

## Parish of St Augustine

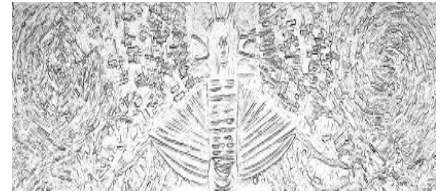
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### **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

#### **Masses this week:**

**Sunday** – 11am

**Tuesday** – 12noon

**Wednesday** – 12noon (The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

**Thursday** – 12noon

**Friday** – 12noon (St Ambrose Barlow, patron of our deanery)

**Saturday** - 11am followed by **Exposition and Confessions** until 12noon

**NB – no Mass on Mondays**

**Please remember in your prayers:** all who are sick and those who care for them.

**Lately Dead :** Monsignor Tom Devany, Teresa Cunningham

**Anniversary of Death:** Virginia N. Paras

Let us also remember to pray for the people of Afghanistan, especially those who are threatened at this time of upheaval, and those who are having to flee their homeland.

**From Father Michael:** *I am so delighted and blessed to be your new parish priest. I come to you having just completed 5 years as a priest. This is my first appointment as a parish priest having served 2 years each as an assistant priest in Heywood and Didsbury respectively. I was born at St Mary's and grew up in Moss Side and Rusholme, so it's great to be so close to home. I have been past this church many times on a Magic Bus going into town! We are at the centre of a vibrant, growing community, and together we will be a visible and welcoming witness to everyone of Jesus' message of God's love. I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you, and having the great privilege of sharing in your lives. And let's keep Father John in our prayers too as he fulfils the mission the Lord has given him in Norway. We thank him for all his hard work here, and I particularly thank him for an amazing handover.*

**Emerging from Lockdown.** People are very wary whilst a large number of people are still getting the virus. It is important that we are responsible as individuals and as a parish. So please continue to wear masks. If you wish to kneel down then only do so if you are not breathing over someone in front of you or over their shoulder. If you wish to stand, only do so if you are not blocking anyone's view. Think, and be considerate, about those around you. There still remains no singing, sign of peace, or Communion on the tongue. Also continue to sanitise your hands on arrival.

**Caritas Cornerstone's Big Sleep Out 2021** To experience just a fraction of what it is like to sleep rough and to help those who live this reality every day, Caritas Cornerstone is inviting people to "boycott their bed" for one night this September. The Big Sleep Out is returning this autumn with a special hybrid event, asking people to raise funds to support rough sleepers by sleeping outdoors overnight at Xaverian College, Manchester, from 7pm on Friday 17 September, or by "boycotting their bed" from their own home.

Due to the pandemic, last year's event was cancelled, and Caritas Cornerstone instead asked people to sleep somewhere other than their own bed. As a result, publicity and fundraising for the event was significantly affected, making this year's event even more needed to help continue its work supporting people who are street homeless, sofa-surfing, or without the security of a permanent home.

**How to get involved:** Set up your Just Giving page. This can be done whether you plan to be present on the night or at home boycotting your bed.

Register for the overnight event at Xaverian college. For further information, contact Rachel Taylor on 0161 817 2258, or email [fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk).

### **From Caritas and Cornerstone:**

Afghan Refugee Crisis Appeal. Thank you for everything you have done so far to help the evacuated people quarantining in the region. Your generosity is incredible. No more items required at present.

The focus is now on medium-long term support needed for their integration into our local communities across the region: to be re-homed, place children in school, learn English, re-train, and to find jobs.

This is the year-round mission of the Caritas Salford Refugee Response team. Watch our short film for a glimpse... <http://ow.ly/uKey50G2RPj>

If you're able to support this work, you can donate online here:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/afghanistan-appeal-2021/>

Thank you so much and God Bless.

**Manchester Marathon for St Ann's Hospice:** Father Michael is running the Manchester Marathon on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October to raise money for St Ann's Hospice, which provides amazing care for the sick and dying and their families, and teaches about the true dignity of life. If you can donate, go online to <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/michael-deas2> or you can give in person at church. On that Sunday, Father Paul Daly will be covering the Sunday Mass for Father Michael.

**Holy Communion Visits:** If you know of anyone who would needs a home visit with Holy Communion, please put them in touch with Father Michael.