



Parish Bulletin

30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025

Sunday Cycle C
Divine Office: Week 2

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday October 27
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Romans 8:12-17; Ps 68(67):2, 4, 6-7b. 20-21. R21a;
Luke 13:10-17.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday October 28
Ss Simon and Jude,
Apostles (feast)

 Ephesians 2:19-22; Ps 19(18):2-3, 4-5. R5a; Luke 6:12-19.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

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

Wednesday October 29
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Romans 8:26-30; Ps 13(12):4-5, 6. R6a; Luke 13:22-30.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday October 30
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Romans 8:31b-39; Ps 109(108):21-22, 26-27, 30-31. R26b;
Luke 13:31-35.

9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family

Friday October 31
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Romans 9:1-5; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20. R12a;
Luke 14:1-6.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

Saturday November 1
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29;
Ps 94(93):12-13a, 14-15, 17-18. R14a; Luke 14:1, 7-11.

**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 November 2
All Saints (solemnity)

 Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24(23):1-2, 3-4b, 5-6. R cf. 6;
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a.

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

9:30AM Sung Mass, St Mary's

Divine Office Week 3

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...

Agnes Houessou (Special Intention), Carol & Stephen Deakin (50th Marriage Anniversary),
and John W. Leahy (Birthday).

Sick

We pray for all who are currently awaiting results, undergoing treatment or battling
illnesses. In particular: Paul Vincent Rostern, Gregory Francis Rostern, Padraig Rafferty, Joe
& Anne Appleton, Teddy Holt, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse Passenger, 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, Donni Marie, Sarah O'Brien, Collette Hartwell, Clare Hassall, Jim Noonan, Sylvia
Haines, Carole Sergeant and Rita McManus.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Alessandro Bregolato, Tommy Casey, Barbara Casey, Monica
Smith, Kevin Murphy, John Hassall and Kellyanne Connors.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Christine Baldwin, Mervyn Williams, Bernard and Sarah Swallow,
Rosemary Morrow and Elsie Scanlon.

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 Baldwin family, in memory of Christine Baldwin.

Deaths

We sadly announce the death of one of our parishioners, **Kevin Murphy**, a long-time worshipper at Holy Family Church. Kevin's funeral arrangement will be announced shortly. Let us keep him and his family in our prayers.

With sadness, we also announce the death of **John Hassall**. John's funeral arrangement will be announced shortly. We keep him and his family in our prayers.

Final Call for Sacramental Programme Registration

This Sunday, October 26, is the final opportunity to take an important step and register your child for this year's Sacramental Programme. Registration will take place in the Narthex of Holy Family Church immediately following the 11:15am Mass.

The Programme is open to all children currently in Years 3 to 6 as they prepare for their journey of faith.

Classes for November Baptisms

Parents and guardians presenting children for baptism in November, please ensure you attend the preparation class taking place at St Mary's Church this Sunday, October 26, following the 9:30am Mass.

St Mary's Primary School Fresher Parents' Open Day

If you have a child or children entering St Mary's nursery or reception in September 2026, you are invited to an open day event in the Early Years Department on Thursday, November 6, 4:00-5:00pm.

Transferred Celebrations

The solemnity of All Saints has been transferred this year, to next Sunday, November 2—usual Sunday Mass times.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) has been transferred to Monday, November 3. Mass will be celebrated on that day at Holy Family Church, 9:30am, and at St Mary's Church, 6:00pm.

All Souls Remembrance Tree

An All Souls remembrance tree, along with envelopes for Mass requests and optional offerings, will be placed in each of our churches starting from next Sunday, November 2. These will remain throughout November.

Christmas Fayre

Our 2025 Christmas Fayre is only a few weeks away, so here is our timeline for your donation of raffle prizes, beginning this Sunday:

Bottles: October 26.

Chocolates: November 2.

Gift sets: November 9.

Toys & games: November 16.

Please leave your prize donations underneath the bookstall in the

narthex at either Church. Unopened gifts only, and in new condition please.

Afternoon of Entertainment

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment with *Me, Him and Jim*, this Tuesday October 28, 2:00-4:00pm, in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church. Enjoy singing, storytelling and an illusionist. £2 including light refreshments—pay at the door.

Service of Remembrance for Lives Cut Short

A Service of Remembrance for Lives Cut Short will take place at Manchester Cathedral on Monday November 24, 7:30pm. This service, which will commemorate those who have died as a result of homicide, has been organized by friends and families of those lost in this tragic way.

If you wish to have the name of a loved one read out during the service, please call Rev. Canon Steve Williams on 07757 411377, or email him at:

st.gab.prest@gmail.com

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The recent Macmillan Coffee Morning at Walton House raised £1,664. Thank you, those who supported the event.

Line Dancing

You have the opportunity to get hoedown-happy by joining our Line Dancing social every Thursday evening from 7:30pm to 8:30pm, in St Mary's School Hall. Admission is just £2. Proceeds are shared between Parish and school.

Readings and Psalm for Sunday Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

'The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds.'

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he

will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33):2-3, 17-18, 19, 23. R7a

Response:



The low-ly one called,



and the LORD heard him.

1 I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its
boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

- 2 The LORD turns his face against the wicked
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.
When the just one cries out, the LORD hears,
and rescues him in all his distress.
- 3 The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The LORD ransoms the souls of his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be condemned.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

‘There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.’

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on

that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

‘The tax collector went down to his house justified, rather than the Pharisee.’

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: “Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: “God, I thank you that I am not like other

men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.” But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.’

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Psalm musical setting—Response: *Parish of the Nativity.*

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