



Parish Bulletin

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Ordinary Time
September 28, 2025

Sunday Cycle C
Divine Office: Week 2

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday September 29  Revelation 12:7-12a; Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2b-3. 4-5. R1c;
John 1:47-51.
9:15AM Mass, Holy Family
10:00AM Funeral - Gavin Francis Lord, St Mary's

Tuesday September 30  2 Timothy 3:14-17; Ps 119(118):9-10. 11-12. 13-14. R12b;
Matthew 13:47-52.
9:15AM Mass, St Mary's
2:00PM-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Parish Room at Holy Family Church. All welcome.

Wednesday October 1  Isaiah 66:10-14c; Ps 131(130):1. 2. 3; Matthew 18:1-5.
9:15AM School Mass, Holy Family Primary School.

Thursday October 2  Exodus 23:20-23a; Ps 91(90):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 10-11. R11;
Matthew 18:1-5, 10.
9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family

Friday October 3  Baruch 1:15-22; Ps 79(78):1-2. 3-5. 8. 9. R9b;
Luke 10:13-16.
8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's
9:30AM Mass, St Mary's
12:45PM Funeral Mass - Joan Ratcliffe, St Mary's.

Saturday October 4  Galatians 6:14-18; Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5. 7-8. 11. R cf. 5a;
Matthew 11:28-30.
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 October 5  Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a;
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14.
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, Christopher 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: Andrew Millward, Thankamma Abraham, Joan Ratcliffe and Johnny Butter.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

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

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 Liam Ryan, in memory of William and Margaret Ryan.

Deaths and Funerals

We sadly announce the death of **Joan Ratcliffe**, whose funeral (Mass) is scheduled for this coming Friday October 3, 12:45pm at St Mary's Church. The cremation is scheduled for 2:00pm at Hollinwood Cemetery.

We recently announced the death of **Gavin Francis Lord**. Gavin's funeral is scheduled for this coming Monday, September 29, 10:00am at St Mary's Church. The burial will take place at Droylsden Cemetery.

Baptism Preparation Classes

Parents or guardians of infants and young children being baptized in October are reminded that they need to attend the class taking place **this Sunday**—September 28—at St Mary's Church after the 9:30am Mass.

Change to Weekday Mass Arrangement

This coming Wednesday, October 1, 9:15am Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Primary School, Lime Green Road, OL8, 3NG. There will be no service at either church on that day.

Registration for the Sacramental Programme

We are pleased to announce that this year's registration for the Sacramental Programme will take place in the Narthex of Holy Family Church after the 11:15am Mass, on October 5th, 12th

and 26th. The Programme is open for children in years 3 to 6.

We look forward to meeting you on any of those dates.

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.

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 this 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 next 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.

The Mercy Brothers

Enjoy a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with clergy band: *The Mercy Brothers*. The concert is in aid of our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, which supports our sick pilgrims and medical team. The concert takes place this coming Friday, October 3 at St Michael's RC Parish, Whitefield. Doors open at 7:00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £15 for adults, £10 for 16-21 year olds, and are free for under 16s. Food will be provided and is included in the cost. Book now by emailing:

[Lourdes.pilgrimage@](mailto:Lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

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Or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

Readings & Psalm for Sunday Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

'The revelry of those who now stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria. 'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and

like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146(145): 7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R5a

All sing the response:



My soul, give praise to the LORD.

- 1 It is the LORD who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD who sets prisoners free.

- 2 It is the LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the LORD who loves the just,
the LORD who protects the stranger.
- 3 The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The LORD will reign for ever,
your God, O Sion, from age to age.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

‘Keep the commandment until the appearing of our Lord.’

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in

unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

‘You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.’

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, ‘There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between

us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us.” And he said, “Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.” But Abraham said, “They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.” And he said, “No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.” ’

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