



Parish Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

August 17, 2025

Sunday Cycle C
Divine Office: Week 4

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday August 18
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

📖 Judges 2:11-19; Ps 106(105):34-35. 36-37. 39-40. 43ab, 44.
R 4a; Matthew 19:16-22.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday August 19
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

📖 Judges 6:11-24a; Ps 85(84):9. 11-12. 13-14. R9b;
Matthew 19:23-30.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

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

Wednesday August 20
St Bernard, abbot, Doctor
of the Church (memorial)

📖 Sirach 15:1-6; Ps 119(118):9-10. 11-12. 13-14. R12b;
John 17:20-26.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

11:00AM Funeral - Pauline Bunner, St Mary's

Thursday August 21
St Pius X, Pope
(memorial)

📖 1 Thessalonians 2:2b-8; Ps 89(88): 2-3. 4-5. 21-22. 25, 27.
R cf. 2a; John 21:15-17.

9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family

Friday August 22
The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
(memorial)

📖 Isaiah 9:2-7; Ps 113(112):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R cf. 8; Luke
1:26-38.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

Saturday August 23
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

📖 Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R1a;
Matthew 23:1-12.

**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 August 24
21st Sunday in Ordinary
Time

📖 Isaiah 66:18-21; Ps 117(116):1. 2. R Mark 16:15; Hebrews
12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30.

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

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, Ann Burn, Caroline, Donni Marie and Mary Killeen.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Steven Flowers, Pauline Bunner, Austin Molan and Sarah Butcher.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Paul Swallow, Robert Lealy, James Scanlon and David Birch.

May they continue to rest in the Lord.

Death & Funeral

We recently announced the death of **Pauline Bunner**. Pauline’s funeral is scheduled for this coming Wednesday, August 20, 11:00am at St Mary’s Church.

Let us keep Pauline’s friends and family in our prayers.

Sanctuary Candles

At Holy Family Church, you can purchase and donate a sanctuary candle in memory of a family member or a friend. If you are interested, please see Margaret Ryan, or John Green (organist).

Cemetery Masses on August 25 (Holiday Monday)

St Mary’s Cemetery, Wardley

A Mass to remember loved ones who have died will be taking place at 11:00am on Monday, August 25 at St Mary’s Cemetery, Wardley. All are welcome to join as we come together in faith to remember our loved ones.

Southern Cemetery

The Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce the return of its Cemetery Mass at Southern Cemetery—the first since before the pandemic—providing a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith and remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Join us at 12 noon on Monday,

August 25 outside the Roman Catholic Chapel in the cemetery. Seating will not be provided, so please bring a chair if you need one. In the event of poor weather, Mass will be celebrated in St Ambrose Church.

Ecological Rosary at the Laudato Si’ Centre

Join us at the Diocese of Salford’s Laudato Si’ Centre on Wednesday September 3 as we gather together to pray the Rosary with ecological reflections. This event is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in prayer and to enjoy the beauty of God’s creation. Email:

laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more and to register.

Readings & Psalm for Sunday Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

‘You bore me, a man of contention to the whole land.’

In those days: The officials said to the king, ‘Let this man, Jeremiah, be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.’ King Zedekiah said, ‘Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you.’ So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king’s son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

Ebed-melech went from the king’s house and said to the king, ‘My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.’ Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, ‘Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40(39):2. 3. 4. 18. R14b

Response:

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LORD, make haste to help me!

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- 1 I waited, I waited for the LORD, and he stooped down to me. He heard my cry.
- 2 He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock, made my footsteps firm.
- 3 He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the LORD.
- 4 Wretched and poor though I am, the Lord is mindful of me. You are my rescuer, my help; O my God, do not delay.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

‘Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.’

Brothers and Sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-53

‘I have not come to give peace but division.’

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided: three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

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