



Parish Bulletin

Sunday November 12,
2023

Week 32 in Ordinary
Time

Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle I
Divine Office: Week 4

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday November 13
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Wisdom 1:1-7; Psalm 138(139):1-10; Luke 17:1-6.
9:15AM Mass, Holy Family
2:00-4:00PM *Let There Be Light* prayer group, Holy Family
community room. All welcome.


Tuesday November 14
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Psalm 33(34):2-3,16-19; Luke 17:7-10.
9:15AM Mass, St Mary's
2:00-4:00PM *Cuppa Club*, Holy Family community room. All
welcome.


Wednesday Nov. 15
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Wisdom 6:1-11; Psalm 81(82):3-4,6-7; Luke 17:11-19.
9:15AM Mass, Holy Family


Thursday November 16
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Psalm 118(119):89-91,130,135,175; Luke
17:20-25.
9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family


Friday November 17
St Hilda, abbess; St Hugh
of Lincoln, Bishop

 Wisdom 13:1-9; Psalm 18(19):2-5; Luke 17:26-37.
9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

Saturday November 18
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Wisdom 18:14-16,19:6-9; Psalm 104(105):2-3,36-37,42-43;
Luke 18:1-8.
**11:00-11:45AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), St Mary's**
12:00 Mass, St Mary's

Sunday November 19
33rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time
(Divine Office week 1)

 Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Psalm 127(128):1-5; 1
Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30.
9:30AM Sung Mass, St Mary's
Light refreshments served after Mass at St Mary's
11:15AM Sung Mass, Holy Family
Light refreshments served after Mass at Holy Family
6:00PM Mass, St Mary's

Confession As above, or otherwise on request.

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

Marriages If you would like to arrange 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...

Special Intentions

We pray for the special intention offered for all who have asked for our prayers.

Sick

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

Recently Deceased

We pray for: Bill Rowan, James Murray, Mavis Robinson and all those recently departed. May they rest peace.

Anniversaries

We pray for: Margaret Doyle, Peter Toner and Davidson Nwankwo. May they continue to rest in the Lord.

Priestly Anniversary

We pray for Canon Michael Cooke VG, on the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood (November 5, 1983).

Sanctuary Candle

This week's sanctuary candle was donated by Kevin, Helen and Jane Murphy, in memory of Joseph Patrick Murphy and Mary Waugh.

To offer a candle during the period: December 2023 through December 2024, please speak to Margaret Ryan after 11:15 Mass, to give the name and date.

Death

We sadly announce the death of Mavis Robinson. Mavis' funeral will take place at St Mary's Church on Tuesday, Nov 28 at 10:30AM. May she rest in perfect peace.

Pastoral Visit of the Apostolic Nuncio

His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will make a pastoral visit to Salford Diocese on 29th and 30th November. As part of his visit he will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's, Collyhurst, on Thursday, 30th November at 6:30pm, where he will impart an Apostolic Blessing on all those present. All are welcome to attend the Mass: there is no need to register.

Christmas Raffles

Tickets for the SM and HF Christmas raffles are available to buy from the back of St Mary's church and Holy Family church, respectively.

Please lend your support by buying tickets.

Join our choir over Christmas

Would you be interested in singing with the parish choir at Masses during the Christmas season? If so, please see John Green (organist) after any of the Sunday morning Masses, or email:

john.green@nativityparish.org.uk.

Please note, you must be aged 18 or over, and you would need to attend the Wednesday evening rehearsals on December 13th and 20th. You do **not** need to be able to read music notation.

Sponsored Walk—October 2023.

This walk for the parish has, so far, raised £1033.50... with more still to come! A big thank you to our walkers, their sponsors, and to you who bought the *Let's Go For a Walk* booklet.

Christmas Fayre Donations (St Mary's)

We are in need of prize donations for our Christmas Fayre. Please ensure that donated items are new and unopened, and leave them in St Mary's baptistry on the right-hand side. Suggestions: bottles and chocolates for the tombola, and gift sets, gifts, toiletries, toys, etc. for *Spin the Wheel*. Next Sunday (November 19) or during the coming week, please bring bottles.

Your Travel to Church

As the Diocese of Salford works to reach its goal of being net zero by 2038, we're

looking to find out more about the travel patterns of people across the diocese. Our diocesan environment team has put together a short survey to find out more about how people travel to and from church, and they would be very grateful for your response. Please use the following web shortcut to access the survey:

dts.nativityparish.org.uk

Yoga Classes

There will be no Yoga class on Thursday, November 30. The last class for the year will take place on December 14. We'll be back on January 4, 2024.

Christmas Floral Demonstration

There will be a Christmas floral demonstration by Kathleen Williams on Tuesday, November 28 2023 at 10:30AM, in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church. Tickets will be on sale from next weekend at a cost of £5.00 each.

Bonus Ball Draws

November's regular draw is in aid of SM building repair fund. The charity draw is in aid of the Royal British Legion. If you would like a number on the Charity Bonus Ball, please contact Hayley. Draws will take place on the 25th; members to pay for their numbers by noon on Friday 24th.

Cancer Research UK, British Heart Foundation and Alzheimer's Society pin badges are still available to buy for a donation at the back of SM next to the charity info board/frames.

Scripture Readings at Sunday Mass

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for her.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the

other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

The wise and foolish virgins.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were

foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'