



Parish Bulletin

3rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time

January 25, 2026

Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Week 3

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday January 26
Ss Timothy and Titus,
Bishops (memorial)

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

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday January 27
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24(23):7. 8. 9. 10. R8a;
Mark 3:31-35.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

2:00-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Holy Family—all welcome.

Wednesday January 28
St Thomas Aquinas,
Priest, Doctor of the
Church (memorial)

Wisdom 7:7-10, 15-16;
Ps 119(118):9-10. 11-12. 13-14. R12b; Matthew 23:8-12.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday January 29
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29;
Ps 132(131):1-2. 3-5. 11. 12. 13-14. R Luke 1:32b; Mark 4:21-25.

9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family

Friday January 30
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;
Ps 51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 6c-7. 10-11. R cf. 3a; Mark 4:26-34.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

6:30PM Scripture study, St Mary's meeting room

Saturday January 31
St John Bosco, Priest
(memorial)

Philippians 4:4-9;
Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 8-9. 13-14. 17-18a. R1a; Matthew 18:1-5;

**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 1
4th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13;
Ps 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R Matthew 5:3;
1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a.

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, Cristopher 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 and Mrs. Gavin.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Sam McLellan, James McManus, William Grant, Eileen Grimshaw, Patricia Fitzgerald, Tom Grahame, Paul Hutchinson and Loretta Broxton.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Louise Appleby, Daisy Francis and Martin Doherty.

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 Pat and the girls in memory of Frank and Maureen Fox.

Relics of St Carlo Acutis to Visit Diocese of Salford - January 2026

This month, the relics of St Carlo Acutis will be hosted at two churches in our Diocese over five days, during which time the Diocese will welcome schools, parishioners and people from all over for veneration.

Carlo is the first millennial saint, and is celebrated for his profound faith and his use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukaemia at the age of 15.

The relics will be presented at St Mary's Church, Burnley from 28-29 January 2026 before they travel to St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst where they will remain from January 30 to February 1.

To view the up-to-date schedule for the visits, please check the following page:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/relics-of-st-carlo-acutis-to-visit-diocesan-churches/>

Caritas Sunday

This Sunday, January 25, we are marking Caritas Sunday, an opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past year and to communicate the difference made by your generosity when it comes to the lives of local people experiencing poverty, homelessness and discrimination. Our retiring collection this weekend will be for Caritas Salford—vital for ensuring their work can continue. Please visit:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/CaritasSunday

to download further information.

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/>

Cuppa Club – Date for your Diary

Tuesday, February 10 will be an afternoon of entertainment, as we welcome entertainer *Ian Jenkins* to our Cuppa Club session—2:00pm in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church.

Admission is £5, which covers light refreshments. Pay on the door.

Granny 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 musical group 'Flexible In Number'. Tickets can be bought from members of the Catenians Group or by contacting Iain O'Hare on 07977 720108.

Bonus Ball St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw: December 27. Winning no. 21 – Jacquie Faulkner. Prize: £300. To church fund: £290. Next draw: Saturday, January 31. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Pay by Friday, January 30. **Charity Bonus Ball:** Previous draw: December 27. Charity: St Mary's Church Building & Repairs Fund. Winning no. 21 – Hayley Rafferty. Prize: £300. To charity: £260 (3 numbers unsold = £30). Next draw: Saturday, January 31. Charity: Cancer Research UK. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Pay by Friday, January 30. **Late payments will not be accepted.**

ORDER OF MASS

HYMN 665 v1-4

The race that long in darkness pined

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

Isaiah 9:1b-4

*In Galilee of the nations the people
have seen a great light.*

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 27(26):1. 4. 13-14. R1a

All sing the response:



The LORD is my light



and my sal-va-tion.

- 1** The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread?
- 2** There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD all
the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD, to
enquire at his temple.
- 3** I believe I shall see the LORD's
goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the
LORD!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

*'I appeal to you that all of you agree,
and that there be no divisions among
you.'*

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung)

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cantor: Jesus proclaimed the gospel
of the kingdom
and healed every affliction
among the people.

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 4:12-23

*'Jesus went to Capernaum so that
what was spoken by the prophet
Isaiah might be fulfilled.'*

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

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 262

For the healing of the nations

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 168

Be thou my vision

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 259 v1-2

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