

Parish of the NATIVITY



Diocese of Salford

Parish Bulletin

23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026

Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine office Week 3

Website

nativityparish.org.uk

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday Sept. 7

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6. 7. 12. R9a; Luke 6:6-11.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday Sept. 8

The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
(feast)

 Romans 8:28-30; Ps 13(12):6ab. 6c. R Isaiah 61:10a;
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

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

Wednesday Sept. 9

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Ps 45(44):11-12. 14-15. 16-17. R11a;
Luke 6:20-26.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family Primary School, Lime Green Road

Thursday Sept. 10

St Ambrose Barlow,
Martyr (feast)

 2 Maccabees 6:18, 21, 24-31; Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R5;
Matthew 10:17-22.

9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family

Friday Sept. 11

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84(83):2-3. 5-6. 12. R2;
Luke 6:39-42.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's (St Mary's School Opening Mass)

6:30PM Scripture Study, St Mary's

Saturday Sept. 12

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Ps 116(115):12-13. 17-18. R17a;
Luke 6:43-49.

**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 Sept. 13

24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
(Divine Office Week 4)

 Sirach 27:30-28:7; Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R8;
Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35.

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 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

Sick

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

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Elizabeth Brown, Paul Donbarand and Ken Hall. May they rest in
perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Kathleen Walsh, Paul Snelling, Rita Rowan, Fr John McKeown and
Agnes Madden. May they continue to rest in the Lord.

We pray for forgotten souls in Purgatory

Sanctuary Candle at Holy Family Church

This weeks sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church was donated by the Madden family, in memory of **Agnes Madden**.

RCIA Programme (for adults wishing to be received into the Roman Catholic Church)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults are received into the Church community. The RCIA prepares adults for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

RCIA classes begin this Saturday, September 5. If you are still interested, please speak to one of the priests, or to Sr. Benedicta.

Changes to Mass Arrangements This Week

This coming Wednesday, September 9, Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family School, Lime Green Road, at 9:15am. There will be no celebration of Mass in either church on that day.

The 9:30am Mass on Friday, September 11 will be the St Mary's School Opening Mass; it will, however, be celebrated in St Mary's Church, not in the school.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pantasaph Monastery

We are pleased to announce our diocesan pilgrimage to the Pantasaph Monastery in North Wales for the Year of St Francis of Assisi, which takes place on Saturday October 17, 2026. The coach will leave the first pick up point at 9:00am and will be returning at around 6:00pm.

The cost of the trip is £35pp, which covers coach travel, lunch, tea/coffee and a donation to the monastery.

For more information and to book your place, please contact the pilgrimage office by telephone on 0161 817 2209 or by email at:

walsingham.
pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Parish Community Pantry

In the narthex of St Mary's Church, and in the porch at Holy Family Church, there are stocks of food products, intended for anyone who is struggling with food expenses. Products can be taken for own consumption, or they can be passed on to anyone in need; no referral is required.

Parishioners who are able are encouraged to donate food products to the pantry; but please note that only packet and tinned foods can be accepted (no fresh/perishable foods). Also, products must be unopened and in-date.

Thank you for your generosity so far.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A coffee 'morning' will take place in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church on Tuesday September 22, from 11:30am until 4:00pm.

Vacancies Within the Diocese

- Cathedral Business Manager;
- Choral Director: Schools Singing Programme.

Please find more information about these vacancies and how to apply on the Diocese website:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

Care for Creation: Resources from The University of Manchester and The Diocese of Salford

New resources for helping Catholic communities connect salvation and care

for creation

Ahead of the Season of Creation, our diocesan Environment team have worked alongside The University of Manchester to create a collection of Catholic formation resources designed to help clergy, parishioners, schools and other groups deepen their understanding of creation care and to translate faith into practical action.

Entitled 'Salvation and Creation Care', the resources have been developed through close collaboration with Professor Peter Scott of The University of Manchester. They are available free of charge and offer different levels of engagement for parishes, deaneries, schools and colleges, clergy, and lay people across the UK.

The resources place care for creation within the wider Christian understanding of salvation. Their central themes—communion, reconciliation and redemption—invite participants to consider the relationships between God, humanity and the whole created world, as well as the practical changes that can follow from this theological reflection.

To access the resources and for further information, scan the following QR code:



Bonus Ball Update St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw: July 25. Winning no. 50 – Deirdre mcArdle. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 minus £10 (2 numbers unpaid) minus £1.99 admin costs = £133.01. Next draw: Saturday, August 29. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Must have paid by Friday, August 28. **Charity Bonus Ball:** Previous draw: July 25. Charity: Alzheimer's Society. Winning no. 50 – Jacquie Faulkner. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 minus £15 (3 unpaid numbers) = £130. Next draw: Saturday, August 29. Charity: Alzheimer's Society. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Must have paid by Friday, August 28. **Late payments cannot be accepted.**