



Parish Bulletin

23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

Sunday Cycle C
Divine Office: Week 3

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday September 8

The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
(feast)

📖 Romans 8:28-30; Ps 13(12):6ab. 6c. R Isaiah 61:10a;
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday September 9

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

📖 Colossians 2:6-15; Ps 145(144):1-2. 8-9. 10-11. R9a;
Luke 6:12-19;

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

2:00PM-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Parish Room at Holy Family
Church. All welcome.

Wednesday Sept. 10

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

📖 Colossians 3:1-11; Ps 145(144):2-3. 10-11. 12-13b. R9a;
Luke 6:20-26.

**9:15AM School Mass at Holy Family School, Lime Green Rd,
Oldham OL8 3NG.**

12 Noon: Funeral (John Harding), St Mary's.

Thursday September 11

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

📖 Colossians 3:12-17; Ps 150:1-2. 3-4. 5-6. R6; Luke 6:27-38.

9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family

Friday September 12

St John Chrysostom,
Bishop, Doctor of the
Church (memorial)

📖 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5. 7-8. 11. R cf. 5a;
Luke 6:39-42.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

Saturday September 13

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

📖 Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10.
R8a, 9a; Mark 4:1-10, 13-20.

**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 September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy
Cross (feast)

📖 Numbers 21:4b-9; Ps 78(77):1-2. 34-35. 36-37. 38. R cf. 7b;
Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17.

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); or 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, Teddy Holt, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse, Karen Seinen, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Michael Melody, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Catherine Redikin, James McManus, Catherine Ardill, Cristopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Ann Burn, Caroline, Donni Marie, Mary Kileen and Sarah O'Brien.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Abigail O'Shea, John Harding, Martin Oliver Joyce and Noel Pritchard.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Nicholas Hobin, Rita Rowan, Paul Snelling, Agnes Madden, Kathleen Walsh and Colin Pritchard.

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 the parish, in memory of Mary Christine Stewart.

Death

We sadly announce the death of **John Harding**. John's funeral is scheduled to take place at St Mary's Church on Wednesday, September 10 at 12 noon, followed by burial at Failsworth Cemetery, 1:00pm.

Change to Weekday Mass Location

This coming Wednesday, September 10, the 9:15 Mass will be celebrated at **Holy Family School**, Lime Green Rd, Oldham OL8 3NG.

The Martyr-Saints of the Northwest

A priest of the Salford Diocese will be leading a weekend of study, exploring more about the Reformation-era martyrs of the Northwest. Part-retreat, part-biographical, the weekend will be led by Mgr John Allen, who has recently published a book on the history of the diocese. The study weekend runs from September 12-14

at the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst.

For more information and to book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-martyr-saints-of-the-north-west/>

Catenians Group Meeting

The next meeting of the Catenians Group will take place in the Parish Room at Holy Family, Limeside at 7:30pm this coming Wednesday, September 10. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be provided on the night. If you would like further information about the Group, please contact Iain O'Hare on 07977 720108.

Jubilee for the Environment

This September, in conjunction with the Season of Creation, the Diocese of Salford is delighted to be continuing our Jubilee of Jubilees series with the Jubilee for the Environment. Our Diocesan Environment Team has a range of resources and events to share with you over the coming weeks. Please stay tuned throughout the month by visiting: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>

Mass for the Care of Creation

This Season of Creation, the Diocese of Salford and the Laudato Si' Centre are joining with the Columban Missionaries in Britain for a special Mass to pray for the future of our common home. Join us at 6:00pm on Thursday, September 25 at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church as we pray the new Mass for the Care of Creation, approved by Pope Leo this summer. All are welcome to attend.

Legion of Mary Rosary Rally for Peace

The Legion of Mary (Manchester) will hold their Annual Rosary Rally on Saturday, September 13. All are invited to come together to pray the Holy Rosary for Peace and to end wars around the world, as requested by Pope Leo XIV. The rally will take place from 2:30pm at St Willibrord's Church, North Road, Clayton, M11 4WQ. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Retiring Collections

There will be retiring collections next Sunday—September 14—in support of Catholic Education.

Bonus Ball St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw August 30. Winning no. 16 – Denise Amos. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145. Next draw: Saturday, Sept 27. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Pay by Friday Sept. 26. **Charity Bonus Ball**: Previous draw: August 30. Charity: Alzheimer's Society. Winning no. 16 – Denise Amos. Prize: £150. To charity: £140. Next draw: Saturday, Sept. 26. Charity: Reuben's Retreat. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Pay by Friday Sept. 26. **Late payments will not be accepted.**

Readings & Psalm for Sunday Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18b

'Who can discern what the Lord wills?'

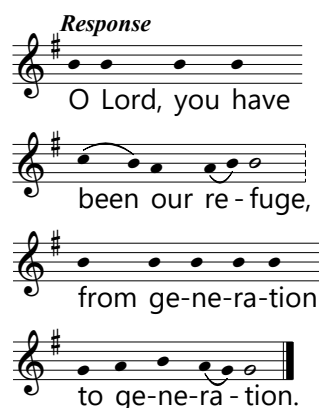
What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth

were set right, and people were taught what pleases you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. R1

Response:



- 1 You turn man back to dust, and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, or like a watch in the night.
- 2 You sweep them away like a dream, like grass which is fresh in the morning. In the morning it sprouts and is fresh; by evening it withers and fades.
- 3 Then teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Turn back, O LORD! How long? Show pity to your servants.

4 At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the LORD our God be upon us;
O give success to the work of our hands.

Second Reading

Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

'Have him back no longer as a bondservant but as a beloved brother.'

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a

bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

'Anyone who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to

build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

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Psalm musical setting: traditional.

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