

DIOCESE OF  SALFORD

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 Pilgrim's  
Passport 





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# Welcome

## from Bishop John



Hello,

I'm very pleased to welcome you to our Jubilee Pilgrim's Passport. This year is a very joyful occasion for our Diocese, and our whole Church throughout the world, as we mark this very important celebration.

Pope Francis has decided to call this Jubilee Year the "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee, which means that all Catholics around the world - including you and I - have a very important task to do. It means we must look for ways, in everything that we do, to bring a little bit of hope to the people around us.

That might be by sharing something with a friend, a brother, or a sister. It might be helping someone at home with a job that they need to do. It might be by supporting a charity like Caritas Salford or CAFOD in school. It might even be something as simple as offering a smile to a friend or family member.

However small that particular action might seem to you, it's important to remember what a big difference it might make to somebody else. And when we are all trying to do this together it will make a big difference. And it's that same sense of hope that God wants us all to have in this Jubilee Year, by inviting us to spend more time talking to Him through our prayers and in our churches, so He can let us know how much He cares about us.

So, I am very pleased to share this booklet with you today and I wish you a very joyful Jubilee Year ahead as you visit and explore our churches with your families.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John".

Bishop John Arnold



# An Introduction

Hello and welcome to our Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Pilgrim's Passport!

This year is a very important year for Catholics all around the world after Pope Francis announced that we would be having a Holy Year of Jubilee.

A Jubilee is a special celebration that dates back thousands of years to before Jesus was born.

Today, it happens just once every 25 years and is all about making fresh start so we can be better friends with God and each other - as well as being kinder to the world in which we live.

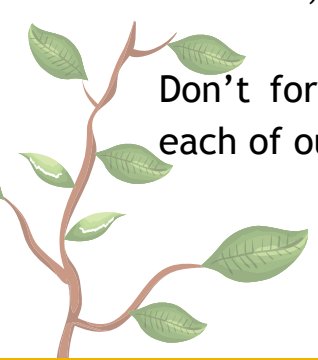
The Jubilee asks us to show our love to one another by giving to different charities, it asks us to think about how we can be kinder to our planet, but most of all, it asks us to get to know God a little better by talking to him more in prayer and learning more about him.

This book will help you do just that by teaching you a little more about some of the churches in our diocese.

Our bishop - Bishop John - has chosen six of our churches to be special churches for our Jubilee and each one has lots to explore that will help you learn more about God, more about what we believe as Catholics, and to spend more time in prayer.

All you need to do is keep hold of this Pilgrim Passport and visit these churches with your parents, grandparents, or guardians, to work through our facts, questions, activities, and prayers.

Don't forget to mark your progress by collecting a Jubilee sticker from each of our churches!



# Welcome To **THE DIOCESE!**

## Did you know?

- A diocese is a collection of churches, schools, and communities that is connected by our Catholic faith.
- We have more than 150 churches in our diocese
- Churches in our diocese are grouped into nine areas called deaneries.
- We have more than 200 Catholic schools in our diocese. Do you go to one of our Catholic schools?
- We have almost 300 priests living in our diocese.
- We have a special priest who looks after our diocese. He is called a bishop and he makes sure all of our churches and schools are running well and sharing our faith.
- We have a charity that is connected to our diocese. This is called Caritas Salford. Perhaps you have heard about this in school or church?
- The bee is a special symbol of our diocese. Can you find 10 bees in this book? One for each of our deaneries and a special red one for Caritas Salford?





# JUBILEE CHURCHES



St Mary's, Bamber Bridge



St Mary's, Burnley



St Alban's, Blackburn





## St Peter's, Stonyhurst



## Schoenstatt Shrine, Kearsley



## St Mary's, the "Hidden Gem", Manchester

### Note to Parents or Guardians

Due to the nature of busy parish life, it may not always be possible to accommodate a visit without prior notice. We would be very grateful if you could please contact the church in question to find out more about suitable times to visit.



CHURCH ONE:

# Schoenstatt Shrine

## Kearsley





# ❖ FAST FACTS ❖



One of 200 identical shrines around the world. The original is in Germany



The first chapel was dedicated to St Michael.



It has a special dedication to Mary after the founder made a "Covenant of Love" with Our Lady

There are many beautiful items in the shrine, including a painting of Our Lady of Schoenstatt above the altar.

# Quick Questions

1. What is a shrine?
2. What is a covenant?
3. Who is St Michael?
4. What is an altar?
5. What is it for?



Draw a copy of the painting above the altar



# Peaceful Prayer

O Holy Mother of God.  
Hear our prayers in times of need  
And keep us safe from all danger.  
Blessed Mother Mary,  
We thank you!

CHURCH TWO:

St Mary's  
Bamber, Bridge



# ❖ FAST FACTS ❖

Monks built this church in 1826. They made it bigger in 1892.



Can you find St Benedict and his sister St Scholastica on the arch near the altar?

The stained glass windows behind the Altar show 10 local martyrs, including St Ambrose Barlow and St John Southworth.



Can you find the beautiful Lady Chapel? Stop for a moment and pray the Hail Mary!



# Quick Questions

1. Who is St Benedict?
2. What is a monk?
3. What is a Lady Chapel?
4. Why do we pray to Mary?
5. What is a martyr?



Find your favourite window and draw your own copy!

# Peaceful Prayer

O God, you are powerful and holy.  
You protect everyone who puts their hope in you.  
Help me to be close to you always,  
And protect me each and every day.  
Amen.

An architectural line drawing of a Gothic church interior. The view is from the front of the nave looking towards the choir. The ceiling is a high, ribbed vault with a central cruciform structure. The walls are supported by large, clustered piers with decorative capitals. A large, ornate Gothic window with multiple panes and tracery is the focal point. The floor is covered with a patterned carpet. The drawing is rendered in black lines on a white background.

# CHURCH THREE:

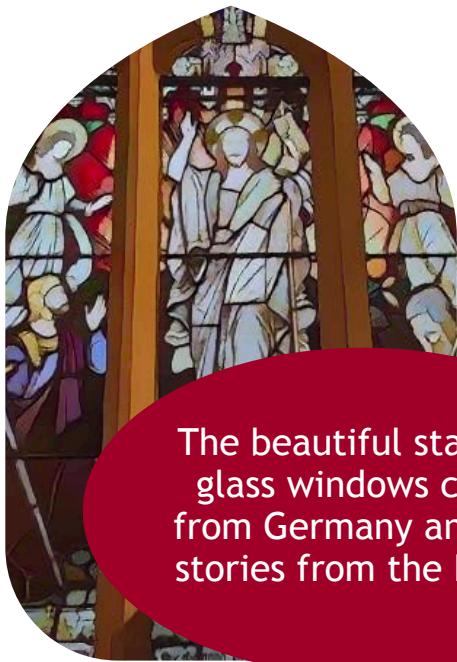
**St Mary's**  
Burnley

# ❖ FAST FACTS ❖

The church is called St Mary of the Assumption, after one of our major feasts!



There are lots of statues and images of Our Lady throughout the church. How many can you find?



The beautiful stained-glass windows come from Germany and tell stories from the Bible.

The church is built on land given by a family who worked hard to keep the Catholic faith alive during the reformation



# Quick Questions

1. What was the reformation?
2. What is a Catholic feast?
3. What is the feast of the Assumption?
4. Why is it so important?
5. Can you find the statue of St Joseph? Why is he carrying lilies?



A large rectangular area with a dashed border, intended for drawing or writing. In the bottom right corner of this area, there are three crayons: a blue one, a yellow one, and a green one.

## Peaceful Prayer

Holy Mother,  
Queen of the all the angels and all the saints,  
Pray for me today,  
That I may be ever more like you,  
By loving God and my neighbour with all my heart.  
Amen.



# CHURCH FOUR:

## St Alban's Blackburn



# ❖ FAST FACTS ❖

This is the fourth church in Blackburn dedicated to St Alban. The first opened in 1773.

You can see a picture of St Alban at the end of his life above the tabernacle



The church opened in 1901 - the year Queen Victoria died. That makes it almost 125 years old!



It was built in the Decorated Gothic style, like Westminster Abbey, although that is much older!



# Quick Questions

1. Who is St Alban?
2. Why was he killed?
3. What is a tabernacle?
4. What is is used for?



Write a short prayer to thank God for your faith today!



# Peaceful Prayer

"I worship and adore the true and living God who created all things."

A simple prayer prayed by Saint Alban himself!



## CHURCH FIVE

# St Mary's, the “Hidden Gem”, Manchester



# ❖ FAST FACTS ❖



The church has a special connection to Mary as the Shrine of Our Lady of Manchester

The Rosary is prayed here every day at lunchtime.



The church has colourful paintings all around showing the Stations of the Cross



The baptismal font dates back to the 14th century - that's 700 years ago!



# Quick Questions

1. Can you find the statue of Our Lady of Manchester?
2. What is the Rosary?
3. What prayer do you say most in the Rosary?
4. What happens at baptism?
5. When were you baptised?



Can you draw Our Lady of Manchester?



# Peaceful Prayer

Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen



# CHURCH SIX

St Peter's  
*Stonyhurst*

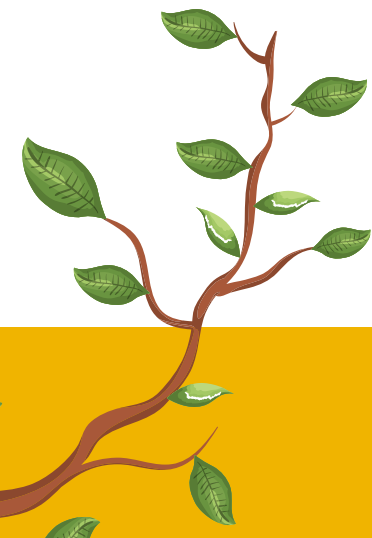
# ❖ FAST FACTS ❖

St Peter's is also a church for Stonyhurst College, one of our many diocesan schools!

The church is decorated with beautiful bronze Stations of the Cross.

The church is looked after by the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits

Pope Francis is one of many Jesuit priests across the world!





# Quick Questions

1. Who are the Jesuits?
2. Who founded the Jesuits?
3. What is Stonyhurst College?
4. What are the Stations of the Cross?
5. Why do we pray them?



Can you draw one of the Stations of the Cross?



# Peaceful Prayer

Lord, grant that I may see you more clearly,  
Love you more dearly,  
And follow you more nearly,  
Day by day.



# Check your ANSWERS



## Page 12

1. What is a shrine? A shrine is a church or place that is known as sacred or holy because of a special event that happened there or because of its link to a holy person or saint.
2. What is a covenant? A covenant is a very serious promise between God and his people that joins them together for all time.
3. Who is St Michael? St Michael is one of the archangels, along with Gabriel and Raphael. An archangel is a particular type of angel and we pray to St Michael to help protect us from evil.
4. What is an altar? An altar is a table in the middle of the holiest part of the church - called the Sanctuary.
5. What is it for? This is where the bread and wine are consecrated and become the Body and Blood of Christ.

## Page 14

1. Who is St Benedict? St Benedict is a monk who was born in the Year 480 - that's over 1500 years ago! St Benedict began a special group of monks called the Benedictine Order.
2. A monk is a man who has given his life to God. He lives with other men in a church called a monastery. A bit like a priest, he spends his time praying, reading the Bible, and carrying out different types of jobs.
3. What is a Lady Chapel? A Lady Chapel is a small section of a church or cathedral that is dedicated to Mary, Our Lady Mother.
4. Why do we pray to Mary? Mary is the Mother of Jesus, so is the most special person! As Queen of Heaven, she is very close to Jesus and she passes on our prayers to him and brings us closer to him in everything she does.
5. What is a martyr? A martyr is somebody who has been killed because of their faith in Jesus. They're now with him forever in heaven because of their strong faith.



## Page 17

1. What was the reformation? The reformation happened when King Henry VIII began his own Church. People found it very difficult to live their Catholic faith and many were sadly put to death.
2. What is a Catholic feast? It is a celebration! On these days, we remember a particular saint or event.
3. What is the feast of the Assumption? This is a very special feast where we remember Mary being taken up into heaven.
4. It reminds us that Jesus died and rose again so each one of us might follow and join him and his blessed Mother in heaven one day too.
5. Can you find the statue of St Joseph? Why is he carrying lilies? Lilies are a symbol of Mary, who was Joseph's wife. Their white colour means innocence and goodness - just like Mary and Joseph!

## Page 20

1. Who is St Alban? Saint Alban is believed to be the first British saint. He lived around 200-300 years after Jesus.
2. Why was he killed? St Alban was beheaded because of his faith in Jesus. Take a moment to thank God that we can live out our faith in peace in our diocese and remember all those around the world who are less fortunate.
3. What is a tabernacle? A tabernacle is a box at the very front of church, near the altar.
4. This is where we find Jesus in our churches. Here, we keep the bread that has been turned into the Body of Christ.

## Page 23

1. Can you find the statue of Our Lady of Manchester? Head to the Lady Chapel to the right-hand side of the altar to find the statue of Our Lady!
2. What is a Rosary? A Rosary - meaning chain of roses - is a long prayer that tells us about the life of Jesus and his mother, Mary. We pray it using a chain of beads.
3. What prayer do you say most in the Rosary? You pray the Hail Mary 53 times!
4. What happens at baptism? Baptism is when someone is welcomed into the Church - the Body of Christ! The person being baptised - or their parents if they are too young - makes a series of promises to love and worship God. They wear white and are baptised with the Holy Spirit using water and oil.
5. When were you baptised? Can't remember? Ask your family all about that day!

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1. Who are the Jesuits? The Jesuits are group of priests who have particular focus on mission.
2. Who founded the Jesuits? A Spanish saint called St Ignatius of Loyola began the Jesuits. He was a very spiritual man whose simple way of praying helped people see God in the world around them.
3. What is Stonyhurst College? Stonyhurst College is a school in our diocese. It dates back hundreds of years and has served to educate English Catholics.
4. What are the Stations of the Cross? The Stations of the Cross are series of prayers that help us remember the final hours of Jesus' life and his journey to the cross.
5. Why do we pray them? We pray them to feel closer to Jesus by thinking about all he had to suffer on that final day. Jesus died for us, so it reminds us how much he must love us to do all of that for us.

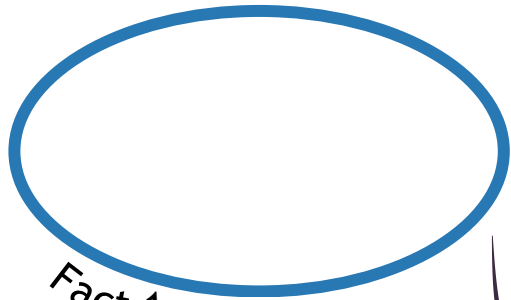
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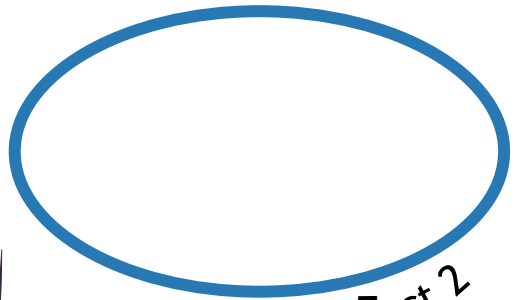
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Draw a picture of your church

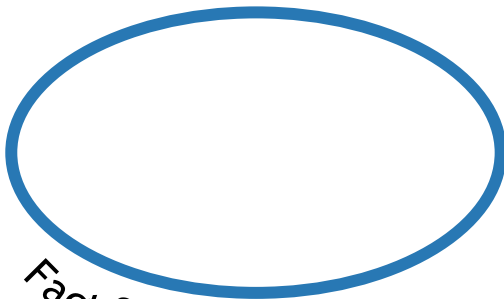




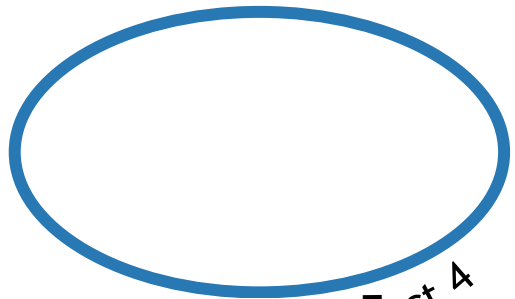
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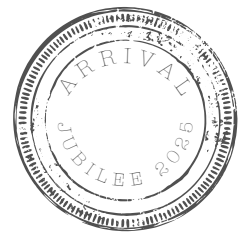
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# YOUR PILGRIM PROGRESS

Log your pilgrim progress with pride by collecting a stamp for each Jubilee church you visit. Don't forget to share a photo of your stamped passport with us by tagging us on social media and using the hashtag [#salfordpilgrim](#)

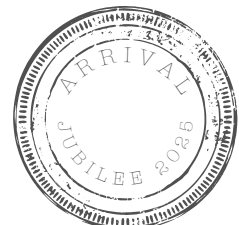
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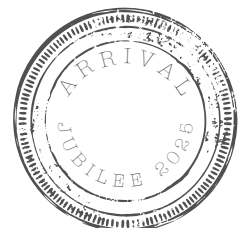
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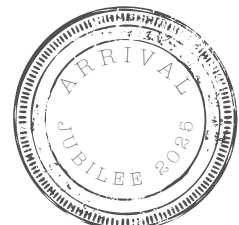
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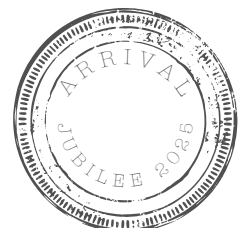
St Alban's, Blackburn



Hidden Gem, Manchester



St Peter's, Stonyhurst





# Thank You



Thank you for joining us on our pilgrimage across the diocese. We hope you've enjoyed discovering lots of new places with us!

We'd like to offer our thanks to Mgr John Allen, author of "Out and About in Salford Diocese", which has provided a number of the fascinating facts for our Pilgrim Passport.

If you would like to read more about suggested local pilgrimages and the history of our diocese, please scan the QR code below to purchase online. All proceeds will be donated to our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford.

Our Pilgrim Passports are yours to keep. If you would like to make a small donation to Caritas Salford, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/>





Loving God, In this year of Jubilee,  
Help us to share the hope we see.

Help us to forgive like you,  
And to care for creation too.

Help us walk in unity,

With our worldwide family.

Through our prayers and all we do,  
May we each day grow close to you.

Then with Jesus, we will see,  
The hope that is shared in this Jubilee.

Amen.

Jubilee Prayer for Children, Mission Together