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**28th October 2012**

**Today**: Mass 6.30pm (Saturday), 9am and 11am.

**Monday**: Mass 9.30am.

**Tuesday**: Mass 9.30am.

**Wednesday**: Mass 9.30am. and **6.30pm** .

**Thursday**: Mass **9.30am. All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation.**

 **Friday**: Mass 9.30am. and 6.30pm. **All Souls**.

**Saturday**: Mass 12 noon. Confessions 12.30 – 1 and 5.45 – 6.15pm.

**Sunday**: Mass 6.30pm (Saturday), 9am and 11am.

**Exposition:** Weekdays before Mass from 8.45 – 9.30am.

**Marriage**: At least 6 months notice is needed. **Baptism**: By appointment.

**This coming week do remember to come to Mass on Thursday and Friday.**

**All Saints**: Thursday is the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday and 9.30am on Thursday. The children from our Primary School will come to Mass at 11am.

**All Souls**: Friday is All Souls Day, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Mass for All Souls on Friday will be at 9.30am and 6,30pm.

**Congratulations**: Our Prayers and Congratulations go to Mgr. John Allen, Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich, who is celebrating his Golden Jubilee this weekend.

**Tea/Coffee**: After Mass today in the parish centre, on Wednesday in the presbytery. All welcome.

**Church Cleaners**: Group D. **Counters**: Group 3.

**Welcome Club**: Thursdays at 1.30pm. **Toddlers**: Wednesday 1.30pm. Parish centre.

**Parish Centre**: For bookings etc please contact Brian on 01706 357301.

**Deanery Prayer**: This week we pray Fr. McGrane and the people at St. John’s and St. Gabriel’s.

**Readers**: 6.30pm. Damian Maloney. Andy Finc.

next 9.00am. Mary Morland. John Colligan,

weekend 11.00am Helen Underhill. Susan Howard.

**Collection**: Thank you for £1142.22 last Sunday. (Gift Aid £553.27. Loose £588.95).

**Year of Faith**: Three Evenings with Fr. Henry Wansbrough OSB. These will take place at St. Gabriel’s High School, Bury on 7th, 14th and 22nd November. See notice board for further details.

We will soon have details of what we hope to do here at St. Vincent’s for the ‘Year of Faith’.

**Parish Levy**: A few weeks ago I informed you of the letter that I had received from the Vicar General to inform us that the Trustees had decided to increase our Parish Levy for the Retired Priests from the diocese to just over £31,000.00 per year.

Last week all the clergy of the diocese received a letter from Bishop Brain saying that for the time being there will be no change to the present parish levy. This will give the Bishop and the Trustees more time to review the situation, and for further discussion with the priests of the diocese.

**Readers**: Please do remember to collect your new rota from the sacristy if you haven’t already done so.

**Holy Souls**: During November, we particularly remember departed family and friends. So please remember to place the names of your loved ones who have died, in the Holy Souls Box at the back of church. These names will be left in front of the altar during the month of November and be remembered in our prayers each day at Mass.

**Next Sunday**: The children who are taking part in this year’s Sacramental Programme will be joining us for the 9.00am Mass. They are thinking about ‘We are people who pray’.

The next parent’s meeting will be on Tuesday 13th November in the parish centre.

**Reception Sept 2013 Open Days:** We have open days available to book for you to view the school. They are on Monday 5th November 2012 at 9.30 a.m or 1.30 p.m. and Tuesday 6thNovember 2012at 9.30 a.m. or 1.30 p.m. Please call the school on 01706 642469 to book your slot.

**Invitation**: The ladies at St. Paul’s, Norden, have kindly sent an invitation to the ladies at St. Vincent’s to join them for a Social Evening which will be held on Thursday 6th December, at 7.30pm. This event take place at St. Paul’s Hall, Blackpits Road, Norden. To assist with catering we need an indication of how many would be going. Please see list on notice board.

**The Word This Week**

*All of Jesus’ miracles can be read in many different ways: there is always a message – almost a parable – behind each one, that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no excep­tion: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift he could give to Bartimaeus ‑ the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus’ love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. So Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn’t end there: in our own age we still have the blind, and those who suffer: there are still tears to be washed away – Jesus’ work is begun, but not completed. God’s promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him in doing what we can to bring that comfort which is the Kingdom of God to all in need.*

***Prayer said at the opening of the Second Vatican Council***

 We stand before you, Holy Spirit,

conscious of our sinfulness,

but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us,

and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength

to know your will,

to make it our own,

and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom,

support us by your power,

for you are God,

sharing the glory of Father and Son. You desire justice for all;

enable us to uphold the rights of others;

do not allow us to be misled by ignorance

or corrupted by fear or favour.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love

and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name,

may we temper justice with love,

so that all our discussions and reflections

may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward

promised to good and faithful servants.

We ask this of You who live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.