



Parish Bulletin

25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025

Sunday Cycle C
Divine Office: Week 1

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday September 22  Ezra 1:1-6; Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R3; Luke 8:16-18.
Weekday in Ordinary **9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**
Time

Tuesday September 23  Galatians 2:19-20; Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R1a;
St Pio of Pietrelcina Matthew 16:24-27.
(Padre Pio), Priest **9:15AM Mass, St Mary's**
(memorial) 2:00PM-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Parish Room at Holy Family
Church. All welcome.

Wednesday Sept. 24  Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10c;
Our Lady of Walsingham (Psalm) Lk 1:46-47. 48-49. 50-51. 52-53. 54-55. R49;
(feast) Luke 1:26-38.
9:15AM Mass, Holy Family
12:45PM Funeral - Edward Broderick, St Mary's

Thursday Sept. 25  Haggai 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-2. 3-4. 5-6a, 9b. R4a;
Weekday in Ordinary Luke 9:7-9.
Time No services

Friday September 26  Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Ps 43(42):1. 2. 3. 4. R cf.5cd;
Weekday in Ordinary Luke 9:18-22.
Time **8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's**
9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

Saturday September 27  1 Corinthians 1:26-31;
St Vincent de Paul, Priest Ps 112(111):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. 9. R1a; Matthew 9:35-38.
(memorial) **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 28  Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146(145): 7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R5a;
26th Sunday in Ordinary 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31.
Time **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
Divine Office Week 2 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, Caroline, Ann Burn, Donni Marie and Sarah O'Brien.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Maura O'Malley, Patrick Lawlor and Andrew Millward.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of Margaret McCarthy and Marie Louise Walsh.

May they continue to rest in the Lord.

Priestly Anniversary

Fr John Adio—25 years.

Birthday Thanksgiving

Annamarie Asemota.

Sanctuary Candle at Holy Family

This week's sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church was donated by members of the Parish, in memory of Raymond & Winnie Wade.

Deaths and Funerals

With sadness, we announce the death of **Edward Broderick**, whose funeral is scheduled for Wednesday September 24, 12:45pm, at St Mary's Church. The cremation will take place at Hollinwood Crematorium at 2:00pm.

Also with sadness, we announce the death of **Gavin Francis Lord**, whose funeral is scheduled for Monday September 29, 10:00am, at St Mary's Church. The burial will take place at Droylsden Cemetery.

Welcome

This Sunday, we welcome members of the *Communion and Liberation* movement to Holy Family Church.

Communion and Liberation (CL) is a Catholic movement that helps people discover how faith in Jesus Christ can shape every aspect of life—work, relationships, culture, and society. It began in Italy in the 1950s and has since expanded to over 90 countries around the world. At its heart is the *School of Community*, a regular gathering where members collectively reflect on texts that help them deepen their understanding of the Christian experience and how it connects to daily life.

The community visiting Holy Family this Sunday is the Northwest community, who hold a School of Community every Friday at 8:30pm in Warrington and online.

If you are interested in learning more or joining CL, please seek out one of the members in the Parish Room at

Holy Family Church after the 11:15am Mass; or email the community at:

clnorthwest.soc@gmail.com

Mass for Catechists

In celebration of our Jubilee for Catechists this October, we are holding a special Mass to pray for the catechists of our diocese. The Mass will begin at 7:00pm on Wednesday, October 15 at St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst, M4 5HF. To help with planning, please email:

formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Thank you, Pat

Pat Fox, the Parish thanks you for your donation of the beautiful Holy Family frame; also, for painstakingly re-painting our roadside fences and gates at Holy Family Church.

May God bless you.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

This weekend, we celebrate *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday*. Celebrated each year on the third Sunday in September, this event calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. It is a Sunday more commonly known as Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate the beauty of our faith, and our shared commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ.

Celebrating 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the theme for this year is 'I believe...' as the heart of mission. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day

The CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day is scheduled to take place on Friday,

October 3, 2025. Donation envelopes will be distributed at the Masses at St Mary's Failsworth and Holy Family next Sunday, September 28. Please donate to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours, and to find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges.

You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope, or by calling 0303 303 3030, or by texting CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

Thank you for your support.

Catenians Group Urban Pilgrimage

The Failsworth Catenians Group cordially invite you to become 'Pilgrims of Hope' by joining us in an Urban Walking Pilgrimage on Saturday October 4, 2025.

The Pilgrimage will begin from the Church of the Holy Family in Limeside at 9:30am and will visit the churches of St Mary's Failsworth, Christ the King Newton Heath and St Patrick's Collyhurst, before arriving at St Mary's Mulberry Street (The Hidden Gem), Manchester, in time for the 5:15pm Mass. Walking Pilgrims of all abilities are welcome: our intention is to walk on public footpaths between each of the churches.

If you would like to participate in the Pilgrimage or provide sponsorship to those taking part, please see the posters and sponsorship forms that can be found at the back of both churches. If you would like further information about the Pilgrimage, please speak to a member of the Catenians Group in person or contact Iain O'Hare on 07977 720108.

Retiring Collections

This weekend's retiring collections are in support of the Evangelii Gaudium Mission ('Joy of the Gospel').

Readings & Psalm for Sunday Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Against those who 'buy the poor for silver.'

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, 'When will the new

moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?'

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: 'Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 113(112):1-2. 4-6. 7-8. R cf. 1a, 7b

Response: Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.

- 1 Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!
May the name of the LORD be blest
both now and for evermore!
- 2 High above all nations is the LORD,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the LORD, our God, who
dwells on high,
who lowers himself to look down
upon heaven and earth?
- 3 From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the ash heap he raises the poor,
to set them in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

'Prayers should be made for all people to God, who desires all people to be saved.'

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I

am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

'You cannot serve God and money.'

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager." And the manager said to himself, "What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He said, "A hundred measures of oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty." Then he said to another, "And how much do you owe?" He said, "A hundred measures of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and write eighty." The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this

world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.' And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

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