

**HOPE**  
IN THE FUTURE



# STAGE 5 RESOURCES

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Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment,  
and the virtuous to eternal life.'

**Matthew 25:31-46**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Throughout Stage 4 of our Hope in the Future journey, we have been reflecting on 'Proclaiming the Good News', reflecting on how we can develop links between our schools, parishes and families and how we can help those who come into contact with our parishes to experience the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As we embark on the fifth and final Stage of Hope in the Future, entitled 'Sharing the Hope', we turn our attention to putting our Faith into action through caring for those most in need in our local area and caring for our Common Home.

Our parishes already make an enormous contribution to the local community. This has been shown greatly during the difficulties of the last few years. In these unprecedented times there were many initiatives in the parishes that kept people in touch with one another and made connections with people who would otherwise have been isolated and alone. I would like to thank and commend all those priests and people who have given so generously of their time in extra duties to the service of their parish and wider community.

The Fifth Stage will place an emphasis on building on this existing outreach and resourcing and providing new opportunities for the parish to be a beacon of hope within the local area.

When Jesus was asked which is the greatest of all the commandments, he replied, 'you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength and you must love your neighbour as yourself' (Mark 12:30-31). Jesus makes it very clear that our Faith and good works must go together.

Pope Francis reminds us that everything is inter-connected and as Missionary Disciples we have a duty to respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. This Stage brings together the themes of Missionary Discipleship, Accompaniment and Synodality.

It is my hope that this Stage is an opportunity for individuals, parishes, schools and deaneries to learn more about the needs in their community and then to prayerfully discern how best to respond, with the resources available to them.

Please keep the Hope in the Future Programme and our Parishes, Schools and Homes in your prayers. With my thanks for all that you do and my prayers for the success of your Parish endeavors.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.

+ John

**Bishop John Arnold**

# SUGGESTED APPROACH

## Stage 5: Sharing the Hope

*“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 the 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.

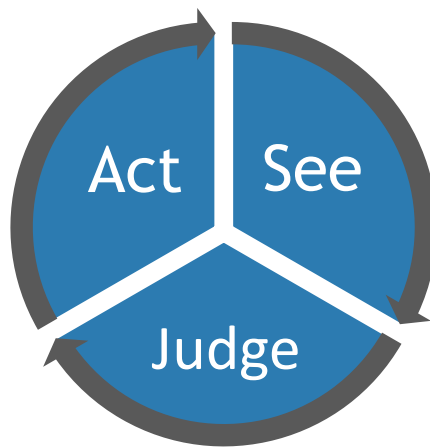
The Principles of Accompaniment will be included emphasizing the dignity of each human person.

Parishes may like to work together on projects as families of parishes, deaneries or Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) funding areas.

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.

Parishes will be supported to be as integrative and accessible as possible.

This resource is available to download from the Diocesan website on the following link - [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/hope/resources/stage-5/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/hope/resources/stage-5/)



The See, Judge, Act method was first developed by the Belgian priest, later Cardinal, Joseph Cardijn. He used the method with groups of young working women and men to help them bridge the contradiction between the truth of our faith and the harsh realities of working life. This led to the formation of the Young Christian Workers movement.

The method gained the recognition and attention of the wider Church in the encyclical *Mater et Magistra* when St. Pope John XXIII directly proposed the method as a pastoral approach for the Church to deal with the social issues of the time.

The method later gained popularity in the pastoral areas of theology where it became known as the pastoral cycle. This approach is deep rooted within the Latin American Church and has been proposed on numerous occasions by the Latin American bishops as an important pastoral method for the continent. It is no surprise therefore that Pope Francis, himself a former Archbishop of Buenos Aires has pointed towards See, Judge, Act as a method for the wider Church on many occasions. The encyclical *Laudato Si'* is framed by the method and his recent book, *Let Us Dream*, uses a version to look at ways forward for the Church and the world as it emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

### See

The method is always rooted in the reality of what is happening around us. The See phase allows us to be more aware of what is going on around us in our parishes, schools, local communities, and places of work. You begin to look at some of the causes and consequences of situations that cause concern.

### Judge

Once we have collated the facts, the Judge phase is an opportunity for us to make a judgement on that reality. We do this by applying the Word of God and the teachings of the Church to the situation. We reflect on the Scripture and how this speaks to the realities we have discussed in the See phase.

### Act

The Act phase compels us to discuss and plan possible ways of responding to the situations described in the See phase. This action can be personal, or group based. You may wish to include others in the action in order to maximise its potential. This takes us beyond a charity approach and allows us to take on responsibility for effecting change.

Taking action that are directly inspired by Scripture and Church teaching we are living out the Gospel and sharing the good news of Christ to the world. In this way the method is evangelistic by its very nature.

The process is always cyclical. The consequences and lessons learnt from actions taken feed into the See process the next time. It is meant to be used as a constant tool for living out the Christian faith in the world. It can be practised alone but is often more effective when used in a group setting so this should be encouraged.

The See, Judge, Act process directly connects with some of the key themes of Pope Francis' pontificate including missionary discipleship, accompaniment and synodality.

Communities are encouraged to foster a culture which does not separate these themes but sees them as a unified vision for discipleship and evangelisation. See, Judge, Act can be seen as a tool that enables us to be missionary disciples in a synodal Church.

*These resources have been ordered in three sections to assist with your social activism planning.*

*Section 1 is the 'See' section and includes resources to help you gain a greater understanding of the needs of your locality.*

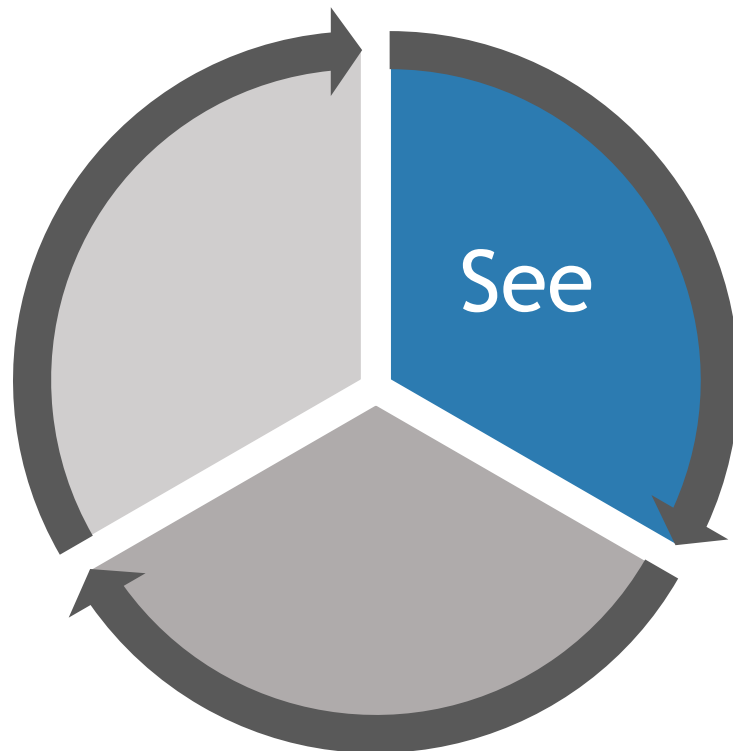
*Section 2 is the 'Judge' section and includes resources to help you discern the situation of your locality in the light of the Gospel.*

*Section 3 is the 'Act' section and includes resources of possible ways to respond to the needs of a locality after careful discernment.*

**“A synodal Church in which the faithful assemble, listen and discern is more likely to recognise Christ in the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth, and to respond in concrete apostolic actions that make visible God’s compassion for all His creatures.”**

*Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales  
Synod National Synthesis Document, June 2022*

# SECTION 1 - SEE



**What are the needs of our community?**



# COMMUNITY AUDIT

Below are links to resources which you may find useful in learning more about the needs of your locality:

## Caritas Salford Social Action Starter Pack For Parishes

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/parishes/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/parishes/)

## GM Poverty Action Poverty Monitor Tool

(NB: issues relevant for all areas of the Diocese, not just GM)

[www.gmpovertyaction.org](http://www.gmpovertyaction.org)

[www.gmpovertyaction.org/poverty-monitor-2022](http://www.gmpovertyaction.org/poverty-monitor-2022)

## CSAN guidance for parishes in response to local need

[www.csan.org.uk/guidance/](http://www.csan.org.uk/guidance/)

**Welcome to Witness: Becoming an Evangelising Parish - Chapter 5: Parish Audit**  
*Paul Cannon & Sharon Beech. 2014 Redemptorist Publications.*

[www.cathedralcentrebooks.com/Welcome-to-Witness-Becoming-an-Evangelising-Parish\\_9780852314173](http://www.cathedralcentrebooks.com/Welcome-to-Witness-Becoming-an-Evangelising-Parish_9780852314173)

## Mission Action Plan Template

[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Mission-Action-Plan-1.docx](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Mission-Action-Plan-1.docx)

## Child poverty in boundaries of the Diocese of Salford

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/child-poverty/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/child-poverty/)

## Parish Social Action Audit

You may wish to produce a social action parish audit where you can research your locality as a starting point and remember to include looking at environmental elements such as energy use and the products you consume and throw away as everything is interconnected. Please see [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocese/environment/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocese/environment/) for a template to carry out an environmental audit of your parish.

[www.ons.gov.uk/help/localstatistics](http://www.ons.gov.uk/help/localstatistics)

## Local environmental conditions

Have a look at your local environment and plans to understand the areas of priority and opportunity. For example, visit:-

[www.uk-air.defra.gov.uk/](http://www.uk-air.defra.gov.uk/)

[www.addresspollution.org/](http://www.addresspollution.org/)

[www.gmlrc.org/](http://www.gmlrc.org/)

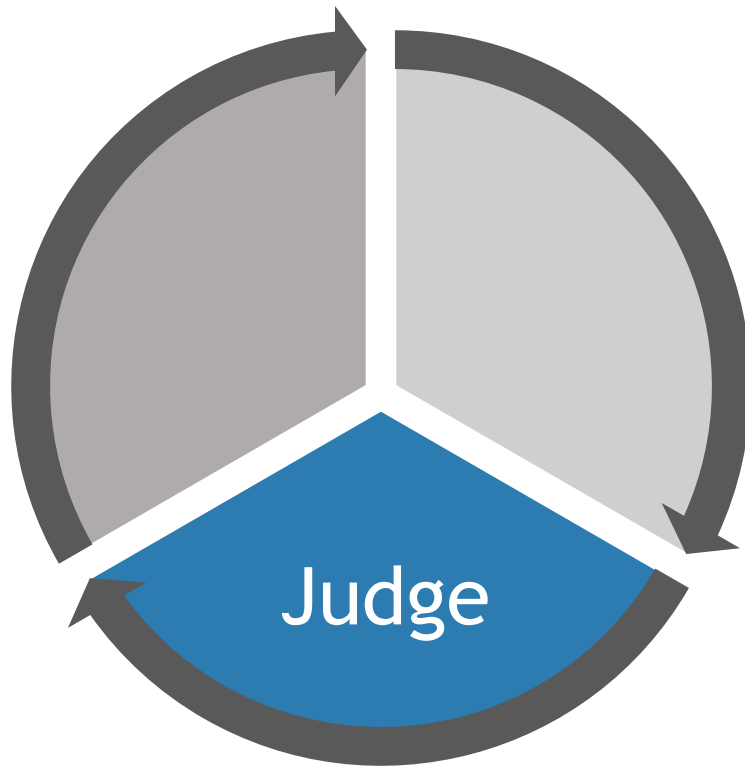
[www.lancashire.gov.uk/lern/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lern/) /

[www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/](http://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/)

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/strategies-policies-plans/environmental/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/strategies-policies-plans/environmental/)

[www.ons.gov.uk/economy/environmentalaccounts](http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/environmentalaccounts)

## SECTION 2 - JUDGE



**Judge the situation in the light  
of the Gospel**

# CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (CST)

Catholic Social Teaching has been referred to as “The Catholic Church’s best kept secret”. This treasure trove of wisdom and guidance, rooted in scripture and the Teaching of the Church, is our Catholic lens through which we make sense of and navigate our way through the many and often complex social issues of the world we live in. CST is often challenging and calls us to discern and respond.

You might come across a variety of different wordings and groupings for the key principles of CST, depending on what you are reading or which website you are searching on, but they will usually all encompass the main themes. For ease, we will use the themes from the Caritas In Action resource.

## 1. The Dignity of the Human Person.

Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, every person’s life and dignity must be respected and supported from conception until the end of their natural life. An institution’s worth must be assessed on how it enhances or threatens the life and dignity of the human person.

## 2. Family and Community.

The human person is not only sacred but social. How society is organised socially, economically, legally or politically has a direct impact on the dignity and growth of every human person and community. Our policy making and structures must reflect a **common good** which enables human flourishing. The key to stability of society is the family which must be recognised, respected, supported, strengthened and given its deserved place in society. The Church teaches that everyone has the right to **participation** and play a full part in society.

## 3. Solidarity and the Common Good.

We are all the People of God, one family, so what happens to one has an impact on all, locally, nationally and globally. At the heart of solidarity is the pursuit of **justice and peace**. Our love for all calls us to work for a peaceful and just society where everyone has a fair share of goods and resources needed for a sustainable life and opportunities for growth and development are offered equally. The dignity of every person is respected. The vision of the Church’s teaching on solidarity is the **Common Good** brought about through each person working for what builds up the whole and not just their own immediate needs.

## 4. Rights and Responsibilities.

Every person has a fundamental right to life. It is this right that makes all other rights possible. Everyone has the right to food, healthcare, housing, education and employment. We all need to strive and take responsibility to secure and respect these rights for all others both locally and globally.

## 5. Option for the poor and vulnerable.

Society should be judged on how it cares for, stands with and accompanies the poor and vulnerable\*. Scripture tells us of God’s special concern for the oppressed, those suffering from poverty, those forced to live on the margins. The Church calls us to respond to the cry of the poor and put their needs first. This “preferential option” must be in action in our daily lives and reflected in governmental policies.

## 6. The Dignity of Work.

Work is a way in which we can continue to participate in God’s creation. Work gives dignity and purpose to life and must be carried out in such a way that the basic rights of workers are respected. Everyone has the right to productive work, a

fair and living wage and to organise and join a union. The economy should be conducted so that it serves the needs of the people.

## **7. Stewardship.**

The world that God created has been entrusted to everyone and we are responsible and accountable to God as stewards of the earth, His precious gift to us to enjoy and care for. It is in caring for creation that we show our love and respect for its Creator and for all our brothers and sisters. We must recognise the interdependence of all creation for the Common Good through global co-operation and the sharing of resources, to enable everyone to flourish.

### **Introduction to CST - resources and suggested reading**

**Love In Action ~ Catholic Social Teaching for every Church**  
Simon Cuff. SCM Press 2019.

**Caritas Salford CST Refresher for parishes**  
contact [k.ansley@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:k.ansley@caritassalford.org.uk)

**Caritas In Action ~ a Caritas Salford CST cross-curriculum resource**  
Available through Redemptorist Publications [www.rpbooks.co.uk/caritas-in-action](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk/caritas-in-action)

**CAFOD CST resources for children**  
[www.cafod.org.uk/education](http://www.cafod.org.uk/education)

**CSAN CST card pack**  
[www.csan.org.uk/publications](http://www.csan.org.uk/publications)

**Catholic Social Teaching in 3 Minutes**  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELyLdMlFdza](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELyLdMlFdza)

## **WORKS OF MERCY**

### **The Corporal Works of Mercy**

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Visit the imprisoned.
5. Shelter the homeless.
6. Visit the sick.
7. Bury the dead.

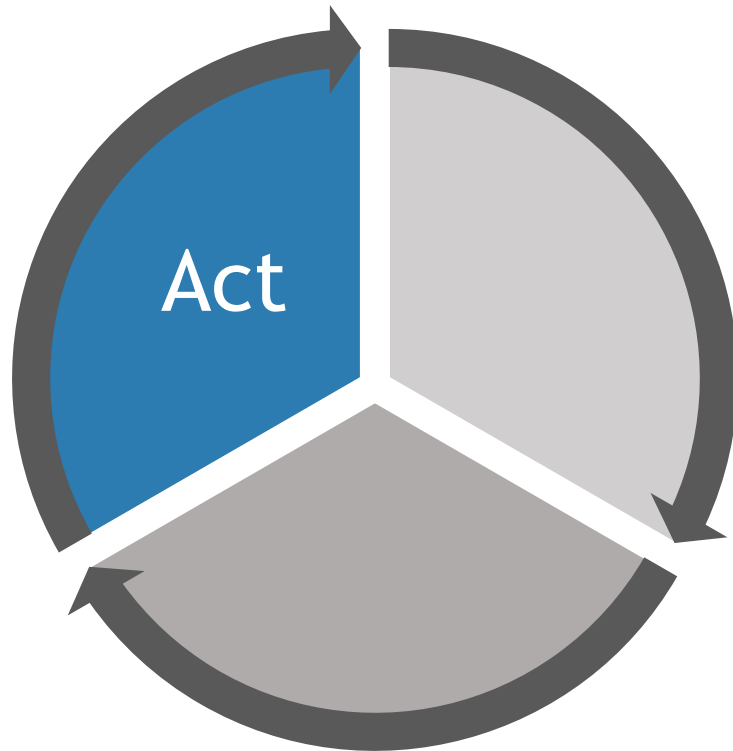
### **The Spiritual Works of Mercy**

1. Admonish the sinner.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Counsel the doubtful.
4. Comfort the sorrowful.
5. Bear wrongs patiently.
6. Forgive all injuries.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

**“The key to listening to each other is to focus on hearing the cries of the poor, the marginalised, the downtrodden and those that society ignores or deems to have no voice as per our Catholic Social teaching”**

*Respondent to the Universal Synod*

## SECTION 3 - ACT



**How should we act in response?**

# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

There are many ways you can get involved with Stage 5. Here are just some of them:

## Prayer

Our prayers are powerful and the Lord hears the cry of those in need. Let us pray for our leaders, charities and organisations and those most in need. Let us ask God how he wants us to respond to those in need, both as individuals and as parishes.

*'This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescues him from all his distress' (Psalm 33:7)*

## Financial giving

You or your parish may like to prayerful consider giving a one-off donation or a regular donation to a charity. You may wish to choose a charity listed on page 23 - 24 or a charity which is not listed. **Please remember, there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so.**

## Volunteering

### Volunteering with Caritas Diocese of Salford

For information about the latest volunteering opportunities with Caritas services, please go to [www.caritassalford.org.uk](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk) and click on Get Involved/Volunteer or contact Sashi Thapa, Volunteer Co-ordinator [s.thapa@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:s.thapa@caritassalford.org.uk)

### Caritas Parish Representatives

Caritas Parish Representatives are individuals with an active concern for local social action/justice who are active members of their own parish and have been nominated by their Parish Priest to be the Caritas Representative for their parish. Development of the role is a key part of Caritas's strategy to form and animate our parish communities to enable them to meet the ever-increasing demands of local social need, as they seek to equip themselves as outward-focussed, social action hubs in line with Pope Francis's vision for missionary parishes.

A revised role description and nomination and application process for any new Caritas Parish Reps wishing to come on board will be published shortly. A DBS check will be required in most cases. For further information, please contact Matthew Yates, Parish and Community Engagement Officer [m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk)

### Caritas Ambassadors (schools)

Caritas Ambassadors are the face and voice of Caritas and social action in their school community. Formed in Catholic Social Teaching, they lead and inspire their peers and the whole school community to engage in social justice issues both locally and nationally, plan and co-ordinate activities as a key element of the Catholic Life of the school/college and assist in communicating how the school/college is fulfilling its social action mission.

For information about the Caritas Ambassador programme, please contact Kath Ansley, Formation Co-ordinator [k.ansley@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:k.ansley@caritassalford.org.uk)

You may wish to volunteer with a charity listed on page 23 - 24 or a charity which is not listed.

## Volunteering at the Laudato Si Centre

The Laudato Si Centre is a centre for environmental action, rooted in the belief that we can all make a difference. The centre runs learning, wellbeing and spirituality programmes for schools, parishes and communities and is for people of all faiths and none. If you are interested in volunteering please contact [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk).

## Advocacy and campaigning

For information about how to engage in Caritas' latest Advocacy campaigns, please contact Mimi-Jane Wilsher, Advocacy, Policy and Research Co-ordinator [m.wilsher@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:m.wilsher@caritassalford.org.uk)

## Signposting to existing support

A list of charities offering a range of support can be found on page 23 - 24.

## Community Action / Participation

St James reminds us that our Faith and good works go hand in hand and both are essential elements for a Missionary Disciples (James 2:14-26). Our personal witness can be a powerful example of putting our Faith into action and can encourage others to come to Faith and to serve God in their neighbour.

### The Guardians of Creation Project

The Guardians of Creation project is an interdisciplinary, multi-institutional research programme investigating the technical, sociological, organisational and theological paths to sustainable and ecologically sensitive change in the Catholic Church. The Diocese of Salford is the pilot diocese and has partnered with St Mary's University and the Laudato Si' Research Institute, Campion Hall, Oxford University to produce a framework for decarbonising the Catholic Church in the UK.

[www.stmarys.ac.uk/research/areas/theology-and-ethics/guardians-of-creation/about.aspx](http://www.stmarys.ac.uk/research/areas/theology-and-ethics/guardians-of-creation/about.aspx)

You can also see [www.360carbon.org/en-gb/](http://www.360carbon.org/en-gb/) to calculate the carbon footprint of your parish.

### Live Simply

The LiveSimply award is an opportunity for Catholic communities - parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies - to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us". [www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/LiveSimply-award](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/LiveSimply-award)

### The Laudato Si' Action Platform

The Laudato Si' Action Platform is a unique collaboration between the Vatican, an international coalition of Catholic organizations, and "all men and women of good will." (Laudato Si' 3). There are resources to empower all to take decisive action towards a better future together. <https://tinyurl.com/3pun6dc2>

## Collaborative / ecumenical works / resources / Community Organising

UK Citizens [www.citizensuk.org/](http://www.citizensuk.org/)

**GM Citizens** [www.citizensuk.org/chapters/greater-manchester/](http://www.citizensuk.org/chapters/greater-manchester/)

**Faithful Citizens:** A practical guide to Catholic Social Teaching and Community Organising. Austen Ivereigh. 2010. Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd.

**CSAN' Hoping For Mild At Least' Poverty:** a short formation resource for Catholic parishes [www.csan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/CSAN-Poverty-Resource-2022-web.pdf](http://www.csan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/CSAN-Poverty-Resource-2022-web.pdf)

**Love in Action** - A pack of materials to run an intensive programme, introducing parish groups to Catholic Social Teaching, and giving them tools to start their own social outreach projects. Created by Caritas Westminster (CSAN member) in association with CSAN and other Caritas agencies, with materials written by Danny Curtin and Stephen Davies. [www.stepforwardinlove.org.uk](http://www.stepforwardinlove.org.uk)

**National Board of Catholic Women - Women and Poverty Toolkit** - to empower women to challenge the system and structures that fail to address poverty, get involved and make a difference. [www.csan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/NBCW\\_toolkit.pdf](http://www.csan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/NBCW_toolkit.pdf)

**The Inter Faith Network** - The Inter Faith Network for the UK works to promote understanding, cooperation and good relations between organisations and persons of different faiths in the UK. [www.interfaith.org.uk/involved/contact/greater-manchester-faith-community-leaders](http://www.interfaith.org.uk/involved/contact/greater-manchester-faith-community-leaders).

**The Laudato Si Movement** - a spirit-led movement that brings Catholics together to care for our common home and achieve climate and ecological justice. [www.laudatosimovement.org/](http://www.laudatosimovement.org/)

**The Journey to 2030** - The Journey to 2030 is a project that helps parishes, schools and religious communities to be the hubs of transformational change they wish to see in the world. Encouraging us to explore questions about our actions and future, such as, what if everything turned out all right? What would that look like? What if our communities could help rebuild society? What effect would this have on people and our planet? How would getting involved in community projects help strengthen our relationship with God the creator? How would this help rebuild relationships with creation; our neighbours and the world that we inhabit? The Journey to 2030 project aims to help people imagine together and be fellow pilgrims to a better future.

You can view the 'Journey to 2030: Let us Dream' resources here - [www.journeyto2030.org/let-us-dream/](http://www.journeyto2030.org/let-us-dream/)

**Together for the Common Good** - Together for the Common Good (T4CG) is dedicated to the renewal of our civic and spiritual life. T4CG trains and equips churches and schools to become more outward-facing and relational with their neighbours, within a synodal posture of deep listening and discernment. T4CG offers two distinct programmes to embed common good thinking and practice within parishes and schools - Common Good Journey and Common Good Schools.

You can find out more here - [www.togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/training](http://www.togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/training)



# CARITAS DIOCESE OF SALFORD

## Who we are

Caritas Diocese of Salford is the principal domestic social action agency of the diocese. We serve the mission of the Church to the poor and promote charity and justice throughout the diocese. We are proud of our long history supporting people in poverty or situations of vulnerability, through diverse projects and community-based services.

## Our Mission ~ Love In Action

Our mission is to help those across the Diocese of Salford experiencing poverty, disadvantage and discrimination to transform their lives with dignity. We provide a practical response to those in crisis, suffering hardship or who are at risk. We help to rebuild lives for the long-term, enabling people to live in a safe, healthy and secure environment.

We call for a better, more just world where the voices of people impacted by poverty are heard and acted upon and positively influence the systems, decisions and resources that affect those in need.

If you would like more information about our impact, services, volunteering, donating or our work to build up understanding and our response to Catholic Social Teaching, please visit our website, [www.caritassalford.org.uk/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/).



**“Caritas is the salt, the leaven and the light that provides a beacon of hope to those in need.”**

***Pope Francis***

# DIOCESE OF SALFORD SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK

Caritas Salford is responsible for co-ordinating the Diocese of Salford Social Action Network (DiSAN).

All registered Catholic charitable organisations and outreach groups operating within the Diocese of Salford are invited to be active members in a spirit of pastoral encouragement.

Through information sharing, networking and forming collaborative partnerships, we are developing capacity and capability for voluntary and community action across the Diocese and together are a strong voice for those whom we serve.

To ensure you and your organisation receive regular updates about DiSAN activities or to enquire about joining, please contact Kathryn Ansley [k.ansley@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:k.ansley@caritassalford.org.uk) or ring 07508121024. For more information, visit [www.caritassalford.org.uk/disan/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/disan/).

## DIOCESE OF SALFORD Social Action Network (DiSAN)



# ENVIRONMENT

In 1990, Pope John Paul II spoke on the World Day of Peace urging Catholics to regard the natural world as one of God's creations worth protecting. Since then, in his encyclicals Laudato Si and most recently Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis has called on us to acknowledge the interconnectedness of all things and to care for our common home.

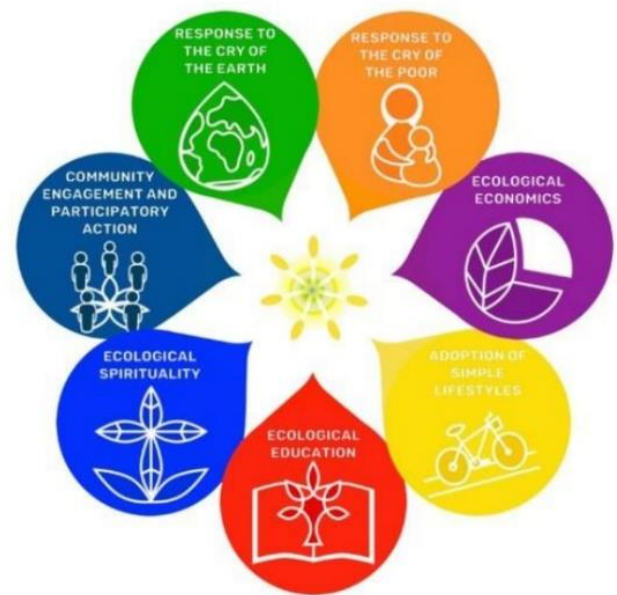


As Catholics and as stewards of the Earth, we share a responsibility to care for our common home and all of creation to ensure a better future for all.

In March 2019, Bishop John Arnold - who is the Environmental Lead for the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales - [wrote to everyone in our diocese](#) calling on them to play their part in responding to climate change in small ways. In his letter, he asked us all to 'think global, act local' and highlighted the impact that making small changes in our personal lives can have.

In the same letter, Bishop John announced his plans to transform his home at Wardley Hall into an ambitious flagship project, Laudato Si Centre. [You can read more about our Laudato Si project by clicking here.](#)

In 2020, we welcomed our first Head of Environment, Dr. Emma Gardner. Working closely with Bishop John, Emma will lead transformation in keeping with Laudato Si while providing strategic leadership to support environmental practices across our diocese and beyond. Emma will also manage the Laudato Si Centre, working with Steve Burrowes, Environment Officer to deliver programmes for learning, wellbeing and spirituality.



Our environment work is in keeping with Laudato Si', and the seven Laudato Si Goals "bring the whole human family together... for we know that things can change" (Laudato Si' 13).

[www.audatosiactionplatform.org/laudato-si-goals/](http://www.audatosiactionplatform.org/laudato-si-goals/).

We are at an urgent point, where our response to care for our common home and our brothers and sisters is needed more than ever. The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change declaring a "code red" alert for humanity, it is our turn to respond to the "cry of the earth and the cry of the poor"

For more information, visit [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocese/environment/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocese/environment/) and [www.laudatosicentre.org.uk/](http://www.laudatosicentre.org.uk/)

# 'HOW TO' GUIDES

## Creating a Prayer Garden Resource

[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Prayer-Garden-resource.pdf](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Prayer-Garden-resource.pdf)

## Health & Safety Resources

[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/services/health-and-safety/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/services/health-and-safety/)

## Live Laudato Si

For schools we have provided a guide to provide support on embedding actions to address the ecological crisis, see [www.laudatosicentre.org.uk/](http://www.laudatosicentre.org.uk/).

For parishes why not look at what other parishes have done

[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocese/environment/around-the-diocese/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocese/environment/around-the-diocese/), or see our community resources [www.laudatosicentre.org.uk/community/community-resources-2/](http://www.laudatosicentre.org.uk/community/community-resources-2/).

The Journey to 2030 has a 'Building a Caring Community' poster activity

[www.journeyto2030.org/poster-activity/](http://www.journeyto2030.org/poster-activity/).

## COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE FUNDING AREAS

Your local Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) is a great resource: they have information about other community initiatives in your area and also offer training and resources. Signing up to their newsletters can be a good first step. Additionally, some have details of local funding pots and provide fundraising advice. The Diocesan Grant and Bid Writer can also help with fundraising so do get in touch at any stage - but earlier is better!

For more information, please contact:

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[Community CVS](#) (Blackburn)

[Bolton CVS](#)

[Bury VCFA](#)

[Community CVS](#) (Blackburn)

[CVAC](#) (Calderdale)

[Manchester Community Central](#)

[West Lancs CVS](#) (Lancashire)

[Action Together](#) (Oldham, Rochdale and Tameside)

[Salford CVS](#)

[CVS Cheshire East](#) (Stockport)

[Thrive Trafford](#)

[Versa Collective](#) (Wigan)

[GM Poverty Action](#)

# FAITH IN ACTION AWARD & A CALL TO LEAD

## CYMFED Faith in Action Award (Faith: Service: Reflection)

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 which 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

For more information, please contact:

[youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

For more information and resources visit [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/)



# CHARITIES, ORGANISATIONS & SERVICES

**Caritas, Diocese of Salford**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/)

**Caritas, Lalley Centre and Community Allotment**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/the-caritas-lalley-centre-and-community-allotment/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/the-caritas-lalley-centre-and-community-allotment/)

**Caritas, Refugee Education**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/caritas-refugee-education-2/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/caritas-refugee-education-2/)

**Caritas, Morning Star Hostel**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/morning-star-hostel/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/morning-star-hostel/)

**Caritas, Community Sponsorship of Refugees**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/community-sponsorship-of-refugees/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/community-sponsorship-of-refugees/)

**Caritas, Community Sponsorship of Refugees**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/community-sponsorship-of-refugees/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/community-sponsorship-of-refugees/)

**Caritas, Schools' Service**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/services-1/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/services-1/)

**Caritas, Connecting Older People**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/caritas-connecting-older-people/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/caritas-connecting-older-people/)

**Caritas, Cornerstone Day Centre**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/cornerstone/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/cornerstone/)

**Caritas, Young Parents' Accommodation**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/caritas-young-parents-accommodation/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/caritas-young-parents-accommodation/)

**Caritas, Refugee Response**

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/services-8/>

**Caritas, Red Door**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/red-door/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/red-door/)

**Caritas, Anti-Trafficking**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/caritas-anti-trafficking/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/caritas-anti-trafficking/)

**Caritas, Charity Shop**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/clothing-and-other-items/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/clothing-and-other-items/)

**Rainbows Bereavement Support**

[www.rainbowsgb.org/](http://www.rainbowsgb.org/)

**Catholic Disability Fellowship**

[www.cathfell.co.uk/](http://www.cathfell.co.uk/)

**Salford Loaves & Fishes - working with homeless and vulnerable people**

[www.salfordloavesandfishes.org.uk/](http://www.salfordloavesandfishes.org.uk/)

**Out There (SFOP) Charity - Supporting families of prisoners**

[www.outtherecharity.org/](http://www.outtherecharity.org/)

**Just Youth - Enabling young people to grow in love, faith & global justice**

[www.justyouth.co.uk/](http://www.justyouth.co.uk/)

**Young Christian Workers (YCW)**

[www.ycwimpact.com/](http://www.ycwimpact.com/)



**Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul**  
[www.daughtersofcharityrosalierendu.org/](http://www.daughtersofcharityrosalierendu.org/)

**CAFOD - Catholic Agency for Overseas Development**  
[www.cafod.org.uk/](http://www.cafod.org.uk/)

**Aid to the Church in Need - supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need**  
[www.acnuk.org/](http://www.acnuk.org/)

**Medaille Trust - Refuge and freedom from modern slavery**  
[www.medaille-trust.org.uk/](http://www.medaille-trust.org.uk/)

**St Antony's Centre - providing help with advice, support and training for individuals in the workplace and their communities**  
[www.stantonyscentre.org.uk/](http://www.stantonyscentre.org.uk/)

**St Joseph's Mission to Deaf People**  
[www.stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/SJMDP.php](http://www.stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/SJMDP.php)

**Revive - providing support for refugees and people seeking asylum**  
[www.revive-uk.org/](http://www.revive-uk.org/)

**St Vincent De Paul Society - Turning Concern into Action**  
[www.svp.org.uk/](http://www.svp.org.uk/)

**Catholic Women's League - A worldwide organisation of women who take an active role within the Church**  
[www.catholicwomensleaguecio.org.uk/](http://www.catholicwomensleaguecio.org.uk/)

**The Union of Catholic Mothers - National Organisation of Catholic Women who support our aims and objectives in 'prayer, love and active witness to marriage, family and Christian life in the world'**  
[www.theucm.co.uk/](http://www.theucm.co.uk/)

**THOMAS - Holistic recovery focused services, taking people through a detox and residential rehabilitation into community based provision**  
[www.thomasonline.org.uk/](http://www.thomasonline.org.uk/)

**L'ARCHE Manchester - A faith based community that brings together people with and without learning disabilities, creating a community of mutual support and fun**  
[www.larchemanchester.org.uk/](http://www.larchemanchester.org.uk/)

**Catholics for AIDS Prevention & Support**  
[www.caps-uk.org/](http://www.caps-uk.org/)

**Mary's Meals - A simple solution to world hunger**  
[www.marysmeals.org.uk/](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/)

**Depaul UK: Youth homeless charity**  
[www.depaul.org.uk/](http://www.depaul.org.uk/)

**Xaverian Missionaries UK - Making the World a Single Family**  
[www.xavs.org/](http://www.xavs.org/)

*Please note, this is not an exhaustive list and your community may wish to consider working with charities in your locality or where there is already a working relationship established.*

# SUGGESTED RESOURCES

**Caritas Diocese of Salford**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/)

**Catholic Social Action Network (CSAN)**

[www.csan.org.uk](http://www.csan.org.uk)

**The Environment - Care for our Common Home**

[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocese/environment/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocese/environment/)

**The Laudato Si' Centre**

[www.laudatosicentre.org.uk/](http://www.laudatosicentre.org.uk/)

**The Ecological Conversion Group / The Journey to 2030**

[www.journeyto2030.org/](http://www.journeyto2030.org/)

**Guardians of Creation**

[www.stmarys.ac.uk/research/areas/theology-and-ethics/guardians-of-creation/about.aspx](http://www.stmarys.ac.uk/research/areas/theology-and-ethics/guardians-of-creation/about.aspx)

**Bishops Conference of England and Wales**

[www.cbcew.org.uk/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/)

**Community Sponsorship of Refugees**

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/community-sponsorship-of-refugees/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/community-sponsorship-of-refugees/)

**Church Action on Poverty - six sessions for churches and house groups**

[www.church-poverty.org.uk/transform/](http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/transform/)

**Joseph Rowntree Foundation**

[www.jrf.org.uk/](http://www.jrf.org.uk/)

**Campaigning with your local politician**

[www.christianaid.org.uk/sites/default/files/2019-05/Campaigning-with-your-local-politician-guide-campaigns-may2019.pdf](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/sites/default/files/2019-05/Campaigning-with-your-local-politician-guide-campaigns-may2019.pdf)

**Equipping Churches in Bereavement Support**

[www.lossandhope.org/](http://www.lossandhope.org/)

**Fratelli Tutti animation - CAFOD**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWpolo3mlgk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWpolo3mlgk)

**Synod - Diocese of Salford**

[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/)



# PAPAL DOCUMENTS

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## FURTHER SUPPORT

Below you will find the contact details for diocesan services and departments who may be able to assist you with any new or existing projects. It is important that the relevant departments are consulted before a project is initiated. For further contact details, please visit [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/services/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/services/)

### Hope in the Future

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### Caritas, Diocese of Salford

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### Safeguarding

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### Health and Safety

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### Finance

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# FORMATION & TRAINING DAYS

To register on any of these events:

please visit [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/hope/events/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/hope/events/),  
email [hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)  
or call 0161 817 2214

## ‘Sharing the Hope Days’

These Deanery Days will provide an opportunity for individuals, parishes, and deaneries to learn more about the needs in their community and then to prayerfully discern how best to respond, with the resources available to them. The day will include a Facilitated Social Activism Planning session in small groups using the See, Judge, Act method. It is hoped the input, opportunity for networking and resources provided on the day will equip communities to be a greater beacon of hope in their locality, both in the short and long term.

Attendees are encouraged to attend as a group and the session assigned for their deanery, where possible.

### St Joseph (Bolton), St John (Salford) and St Therese of Lisieux (Bury/Rochdale) Deaneries

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Cardinal Langley RC High School, Middleton

### St John Southworth (Blackburn) and St John Vianney (Burnley) Deaneries

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Our Lady and St John RC High School, Blackburn

### St Chad (North Manchester), St Clare (South Manchester), St Ambrose Barlow (South Manchester) and Mount Carmel (Oldham) Deaneries

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 10:00am - 3:00pm

St Peter’s RC High School, Manchester

**“Christ has no body now but yours.  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he  
looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do  
good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”**

***St Teresa of Avill***

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Please share with us how your community is making Stage 5 a reality or if you have any resources you have found useful which you would like to share with our Diocesan family. You can email us at [hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or tag us on our social media channels [@salforddiocese](#).



**St Francis of Assisi, pray for us**

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