

Your local charity, working alongside people experiencing homelessness, poverty, discrimination and isolation.



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About us

Caritas Diocese of Salford (Caritas Salford) is the domestic social action agency of the Catholic Diocese of Salford.

In practice, that means we work alongside people from communities across Greater Manchester and Lancashire, providing a range of services and outreach activities to help them to transform their lives with dignity.

We support people experiencing poverty, disadvantage and discrimination - and we do so by taking positive, practical steps.

Everyone deserves to live in a safe, healthy and secure environment. We believe in action, listening to people and working with them to rebuild their lives for the long-term.



We were created in 2008, and have since incorporated the work of Catholic Children's Rescue Service, Catholic Welfare Societies, St Joseph's Mission to Deaf People, Justice and Peace, Racial Justice and Catholic Family Care to bring together work of individual charities created over more than a century.

Our reach spans
620
square miles
across the area

We run
12
services across the
diocese of Salford

We support
thousands
of people every
year with our
range of community
based services

We are proud to be
supported by
103
staff

263
amazing volunteers support us across
our services

We couldn't do what we do without them.



Our services

We're proud of our services and the support we provide people locally, making a real, tangible difference to their lives.

Our work includes:

Supporting children, young people and families:

Our schools' service removes barriers to learning and participation, empowering children, young people and their families by providing a bespoke package which can address a range of areas, including behaviour, supporting bereavement, emotional wellbeing, anxiety, safeguarding and confidence.

Our young parents' accommodation provides support, safety, security and a period of stability to young parents and their children at a time when they have experienced crisis or distress in their lives, whilst preparing them for independent living.

Supporting people experiencing homelessness:

Our day centre facility in Manchester, Cornerstone, aims to ensure that no-one has to sleep rough, that people have the support they need to prevent them from becoming homeless, and that those who do are helped to secure safe accommodation.

Our Morning Star Hostel, supported accommodation in Manchester, also provides a safe place for a temporary but not time-limited period.

At our Red Door Day Centre in Bury, we aim to ensure that no-one has to sleep rough, that people have the support they need to prevent them from becoming homeless, and that those who do are helped to secure safe accommodation.

We also support people who are homeless with food, essential practical support and assistance in finding both temporary and permanent accommodation.

Our team also assists with access to other services and benefits, including management of income, access to appropriate health care, and support in improving physical and mental wellbeing.

Supporting local communities through social action:

Our Lalley centre, community allotment and food pantry supports people on low incomes with practical needs in health, housing, family and employment. We assist people who are unemployed or receiving benefits, families facing homelessness, those struggling

with addictions, mental health and wellbeing or conditions that prevent them from working.

Our **community allotment** offers the chance for local people to learn new skills whilst also providing fresh produce as part of a healthy-eating scheme, which also supplies our Lalley food bank.

Our team at the **St Joseph's Mission to Deaf People** works to break down the barriers of isolation experienced by members of the local deaf community.

Supporting refugees:

Our **Aspire service** supports individuals including refugees and asylum seekers who have aspirations to progress into professional employment, many wishing to restart careers that have been cut short due to conflict. Our support enables them to rebuild their lives and give back to their new community.

Through our **Community Sponsorship Scheme**, Caritas Salford enables groups of volunteers to safely resettle, welcome and support families of refugees in their community.

Our **Caritas Charity Shop and Community Drop-In** near Bolton town centre provides access to quality, affordable products, while also offering much-needed opportunities for people in the community to drop-in and socialise with others.

Formation and animation:

We also work with parishes and school communities across Greater Manchester and Lancashire, providing tools to help them put the Church's commitment into practice, in accordance with the principles of Catholic social teaching.



Don't just take our word for it...

We see first-hand the difference our work makes in the local community, but don't just take our word for it. Here's what just a few of the people who have accessed our services, our volunteers, and local professionals have said:

“People showed us humanity between friends and neighbours...Life was harder before, here there is safety, humanity, support.”

“You give me a sense of purpose and something to look forward to.”

“My Caritas social worker is amazing, so helpful and full of compassion. She is a gem.”

“When you see that your children are happy you forget that you are far from your family, in exile...You feel that you have achieved something for them.”

Reading about the journeys that students of Caritas undertook in order to find safety in Manchester spurred me on to become a volunteer and fundraiser supporting their great efforts by hiking in my local area.”

How you can help Get involved in our work now . . .



Fundraise for our charity,
so we can continue supporting members of your local community. Visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/fundraise telephone 0161 817 2285 or email fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk to get in touch and find out more



Make a donation
at www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate
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