

# Parish of the NATIVITY



Diocese of Salford

## Parish Bulletin

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
July 26, 2026

Sunday Cycle A  
Weekday Cycle 2  
Divine office Week 1

### Website

nativityparish.org.uk

### Our Churches

Church of St Mary the Immaculate  
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## This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

### Monday July 27

Weekday in Ordinary  
Time

Jeremiah 13:1-11; Deuteronomy 32:18-19. 20. 21. R cf. 18a;  
Matthew 13:31-35;

**9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**

### Tuesday July 28

Weekday in Ordinary  
Time

Jeremiah 14:17-22; Ps 79(78):8. 9. 11, 13. R Sirach 36:1b;  
Matthew 13:36-43.

**9:15AM Mass, St Mary's**

**11:15AM Funeral - Kristina Righart, St Mary's**

(No Cuppa Club today. Resumes Tuesday, August 4)

### Wednesday July 29

Ss Martha, Mary and  
Lazarus (memorial)

1 John 4:7-16; Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. 10-11. R2a;  
John 11:19-27.

**9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**

### Thursday July 30

Weekday in Ordinary  
Time

Jeremiah 18:1-6; Ps 146(145):2a-c. 2d-4. 5-6. R5a;  
Matthew 13:47-53.

**9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family**

### Friday July 31

St Ignatius of Loyola,  
Priest (memorial)

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. 10-11. R2a;  
Luke 14:25-33.

**8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's**

**9:30AM Mass, St Mary's**

(There is no scripture study today)

**7:00PM F.I.L.M. TRIUMPHANTS UK Concert, St Mary's Church.**

### Saturday August 1

St Alphonsus Mary de'  
Liguori, Bishop, Doctor  
of the Church  
(memorial)

Romans 8:1-4; Ps 119(118):9-10. 11-12. 13-14. R12b;  
Matthew 5:13-19.

**11:00-11:45AM Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), St Mary's**

**11:00-11:50AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Mary's**

**12:00 noon: Mass, St Mary's**

### Sunday August 2

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

Divine Office Week 2

Isaiah 55:1-3; Ps 145(144):8-9. 15-16. 17-18. R cf. 16;  
Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21.

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

**9:30AM Sung High Mass, St Mary's**

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

**11:15AM Sung High Mass, Holy Family**

Light refreshments are normally served after both Sunday morning  
Masses.

**6:00PM Mass, St Mary's**

### Confession

Saturdays (see above); otherwise on request

### Baptisms and Marriages

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

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

## We Pray For

All parishioners (special intention).

### Sick

We pray for all who are currently awaiting results, undergoing treatment or battling illnesses.

### Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Kristina Righart, Agnello Onofrio, William Tokede, Terry Cassidy and Mary Nixon. May they rest in perfect peace.

### Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Fintan Fitzmaurice, Bernadette Regan, Bernadette Speedy, Thomas Haynes, Patrick Golden, Roy Farrington, Rita Trippier and Evelyn Appleton. May they continue to rest in the Lord.

## We pray for forgotten souls in Purgatory

## AN IMPORTANT CALL TO REVERENCE

Holy Mass doesn't just begin when the priest enters the sanctuary. It begins before that, with the gathering of the people in a moment of preparation for the celebration of this Divine Sacrifice. We all are active and essential participants and contributors in the Mass along with the priest: we are not an audience waiting for the show to begin; we are not 'consumers'.

Because we are called to this mature and active participation, we need that time to ready our hearts for the great divine encounter we are about to enjoy. With this in mind, altar candles are being lit around 30 minutes before the celebration begins, marking a special time for our preparation, reflection, and private prayer.

To help us all grow as Christian faithful, we ask everyone attending Mass to respect and revere this sacred time before the core celebration. Let us do our best to maintain the peace and quiet it deserves, leaving our joyful social catch-up until after the Mass, *please*.

## A Note on Children

Parents, please don't stress! We know this period of quiet can't be imposed on infants and young children who are below the age of understanding. The best way we can encourage our children in their faith is to gently guide them and, most importantly, set a peaceful, prayerful example for them as we prepare and worship together.

### Sanctuary Candle at Holy Family Church

This week's sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church was donated by Catherine Taylor, in memory of **James McGuire**.

### Sanctuary Candle – The Light of the Real Presence

Our sanctuary candles burn twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, as a silent witness to the Real Presence of Christ in the Tabernacle. It is a beautiful tradition at **Holy Family Church** for families or individuals to 'sponsor' this candle for a week at a time.

If you would like to donate a sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church in memory of a loved one, please enquire at the piety shop there. Your intention will

be kept in prayer throughout the week as the flame burns before the Lord.

### Retiring Collection for Stella Maris

*Stella Maris* is the international agency of the Catholic Church that helps thousands of seafarers every year who are struggling with loneliness, exhaustion, bullying and exploitation. This weekend, a retiring collection will be taken after all Masses, in support of the work of the agency.

### Cuppa Club Recess

Please note that the Cuppa Club will not meet on this coming Tuesday, July 28. It will resume the following Tuesday, August 4.

### Scripture Study Group Recess

There will be no meeting of the Scripture Study Group on Friday, July 31. Meetings resume on Friday, August 7.

### A Night of Music and Fun

The African priests and religious of the Diocese of Salford, in conjunction with the F.I.L.M. TRIUMPHANTS UK, are inviting us to a concert in celebration of African liturgical and folk music. This is to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Failsworth, M35 0NN next Friday, July 31 at 7:00pm. This promises to be a night of good music (by the invited choir) and laughter (caused by the priests and religious who will also try to sing). Let us mark this date in our dairies and come to have a fun filled evening.

**Bonus Ball Update** St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw: June 27. Winning no. 24 – Paul Brady. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 minus £10 (2 unpaid numbers) = £135. Next draw: Saturday, July 25. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Must have paid by Friday, July 24. **Charity Bonus Ball:** Previous draw: June 27. Charity: The Brain Tumour Charity UK. Winning no. 24 – Denise Amos. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 minus £10 (2 unpaid numbers) = £135. Next draw: Saturday, July 24. Charity: Alzheimer's Society. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Must have paid by Friday, July 24. **Late payments cannot be accepted.**