



Parish Bulletin

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Week 4

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday February 2
The Presentation of the Lord (feast)

Malachi 3:1-4; Ps 24(23):7. 8. 9. 10. R8a; Luke 2:22-40.
9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday February 3
Weekday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86(85):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. R1a; Mark 5:21-43.
9:15AM Mass, St Mary's
2:00-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Holy Family—all welcome.

Wednesday February 4
Weekday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32(31):1-2. 5. 6. 7. R1a; Mark 6:1-6.
9:15AM School Mass, Holy Family Primary School (no Mass in church).

Thursday February 5
St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr (memorial)

1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Ps 31(30):3c-4. 6, 8ab. 16bc, 17. R6a; Luke 9:23-26.
9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family

Friday February 6
St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs (memorial)

Galatians 2:19-20; Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R3; Matthew 28:16-20.
8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's
9:30AM Mass, St Mary's
6:30PM Scripture study, St Mary's meeting room

Saturday February 7
Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:4-13; Ps 119(118):9-10. 11-12. 13-14. R12b; Mark 6:30-34.
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 February 8
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:6-10; Ps 112(111):4-5. 6-7. 8a, 9. R4a; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16.
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); 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, Padraig Rafferty, Joe & Anne Appleton, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse Passenger, Karen Seinen, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Michael Melody, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Catherine Redikin, Catherine Ardill, Christopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Caroline, Ann Burn, Donni Marie, Sarah O'Brien, Collette Hartwell, Immanuel Iro, Annamariae O.S. Asemota, Susan Watson, Stephanie Farrell, Anna, Morris Maude, Mary Jowes, Phyll Watson, Mrs. Gavin and Patrick O'Brien.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Patricia Fitzgerald, Tom Grahame, Paul Hutchinson and Loretta Broxton.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Daisy Francis, Martin Doherty, Cecilia Watson, Frances Jones, Pamela Ruddock, Louis & Maureen De Melchor, and Brian Hobin.

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 Deacon Stephen Scott in memory of Dave Batey.

Sponsoring Sanctuary Candles at Holy Family Church

The sanctuary candle is a silent herald that Christ is substantially present (Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity) in the Tabernacle.

You are invited to sponsor this 'living flame' to keep watch before the Lord in memory of a loved one. To arrange this, please enquire at piety shop at Holy Family Church after the 11:15 Mass on Sundays. The remembrance of your loved one will be published in the bulletin as close as possible to a date of your choosing.

Change to Mass Arrangements

This coming Wednesday, February 4, Mass will be celebrated at 9:15am at Holy Family Primary School, Lime Green Road, Limehurst Village, OL8 3NG. Mass will not be celebrated in either church on that day.

Exploring God's Creation within Catholic Theology

Dr. Finlay Malcolm from the University of Manchester will be delivering an interactive teaching session exploring how creation and the environment are integral to Catholic faith and theology.

The session will involve theological and environmental teaching, spiritual reflection, and discussion of how we can be part of God's work, through the Church, in redeeming His creation.

The event will take place on Wednesday February 25, 2026, 7:00-9:00pm, at Guardian Angels RC Church Hall, Harvey Street, Elton, Bury, BL8 2RD. Refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register for the event, please use the following link:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/exploring-gods-creation-within-catholic-theology/>

Guest Lecture: 'Keeping our Hope Alive'

As part of a series of guest lectures hosted by Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy, Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, OP, will be speaking about 'Keeping our hope alive today'.

The lecture will begin at 6:00pm at the Catholic Chaplaincy, Church of the Holy Name, 339 Oxford Rd, Manchester M13 9PG. British Sign Language interpretation will be available.

For more information please contact:

mucc@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

An Afternoon of Entertainment with Ian Jenkins

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment on Tuesday, February 10 at 2:00pm, when we

welcome the talented and fun entertainer *Ian Jenkins*. The event will take place in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church.

Admission is £5, which covers light refreshments. Tickets are available in advance, or you may pay on the door.
Pam x

Failsworth Catenians Group - Lancashire Night and Raffle

On Friday, February 13, the Failsworth Catenians Group will be hosting a 'Lancashire Night and Raffle' in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church to raise money for the Group's pilgrimage and for Parish funds. Tickets for the event are priced at £15; this covers supper (Lancashire hotpot or cheese and onion pie), plus entertainment from the singing group 'Flexible In Number'. Tickets can be bought from members of the Catenians Group or by contacting Iain O'Hare on 07977 720108.

Lourdes Fundraiser Quiz Night

The Lourdes Committee would like to invite you to a quiz night on Saturday, February 7 at 7:30pm. This is a fundraising event in support of arrangements for the 2026 Lourdes Pilgrimage.

The venue is St Luke's Parish Hall, Swinton Park Road, Salford, M6 7WR.

Admission is £10, payable on the door; this will cover a pie and pea supper.

ORDER OF MASS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1 O how blessed are the poor in spirit,

R

2

3

4

PENITENTIAL ACT

General Confession

All say together:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and
sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do,

(Striking breast:)

through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore, I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our
God.

Kýrie Eléison

All sing together:

Kýrie, eléison¹. Kýrie, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.
Christe eléison². Christe eléison.
Christe eléison, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison, eléison.

Sung in the original Greek, translating as follows:

¹ Lord, have mercy.
² Christ, have mercy.

GLORIA

(Sung)

Refrain:

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory
to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will.**

**1. We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

(Refrain)

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only
Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of
the Father,
you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand,
the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

(Refrain)

**3. For you alone are the Holy
One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**
(Refrain) Amen, amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

*'I will leave in your midst a people
humble and lowly.'*

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the
land, who do his just commands; seek
righteousness; seek humility; perhaps
you may be hidden on the day of the
anger of the LORD.

I will leave in your midst a people
humble and lowly. They shall seek
refuge in the name of the LORD, those
who are left in Israel; they shall do no
injustice and speak no lies, nor shall
there be found in their mouth a
deceitful tongue. For they shall graze
and lie down, and none shall make
them afraid.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10.

R Matthew 5:3

All sing the response:



Bless'd are the poor in spi-rit;



for theirs is the king-dom of heav'n.

- 1** It is the LORD who preserves fidelity
for ever,
who does justice to those who are
oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the LORD who sets prisoners free.
- 2** The LORD who opens the eyes of the
blind,
the LORD who raises up those who
are bowed down.
It is the LORD who loves the just,
the LORD who protects the stranger.
- 3** The LORD upholds the orphan and
the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The LORD will reign for ever,
your God, O Sion, from age to age.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

'God chose what is weak in the world.'

Consider your calling, brothers and
sisters: not many of you were wise
according to worldly standards, not
many were powerful, not many were of
noble birth. But God chose what is
foolish in the world to shame the wise;
God chose what is weak in the world to
shame the strong; God chose what is
low and despised in the world, even
things that are not, to bring to nothing
things that are, so that no human being
might boast in the presence of God.
And because of him you are in Christ
Jesus, who became to us wisdom from
God, righteousness, and sanctification,
and redemption; so that, as it is
written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast
in the Lord.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung)

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cantor: Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in
heaven.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy
Gospel according to N.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12a

'Blessed are the poor in spirit.'

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus
went up on the mountain, and when he
sat down, his disciples came to him.
And he opened his mouth and taught
them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in
spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven. Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted. Blessed are
the meek, for they shall inherit the
earth. Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness, for they
shall be satisfied. Blessed are the
merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they
shall see God. Blessed are the
peacemakers, for they shall be called
sons of God. Blessed are those who are
persecuted for righteousness' sake, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when others revile you
and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is
great in heaven.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ.

THE CREED

All say together:

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were
made.**

**For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

*(All kneel or bow at the underlined
words that follow)*

**and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day**

in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and is glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 470

Make me a channel of your peace

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the
Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

All: It is right and just.

Holy

All sing together:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of
hosts. Heaven and earth are full,
are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in
the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, who
comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in
the highest.

*The congregation kneel for the
remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

The Mystery of Faith

The priest sings or says:

The mystery of faith

All sing together:



Conclusion

The priest alone sings or says:

Through him, and with him, and in
him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All respond:

Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

All stand: the Priest says:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare
to say:

All sing:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

The priest alone continues, saying:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every
evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus
Christ.

*We conclude the prayer together, by
singing:*

For the kingdom, the power and
the glory are yours now and for
ever.

Lamb of God

All sing together:

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy
on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy
on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, grant us
peace.

Invitation to Communion

The priest says aloud:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper
of the Lamb.

And together with the people he adds:

Lord, I am not worthy that you
should enter under my roof, but
only say the word and my soul
shall be healed.

HYMN 635

Sweet Sacrament divine

Song of Praise and Thanksgiving

Sing three times:

O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving
be every moment thine.

HYMN 604

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

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