



Parish Bulletin

Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2025

Sunday Cycle C
Divine Office: Week 4

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows
(memorial)

 Hebrews 5:7-9; Ps 31(30):2-3a. 3b-4. 5-6. 15-16. 20. R17b;
John 19:25-27.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday September 16

Ss Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
(memorial)

 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R5;
John 17:11b-19.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

2:00PM-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Parish Room at Holy Family
Church. All welcome.

Wednesday Sept. 17

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Ps 111(110):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. R2a;
Luke 7:31-35.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday September 18

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Ps 111(110):7-8. 9. 10. R2a;
Luke 7:36-50.

9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family

Friday September 19

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Ps 49(48):6-7. 8-10. 17-18. 19-20.
R Matthew 5:3; Luke 8:1-3.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

Saturday September 20

Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,
Priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-
sang, and Companions,
Martyrs (memorial)

 Romans 8:31b-39; Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R5;
Luke 9:23-26.

**11:00-11:45AM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), St Mary's.**

12:00 noon Mass, St Mary's

Sunday September 21

25th Sunday in Ordinary
Time (Evangelii Gaudium
Sunday)

 Amos 8:4-7; Ps 113(112):1-2. 4-6. 7-8. R cf. 1a, 7b;
1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13.

9:00AM St Mary's Church open for private prayer.

9:30AM Sung Mass, St Mary's

10:45AM Holy Family Church open for private prayer.

11:15AM Sung Mass, Holy Family

Light refreshments will be served after both Sunday morning
Masses.

6:00PM Mass, St Mary's

Divine Office Week 1

Confession

Saturdays (see above); or otherwise on request.

Baptisms and Marriages

If you would like to arrange a baptism or a wedding, please
speak to a priest or to Sr. Benedicta after Mass.

Please note, we require six months' notice for a wedding.

We Pray For...

Sick

We pray for all who are currently awaiting results, undergoing treatment or battling illnesses. In particular: Paul Vincent Rostern, Gregory Francis Rostern, Pdraig Rafferty, Joe & Anne Appleton, Teddy Holt, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse, Karen Seinen, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Michael Melody, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Catherine Redikin, James McManus, Catherine Ardill, Cristopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Caroline, Ann Burn and Donni Marie.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Noel Pritchard, Maura O'Malley and Patrick Lawlor.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Agnes Madden, Kathleen Walsh and Colin Pritchard.

May they continue to rest in the Lord.

Sanctuary Candle at Holy Family

This week's sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church was donated by members of the Morrow family, in memory of Pat Morrow.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

Celebrated each year on the third Sunday in September (next Sunday), Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. It is a Sunday more commonly known as Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate the beauty of our faith, and our shared commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ.

Celebrating 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the theme for this year is 'I believe...' as the heart of mission. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

Catenians Group Urban Pilgrimage

The Failsworth Catenians Group cordially invite you to become 'Pilgrims of Hope' by joining us in an Urban Walking Pilgrimage on Saturday October 4, 2025.

The Pilgrimage will begin from the Church of the Holy Family in Limeside at 9:30am and will visit the churches of St Mary's Failsworth, Christ the King in Newton Heath and St Patrick's

in Collyhurst, before arriving at St Mary's Mulberry Street (The Hidden Gem), Manchester, in time to attend the 5:15pm Mass on that day. Walking Pilgrims of all abilities are welcome; our intention is to walk on public footpaths between each of the churches.

If you would like to participate in the Pilgrimage or provide sponsorship to those taking part, please see the posters and sponsorship forms that can be found at the back of both churches. If you would like further information about the Pilgrimage, please speak to a member of the Catenians Group in person or contact Iain O'Hare on 07977 720108.

CAFOD National Briefing Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) National Online Briefing: *The Positive Impact of Family Fast Day for the People of Ethiopia*

All parishioners are invited to attend a CAFOD National Online Briefing via Zoom on Wednesday September 17 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. The briefing will include a live presentation from Teamrat Belai, Ethiopia's Country Director for CAFOD, and who also represents The *Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF)* and *Trocaire*. Teamrat will talk about the work of these charities in Ethiopia.

The briefing will also underscore the value of supporting the CAFOD

Harvest Family Fast Day, which falls on Friday October 3, 2025.

If you would like to join the briefing session, please register at the website below:

https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/cafod_harvest_volunteers

Retiring Collections

This weekend's retiring collections are in support of Catholic Education.

Retiring collections next Sunday—September 21—will be in support of the Evangelii Gaudium Mission ('Joy of the Gospel').

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Walton House, in Failsworth, will be hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Thursday, September 25 at 11:00am. Walton House is located on Grafton St., Failsworth, M35 9DX. All are welcome.

Important Notice from the Diocese

The Diocese of Salford has shared a warning about a scam text message that has been circulated to some parishes in our diocese, purporting to be from the parish priest. Please be aware that this is not a genuine text. If you come across any such text, please do not engage with it, but simply delete it from your inbox. If you are ever unsure about a text, call, or email from the parish, please call the parish office and we'll be happy to advise.

Bonus Ball St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw August 30. Winning no. 16 – Denise Amos. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145. Next draw: Saturday, Sept 27. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Pay by Friday Sept. 26. **Charity Bonus Ball:** Previous draw: August 30. Charity: Alzheimer's Society. Winning no. 16 – Denise Amos. Prize: £150. To charity: £140. Next draw: Saturday, Sept. 26. Charity: Reuben's Retreat. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Pay by Friday Sept. 26. **Late payments will not be accepted.**

Readings & Psalm for Sunday Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Numbers 21:4b-9

'If anyone were bitten by a serpent, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.'

In those days: The people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For

there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.' Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a fiery serpent and set it

on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.' So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 78(77):1-2. 34-35. 36-37. 38. R cf. 7b

Response:



Ne-ver for-get the deeds of the Lord;



Ne-ver for-get the deeds of the Lord!

- 1 Give ear, my people, to my teaching;
incline your ear to the words of my
mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and utter hidden lessons of the past.
- 2 When he slew them, then they sought
him,
repented and earnestly sought God.
They would remember that God was
their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer.
- 3 Yet they deceived him with their
mouths;
they lied to him with their tongues.
For their hearts were not steadfast
towards him;
they were not faithful to his covenant.

- 4 Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave them their sin and spared
them.

So often he held back his anger,
and did not stir up all his rage.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

*'He humbled himself, therefore God
has highly exalted him.'*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form
of God, did not count equality with God
a thing to be grasped, but emptied
himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men. And
being found in human form, he
humbled himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death, even death on a
cross. Therefore God has highly exalted
him and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name, so that at the
name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the
earth, and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God
the Father.

Gospel Reading

John 3:13-17

'The Son of Man must be lifted up.'

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'No one has ascended into heaven

except he who descended from heaven,
the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up
the serpent in the wilderness, so must
the Son of Man be lifted up, that
whoever believes in him may have
eternal life. For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son, that
whoever believes in him should not
perish but have eternal life. For God
did not send his Son into the world to
condemn the world, but in order that
the world might be saved through him.'

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