



Parish Bulletin

18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 2, 2026

Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine office Week 2

Website

nativityparish.org.uk

Our Churches

Church of St Mary the Immaculate
Conception,
Clive Road, Failsworth, Manchester,
M35 0NN.

Church of the Holy Family
407, Roman Road, Hollinwood, Oldham,
OL8 3PY.

Email: saint.marys@hotmail.com
Tel 0161 681 1835

Parish Priest

Canon Michael Job

Assistant Priest

Fr Celestine Nyikwagh

SVP

Parishofthenativitysvp@outlook.com

Youth Group

youth.parishofthenativity@gmail.com

Parish Gardening Group

beetgetherhollinwood@gmail.com

 @Parishofthe Nativity

 @Oldham_nativity

This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday August 3
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Jeremiah 28:1-17; Ps 119(118):29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102. R68b;
Matthew 14:22-36.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday August 4
St John Mary Vianney,
Priest (memorial)

 Ezekiel 3:16-21; Ps 117(116):1, 2. R Mark 16:15;
Matthew 9:35-10:1.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

1:30PM Funeral - Mary Ellen Nixon (Mollie), St Mary's Church.
2:00PM - 4:00PM Cuppa Club, Parish Room at Holy Family
Church. All welcome.

Wednesday August 5
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Jeremiah 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12b, 13. Rcf.10d;
Matthew 15:21-28.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday August 6
The Transfiguration of
the Lord (feast)

 2 Peter 1:16-19; Ps 97(96):1-2, 5-6, 9. R1a, 9b; Matthew 17:1-9.

9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family

Friday August 7
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Nahum 1:15; 2:2; 3:1-3, 6-7; Deuteronomy 32:35b-36a, 39, 41.
R 39c; Matthew 16:24-28.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

6:30PM Scripture Study, St Mary's Church.

Saturday August 8
St Dominic, Priest
(memorial)

 1 Corinthians 2:1-10a; Ps 96(95):1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10. R3;
Luke 9:57-62.

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 August 9
19th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Divine Office Week 3

 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85(84):9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14. R8;
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33.

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

9:30AM Sung High Mass, St Mary's

10:45AM Holy Family Church open for private prayer

11:15AM Sung High 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: William Tokede, Terry Cassidy, Mary Nixon and Philip Devlin. May
they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Patrick Golden, Roy Farrington, Rita Trippier, Evelyn Appleton, Ellis
Rocks, James O'Neill, Paul Swallow, Margaret Boyd and Maureen Sammon. May they continue
to rest in the Lord.

We pray for forgotten souls in Purgatory.

Sanctuary Candle at Holy Family Church

This week's sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church was donated by Dominica Ofogba, in memory of **Francis Ogugua**.

Sanctuary Candle – The Light of the Real Presence

Our sanctuary candles burn twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, as a silent witness to the Real Presence of Christ in the Tabernacle. It is a beautiful tradition at **Holy Family Church** for families or individuals to 'sponsor' this candle for a week at a time.

If you would like to donate a sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church in memory of a loved one, please enquire at the piety shop there. Your intention will be kept in prayer throughout the week as the flame burns before the Lord.

Deaths and Funerals

We sadly announce the deaths of:

Mary Ellen Nixon (Mollie), whose funeral is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 1:30pm at St Mary's Church.

Philip Devlin, whose funeral is scheduled for Friday, August 14, 12:30pm at St Mary's Church.

We keep their families and friends in our prayers.

Scripture Study Group

This is a reminder that there is an active scripture study group in the Parish. It meets on Fridays, 6:30 - 8:00pm at St Mary's Church. Being a part of this group is highly recommended—meetings are faith-focused, and are certainly not academic. From next Friday, August 7, we begin working through the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome.

Forthcoming Wedding

We congratulate and pray for Mike and Sarah (Cassidy) who will be married at St Mary's Church, 4:00pm on Friday, August 7.

The Sick List

Please note that the editor of this parish bulletin will keep names on the sick list for up to two weeks following our being notified. As required, please resubmit the name whenever you wish to extend

the insert for a further two weeks.

If the sick person is long-term sick, please speak to a priest to arrange a recurring insert.

We apologize for any inconvenience, but it's very important that we maintain the accuracy of this list.

Bonus Ball Subscriptions Available

'Bonus Ball' is a monthly Parish draw (St Mary's Draw and the Charity Draw). Each draw member is allocated one or more numbers at the start of their membership, which are entered into the draw each month. The price per number is normally £5 per month, payable in advance of each draw. Net proceeds from these draws are donated to the St Mary's Building Repair Fund and to the month's chosen charity, respectively. At this time, there are a few spare numbers available; if you are interested in becoming a member, please approach Cn. Michael, Fr. Celestine or one of the helpers in St Mary's narthex before/after Sunday Masses. They will pass on your details to Hayley, the promoter. See the Bonus Ball Update below for donation and example prize amounts.

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.**