



## Parish Bulletin

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

July 20, 2025

Sunday Cycle C  
Divine Office: Week 4

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## This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

**Monday July 21**  
Weekday in Ordinary  
Time

 Exodus 14:5-18; Ex 15:1-2. 3-4. 5-6. R1a;  
Matthew 12:38-42.

**9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**

**Tuesday July 22**  
St Mary Magdelene  
(feast)

 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9. R2b;  
John 20:1-2, 11-18.

**9:15AM Mass, St Mary's**

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

**Wednesday July 23**  
St Bridget, Religious, co-  
patron of Europe (feast)

 Galatians 2:19-20; Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. 10-11. R2a;  
John 15:1-8.

**9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**

**Thursday July 24**  
Weekday in Ordinary  
Time

 Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b;  
(Resp. Psalm) Dan 3:52. 53. 54. 55. 56. R52b; Matthew 13:10-17.

**9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family**

**Friday July 25**  
St James, Apostle (feast)

 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R5;  
Matthew 20:20-28.

**8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's**

**9:30AM Mass, St Mary's**

**Saturday July 26**  
Ss Joachim and Ann,  
parents of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary (memorial)

 Sirach 44:1, 10-15; Ps 132(131):11. 13-14. 17-18. R Luke  
1:32b; Matthew 13:16-17.

**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 July 27**  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

 Genesis 18:20-32; Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2bc. 3. 6-7b. 7c-8. R3a;  
Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13.

**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, Eileen Clare, Catherine Redikin, James McManus, Catherine Ardill, Cristopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead and Ann Burn.

### Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Patricia Skinkiss, Peter Kay, Michael Rodgers and Sheila McAuley.

May they rest in perfect peace.

### Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Bessie Whitehead, Mariam Chacko, Fintan Fitzmaurice, Roy Farrington and Thomas Haynes.

May they continue to rest in the Lord.

## Sanctuary Candles

At Holy Family Church, you can purchase and donate a sanctuary candle in memory of a family member or a friend. If you are interested, please see Margaret Ryan, or John Green (organist).

## Death & Funeral

We sadly announce the death of Mrs. **Freda Whittaker**. Freda's funeral is scheduled for Tuesday August 5, 11:00am at St Mary's Church.

Let us keep Freda's friends and family in our prayers.

## Certificate in Catholic Pastoral Leadership

Are you involved in any form of ministry in the Church? Are you interested in doing more or would like to expand your skills in pastoral leadership? Liverpool Hope University

has partnered with several Catholic dioceses, including the Diocese of Salford, to help people gain fresh perspectives on Scripture and Church teaching. You can follow the two-year course online and also opt to take this course as a postgraduate certificate. To find out more, please email:

[m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk).

## A Passionate Appeal

Volunteers are needed to assist with cleaning at both churches. Cleaning takes place on Thursday mornings at St Mary's, and on Friday mornings (once every two weeks) at Holy Family. If you are able to join either cleaning team, please see a priest, who will direct you to the appropriate cleaning supervisor.

## Family Forest Fun Mornings

Gather the family together to celebrate God's creation with Family Forest Fun

Mornings at the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre. Taking place between 10:00am and 12:30pm over the first three Tuesdays of August, these sessions are packed with a range of activities that teach us more about the wonder of creation. Find out more and register at:

[laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/family-forest-fun-mornings/](http://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/family-forest-fun-mornings/)

## Jubilee for Grandparents and Older People

The Diocese of Salford's *Jubilee of Jubilees* series continues this month as we celebrate the Jubilee for Grandparents and Older People by sharing a fantastic resource from our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford. For resources, activity ideas, prayers, key contacts, and more, head to:

[dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/](http://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/)

**Bonus Ball** St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw June 28. Winning no. 4 – Agnesea Earley. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 Next draw: Saturday, July 26. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Pay by Friday July 25. **Charity Bonus Ball**: Previous draw: June 28. Charity: Dr. Kershaw's Hospice. Winning no. 4 – Lisa Leunig. Prize: £150. To charity: £145. Next draw: Saturday, July 26. Charity: Alzheimer's Society. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Pay by Friday July 25. **Late payments will not be accepted.**

## Readings & Psalm for Sunday Mass

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

**Genesis 18:1-10a**

*'O Lord, do not pass by your servant.'*

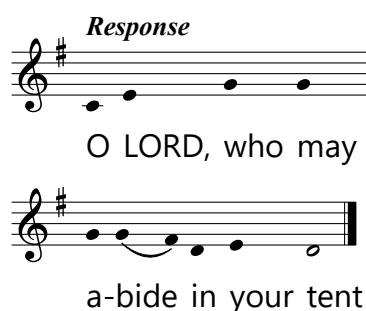
In those days: The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly.

Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the tent.' The LORD said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 15(14):2-3a. 3b-4b. 5. R1a**

**Response:**



**1** Whoever walks without fault; who does what is righteous, and speaks the truth from his heart; whoever does not slander with his tongue.

- 2** Who does no wrong to a neighbour, who casts no slur on a friend, who looks with scorn on the wicked, but honours those who fear the Lord.
- 3** Who lends no money at interest, and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a one shall never be shaken.

#### Second Reading

**Colossians 1:24-28**

*'The mystery hidden for ages but now revealed to his saints.'*

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of

glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

## **Gospel Reading**

**Luke 10:38-42**

*‘Martha welcomed him. Mary has chosen the good portion.’*

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. But

Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.’

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