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Diocese of Salford

Parish Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mission Sunday

Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine office Week 1

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday October 19 Weekday in Ordinary Time	📖 Ephesians 2:1-10; Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. ℟2b; Luke 12:13-21. **9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**
Tuesday October 20 Weekday in Ordinary Time	📖 Ephesians 2:12-22; Ps 85(84):9ab, 10. 11-12. 13-14. ℟8; Luke 12:35-38. **9:15AM Mass, St Mary's** **2:00PM - 4:00PM Cuppa Club, Parish Room at Holy Family Church. All welcome.**
Wednesday Oct. 21 Weekday in Ordinary Time	📖 Ephesians 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6. ℟3; Luke 12:39-48. **9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**
Thursday October 22 Weekday in Ordinary Time	📖 Ephesians 3:14-21; Ps 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 11-12. 18-19. ℟5b; Luke 12:49-53. **(There are no church services today)**
Friday October 23 Weekday in Ordinary Time	📖 Ephesians 4:1-6; Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. ℟ cf. 6; Luke 12:54-59. **8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's** **9:30AM Mass, St Mary's** **6:30PM - 8:00PM Scripture Study, meeting room at St Mary's Church.**
Saturday October 24 Weekday in Ordinary Time	📖 Ephesians 4:7-16; Ps 122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 4b-5. ℟cf.1; Luke 13:1-9. **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 October 25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Divine Office Week 2)	📖 Exodus 22:21-27; Ps 18(17):2-3a. 3b-4. 47, 51ab. ℟2; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40. **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 are normally served after both Sunday morning Masses. **5:30PM St Mary's Church open for private prayer** **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: Mildred Fitzgerald, Michael McCombe, Albert Wallwork, and Neil Boyle. May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Eileen McCormack, Tom & May Haynes, Beryl Roczniak, the Coakley & Jarvis families, Jean Butterworth, Monica Scott, James Gaffey, and Thomas Brennan. May they continue to rest in the Lord.

We pray for forgotten souls in Purgatory

Sanctuary Candles

This week's sanctuary candle at St Mary's Church was donated in memory of **Jean Butterworth.**

The sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church was donated by Deacon Stephen Scott, in memory of **Monica Scott.**

Death

We sadly announce the death of **Paul Routledge,** whose funeral is scheduled for Wednesday October 21, 2:00pm, in Hollinwood Crematorium Chapel.

Change to Service Schedule

Please be aware that there will be no service at either church this coming Thursday, October 22.

2026-2027 Sacramental Programme Registration: Final Call

If you are the parent or guardian of a child in years 3 to 6 (inclusive), who wishes to be part of the 2026-2027 sacramental programme, please be reminded that this Sunday, October 18, is your last chance to register. Registration will take place in the narthex at Holy Family Church following the 11:15 Mass.

The programme is open to baptized and non-baptized children.

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday

This Sunday, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Pope Leo says:
"Your prayers and practical support, particularly on World Mission Sunday, will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need. Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion. I renew my heartfelt gratitude for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world".

Gifts for St Mary's Christmas Fayre

Our St Mary's Christmas Fayre is scheduled for Saturday, November 21. Ahead of the event, we are asking for donations of gifts for the raffle. **Specifically, during the week ahead and next weekend, we are asking for donations of chocolates.**

We are also asking for general gift donations for the Secret Santa stall (part of the same event)—for example: bottles, chocolates, gift sets, toys, games. Also, Christmas gift bags. If you choose to donate to the Secret Santa stall, please label your donation 'Secret Santa'.

Please leave all gift donations in the old baptistery at the back of St Mary's Church. Please note that all gifts need to be unopened and, where applicable, be well ahead of their 'best before'/'use by' dates.

Reminder: Adjust Your Clocks!

Early next Sunday morning (October 25), **clocks in the UK go back one hour,** as we revert to Greenwich Mean Time.

An Important Call to Reverence

Holy Mass doesn't begin when the priest enters the sanctuary, it begins before that, with the gathering of the people. And the people are active and essential participants and contributors in the Mass along with the priest. We are not an audience waiting for the show to begin. We are not 'consumers'.

Because we are called to this mature and active participation, we need time to ready our hearts for the great mystery we are about to celebrate together. With this in mind, altar candles are lit well before the ceremony begins, marking a special time for our preparation, reflection, and private prayer.

To help us all grow as Christian faithful, we ask everyone attending Mass to respect and revere this sacred time before the ceremony. Let us do our best to maintain the peace and quiet it deserves, leaving our joyful social catch-up until after the Mass, please.

A Note on Children

Parents, please don't stress, we know this period of quiet can't be imposed on infants and young children who are below the age of understanding. The best way we can encourage our children in their faith is to gently guide them and, most importantly, set a peaceful, prayerful example for them as we worship together.

Bonus Ball Update **St Mary's Bonus Ball:** Previous draw: September 26. Winning no. 31 – Helen Jackson. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 minus £5 (1 number unpaid) plus £15 additional donation = £155 . Next draw: Saturday, October 31. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Must have paid by Friday, October 30. **Charity Bonus Ball:** Previous draw: September 26. Charity: Mind UK. Winning no. 31 – Mary Rafferty. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 minus £5 (1 unpaid number) = £140. Next draw: Saturday, October 31. Charity: Sands (baby loss charity). Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Must have paid by Friday, October 30. **Late payments cannot be accepted.**