SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

SS. SIMON & JUDE

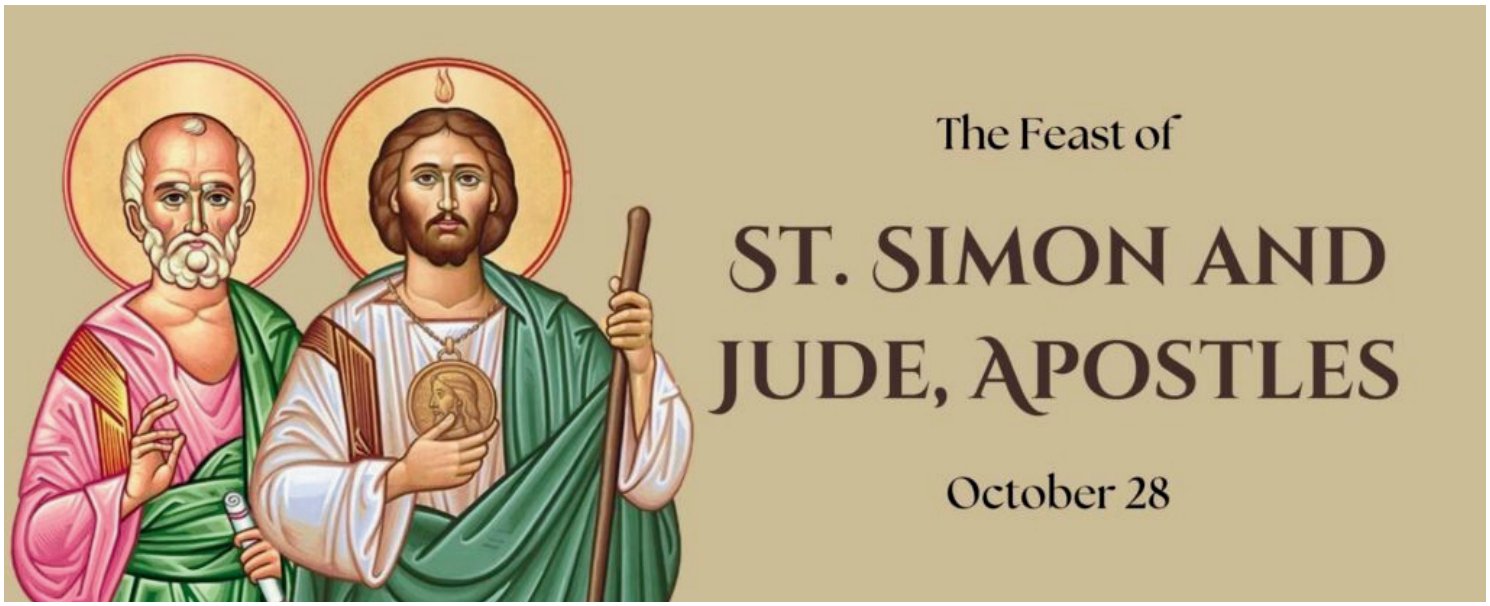
This week the Apostles Ss. Simon and Jude are remembered and celebrated.

Simon is eleventh in the list of the twelve Apostles. He is known as Simon the Zealot. The Zealots were political agitation group, hoping for a change in government; the zealots were hostile to Roman rule and refused to pay taxes. His zealot affiliation became zeal as a Disciple of Jesus. His martyrdom happened as a result of the envy of local pagan priests. He was sawed in half (lengthways), which links his patronage for wood workers; often depicted with a saw. St. Simon the Zealot becomes a great intercessor for those who desire greater zeal in the faith. May he intercede for those lukewarm in the faith.

Jude, also called Thaddaeus, is the apostle who at the Last Supper asked the Lord why he showed himself only to the disciples and not to the world. For many centuries he was scarcely venerated because people confused him with Judas Iscariot. He is the patron saint of lost and desperate causes.

He is depicted wearing an image of Jesus which relates to the Legend of the image of Edessa, where the King asked for Jesus to visit to heal him. Instead, Jesus sent Jude with an image of Himself, which upon seeing the image the King was instantly healed.

As the Patron Saint of hopeless causes he invites us never to give up hope! (He wears green which is the colour of hope!)



Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 26th October SS. Chad and Cedd, Bishops and Missionaries	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	• 10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre
Tuesday 27th October	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	• 10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre • 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Wednesday 28th October SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	• 6:30 - 7:30pm, SJ: Journey in Faith (RCIA)
Thursday 29th October	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	• 9.30am - 11am, SSAO, Knit & Natter • 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Friday 30th October St John of Capistrano, Priest	9am, SSAO, 9.30am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	
Saturday 31st October St Antony Mary Claret, Bishop	10am, SJ 10.30am, SJ 4.45-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass Confession Confession (Vigil) Mass	
Sunday 1st November ALL SAINTS	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ	Mass Mass	• 7-9pm, SSAO: AA

iKNOW CHURCH SYSTEM

Our parish is preparing to launch iKnow, a new system to help us manage parish activities and stay connected as a community. We'll begin with volunteers and parents involved in Children's Liturgy, including a simple sign-in process for each session. More parish teams and groups will be added over time.

With iKnow, you'll be able to see parish events and see the rhythm of prayer, to book tickets to socials, and receive the newsletter each week. As volunteers you will be able to check your rota, upcoming dates, readings and other details in one place; receive reminders about commitments; and let team leaders know when you're unavailable, helping them plan. Parents will also be able to sign their children in quickly and easily at Children's Liturgy.

Please register now by scanning the QR code on the poster so you're ready for the move to digital. Registration sheets will also be placed on the pews at Masses, so please take one with you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 29th November - Advent Taize Service SSAO 7:30pm
- 13th December - Christmas Fayre SJ school 12-3pm

YOUTH CORNER

Pope St John Paul II



"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness: He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you."

IONA COMMUNITY ROOM

After a time of refurbishment the community room at SSAO, now known as the IONA ROOM, will be opened after the 5.30pm and 9.30am Masses next weekend.

The reason behind the name of the room, 'Iona', is that this is the place where Aidan and Oswald first met. Therefore this space will be a place to 'encounter one another in the spirit of Christ'. The room will be a place of meeting for a variety of groups in the parishes of SJ and SSAO. Anyone who would like to hire the space, please contact Tom (email below).

A huge thank you to Dave and Helen at Combro Construction for all their hard work and dedication.

SSAO BOILER UPDATE

May we re-iterate how grateful we are to everyone who has donated towards the boiler fund so far, and who continue to do so each week. Fundraising is going well and so far to date we have raised £10,242 towards the new boiler! This is a fantastic achievement and it's great to see the parish pulling together to help. If you wish to make a donation there are special envelopes which you can use, scan the QR code on the newsletter or donate via the DONA machine.

HOLY SOULS

During November there will be envelopes to place the names of your loved ones in to be remebered in during Masses throughout the month.

DONATIONS VIA QR

SJ SSAO HEATING

ST JOSEPH'S

It has been a wonderful week at Saint Joseph's! We were incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who led Sunday Mass so beautifully, demonstrating reverence, confidence and faith. Thank you to the many families who attended Parents' Evening. It was lovely to see such fantastic parental support. We also received an overwhelming response to our annual parent survey, with the highest participation in a decade! The results were phenomenal, reflecting the strong partnership between home and school. Thank you for your positivity, encouragement and continued support. Together, our school, families and parish make Saint Joseph's a truly special community. Have a great half-term break with your wonderful children.

SS AIDAN & OSWALD'S

The GIFT Team began the week by sharing the Gospel message from the weekend, reminding us of Jesus' call to love God and care for one another. Year 5 successfully completed their Bikeability course and we were delighted to receive positive feedback about their attitude, behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the programme. We ended the week with a beautiful Mass, bringing our school community together in prayer and reflection. Thank you to Fr. Gavin for leading our worship and to all the families who were able to join us. Our school Christmas Fair takes place on Sunday 15th November 10:30am - 1pm in school. There's lots of fun to be had so come along!

Recently Deceased: James Mulgrew, Michael McCombe

Anniversary: Mary Fenton, Jacqui Stansfield

General: Winifred and Wilfred Tootill, Paul James Carroll, Michael and Mary Catherine Slicker, Slicker Family, Kathleen Louise Carroll, O'Brien Family, Tommy Cookson, Harry Dubois, Margaret Gidley, Margaret Bentley, Special Intension to St Jude

'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself' (Matthew 22:34-40)

Parish Priest: Fr. Gavin Landers | E: landersgavin@gmail.com
Parish Administrator: tom.penketh@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
T: 0161 624 1322 | A: Ss. Aidan & Oswald Presbytery, Vaughan Street, Royton, OL2 5DL
Priest in residence (retired): Fr. John Scanlan | A: St. Joseph's Presbytery, Oldham Road, Shaw, OL2 8SZ
Facebook: Saint Joseph's RC Parish, Shaw | Ss. Aidan and Oswald R.C. Parish, Royton
If the SVP can be of any support to you, please contact: SJ: 07538 027082 or SSAO: 07528 790623