Garden and have experienced several spiritual and wellbeing benefits from these spaces. Such projects help raise awareness of our need to care for our Common Home, help strengthen links between Home, School and Parish, and create a place to encounter God in His creation.

Continue reading for helpful advice on creating your own Prayer Garden.



Suggested Steps:

1. Identify a lead or team for this project and invite representatives from the parish and school for a time of prayer and planning. Where possible, there should be a range of ages, backgrounds and experience in the group. Safeguarding guidance should be followed at all times with under 18s accompanied by school staff or parents/carers. A risk assessment for this project should be completed following Health and Safety guidance. For more information and support with this, please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

2. Decide on a the scale of the project. Choose a site and discuss timescales, budget and existing resources. It is important to bear in mind the current terrain of your site - for some this will be softscape, for others this will be hardscape, both can provide beautiful spaces.

Helpful Resources

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/safeguarding/>

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/pdf/conservation-and-biodiversity/wildlife/plants-for-pollinators-garden-plants.pdf>

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/plants-for-wildlife/>

<https://www.ecobricks.org/>

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocese/environment/around-the-diocese/

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/gardening-for-wildlife/>

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parish-garden-project-inspires-a-future-of-sustainability/>

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/holy-trinity-garden-project/>

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/community-garden/>

3. Create a detailed Action Plan with the necessary steps. This may include drawing a ground plan marking out different areas, choosing and sourcing vegetation and materials, and calling on volunteers or contractors to carry out the work. Remember to prioritise plants for pollinators and other wildlife, and think about reusing or repurposing materials, instead of just buying new items.

4. A first step for the implementation stage of the project may be marking out the site/various areas according to the plan.

5. Next, you will need to prepare the groundwork of the space, and prepare the ground to plant any vegetation.

6. If you are using any raised beds, these will need to be built. These can be built using Eco-Bricks (recycled milk cartoons, filled with single use plastics) and secured using 2,1" wood and covered in material. Take a look at our Helpful Resources box for more information.

7. You may wish to add in prayer stations, statues, crosses or displays with prayers and information about caring for our Common Home.

8. Once everything is finished and the site is safe for visitors, you may like to arrange an opening of the Prayer Garden, inviting members parishioners, pupils, staff and families. Take a look at the next page for a suggested blessing.

9. Finally, don't forget to share photos of your finished gardens with the diocese on social media. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at @salforddiocese

Blessing for a PRAYER GARDEN

The following is provided as a suggestion and may be adapted. Please discuss this blessing with your parish priest.

Opening Hymn

·He's got the whole world in his hands
·All things bright and beautiful

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R/ Amen.

The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

Opening words and reflection

Scripture

·Genesis 1-2:2

·Daniel 3:50-90

Blessing (with Holy Water)

All powerful God, you created all things, and you are present throughout the universe and in every creature, You embrace with your tender love all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, so that we may have the strength and courage to protect all life and the beauty of our world, preserving it from pollution and destruction.

Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one,

And caring for the Earth, our common home.

Teach us to discover the worth of every creature on this earth,

Let us protect those at risk and in danger,

Encourage us as we seek justice, love and peace.

Stay with us each day, with the power of your grace.

We ask you now to bless this garden, ✠ in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, may all who come here, experience your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen

The priest moves around the garden, sprinkling it with Holy Water.

The Our Father

Let us say together the words our Saviour taught us. Our Father...

Final Blessing

The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R/ Amen.

Go in peace

R/ Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

·How Great Thou Art



RESOURCES

You can view the [Fostering Good Relations Between Home, School & Parish Handbook here.](#)



[Home Celebration 1 - Remembering Baptism and Continuing the Journey](#)

[Home Celebration 2 - The God who speaks to us through His Word](#)

[Home Celebration 3 - Easter Triduum - Following Jesus' Footsteps](#)

[Home Celebration 4 - Pentecost - Come Holy Spirit](#)

[Home Celebration 5 - Corpus Christi - The Body & Blood of Christ](#)

[The Year of St Joseph & the Family Resource Pack](#)

[Marriage & Family Life - A way to holiness](#)

[Family Activity Packs \(CELEBRATE@HOME\)](#)

[Prayer Stations for the World Meeting of Families](#)



[Hope in the Future: Home, School, Parish video](#)

[Hope in the Future Schools - Launch Liturgy - Primary \(PPT\)](#)

[Hope in the Future Schools - Launch Liturgy - Secondary \(PPT\)](#)

[Introduction to Hope in the Future - Schools \(PPT\)](#)

[Stage 1 & Stage 2 Resources](#)

[Stage 3 Resources](#)

[Stage 4 Resources](#)

[Creating a Prayer Garden](#)



The resources for parishes have been grouped into the Hope in the Future Stages and can be downloaded from www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/hope/resources/.

For more resources, please visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/hope/home-school-parish/

STAGE 5: SHARING THE HOPE

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“Our parishes and schools already make an enormous contribution to the local community. The Fifth Stage will place an emphasis on building on existing outreach and resourcing and providing new opportunities for our communities to be a beacon of hope within the local area.”

Aims of the Stage

Much inspiration for this Stage comes from the writings of Pope Benedict in Deus Caritas Est, 25:

“The Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility:

**of proclaiming the word of God,
celebrating the sacraments,
and exercising the ministry of charity.**

These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable.”

Throughout this Stage and beyond, we would seek to equip and support Parishes, Deaneries and Schools to:

- 1) Carry out a reflective process of listening to the needs of their local community.
- 2) Be formed in Social Teaching of the Catholic Church and respond to it.
- 3) Be a beacon of Hope to their local community through prayer, financial giving, volunteering, advocacy and signposting to existing support.

Stage 5 will be based on the principles of See, Judge, Act and the Pastoral Cycle.

There will be an ecumenical and interfaith element to this work.

Links will be available to Diocese of Salford Social Action Network (DiSAN) members.

The Principles of Accompaniment will be included emphasizing the dignity of each human person.

Throughout this Stage, it is hoped the links between Home, School, Parish will be strengthened with opportunities for our Young People to take an active role.

For more information and resources, please visit

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/hope/resources/stage-5/





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