



Parish Bulletin

2nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time

January 18, 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 Nyikwagho

SVP

Parishofthenativitysvp@outlook.com

Youth Group

youth.parishofthenativity@gmail.com

Bee Together Community Garden

beetogetherhollinwood@gmail.com

 @ParishoftheNativity

 @oldham_nativity

This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday January 19
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Ps 50(49):8-9. 16b-17. 21, 23. R23b;
Mark 2:18-22.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

12:00 noon Funeral Mass—James McManus, St Mary's

Tuesday January 20
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ps 89(88):20. 21-22. 27-28. R21a;
Mark 2:23-28.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

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

Wednesday January 21
St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr
(memorial)

 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Psalm 22(23):1-3a, 4-6. R1;
Matthew 13:44-46.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday January 22
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7;
Ps 56(55):2-3. 9-10b. 10c-11. 12-13. R5b; Mark 3:7-12.

9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family

Friday January 23
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Samuel 24:2-20; Ps 57(56):2. 3-4. 6, 11. R2a;
Mark 3:13-19.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

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

Saturday January 24
St Francis de Sales,
Bishop, Doctor of the
Church (memorial)

 Ephesians 3:8-12; Ps 37(36):3-4. 5-6. 30-31. R30a;
John 15:9-17.

**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 January 25
3rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time

 Isaiah 9:1b-4; Ps 27(26):1. 4. 13-14. R1a;
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23.

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 and Phyll Watson.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Sam McLellan, James McManus, William Grant and Eileen Grimshaw.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of Albert Gleave and Louise Appleby.

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 Paul Pastore in memory of Alida Maria Godefrida Pastore De Gier.

Deaths and Funerals

We recently announced the death of **James McManus**, whose funeral Mass will take place at St Mary's Church this coming Monday, January 19, at 12 noon.

We keep James' family and friends in our prayers.

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 a schedule for the visits, please check the following page for updates:

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

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries (AFM-UK)

Members of our parish community are invited to *The Great Awakening 2026-Catholic Evangelisation and Healing Convention*, organised by Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries (AFCM-UK). This national gathering will take place on Saturday January 24, 2026, at the Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich (B70 7JW).

There will be free transport to and from the venue. If you interested, please see Cn Michael or Fr Celestine.

Caritas Sunday

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

information, resources and prayers that can be used on Caritas Sunday. You can also visit:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/CaritasSunday

to download further information.

Cuppa Club – Date for your Diary

Tuesday, February 10: *Iain Jenkins*. More details to follow.

Early Career Teachers – Primary Pool Applications Invited

The Diocese of Salford Education Team is inviting applications from ECTs to be added to their Primary Pool for 2026.

The aim of the Primary Pool is to identify high-quality candidates who will gain Qualified Teacher Status in Summer 2026. Successful candidates will be recommended for interviews at Catholic schools with vacancies commencing in September 2026.

You can download the Application Form, Person Specification, and Job Description from the Vacancies page on the Diocesan website:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/vacancies/>

If you would like further information, please contact the Education Team by emailing:

education@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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 582 v1-4

Praise to the Holiest in the height

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 49:3, 5-6

*'I will make you as a light for the
nations, that my salvation may reach
to the end of the earth.'*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says: 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

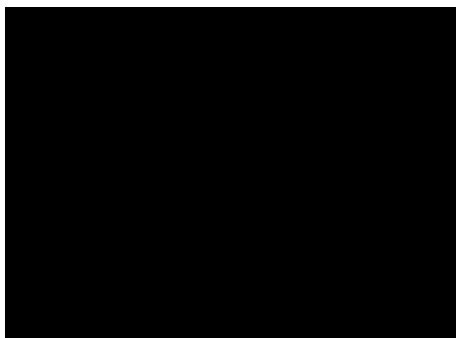
Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R8a, 9a

All sing the response:



- 1** I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me; he heard
my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
- 2** You delight not in sacrifice and
offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin
offering.
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.'
- 3** In the scroll of the book,
it stands written of me:
'I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.'
- 4** Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O LORD.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

*'Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'*

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung)

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cantor: The Word became flesh and
dwelt among us;
to all who did receive him, he
gave the authority to
become children of God.

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

John 1:29-34

*'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes
away the sin of the world.'*

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

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 439

Longing for light

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 681

This is my body

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 376 v1-2

I, the Lord of sea and sky

Mass texts ©ICEL.

Psalm Text: *The Abbey Psalms and Canticles* by
the Monks of Conception Abbey ©2010, 2018
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops,
Washington, DC. Used by permission. All Rights
Reserved. Administered in England and Wales
by Colloquium on behalf of the Catholic Bishops'
Conference of England and Wales.

Psalm musical settings: Colin Mawby ©1998
Kevin Mayhew Ltd. (response); Andrew Moore
©1998 Kevin Mayhew Ltd. (tone).

'When we eat this Bread': Musical setting from
the 'Mass of Christ the Savior' by Dan Schutte. b.
1947, © 2007, 2009, Daniel L. Schutte. Published
by OCP. All rights reserved.

Scripture texts are taken from the ESV® Bible
(The Holy Bible, English Standard Version® in
British English), ©2001 by Crossway, a
publishing ministry of Good News Publishers.
ESV Text Edition: 2025. The ESV text may not be
quoted in any publication made available to the
public by a Creative Commons license. The ESV
may not be translated in whole or in part into
any other language. Used by permission. All
rights reserved.