



Parish Bulletin

29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025

Sunday Cycle C
Divine Office: Week 1

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday October 20

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Romans 4:20-25;
(Resp. Psalm) Lk 1:69-70. 71-72. 73-75. R cf. 68; Luke 12:13-21.
9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday October 21

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
Ps 40(39):7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 17. R8a, 9a; Luke 12:35-38.
9:15AM Mass, St Mary's
2:00PM-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Parish Room at Holy Family
Church. All welcome.

Wednesday October 22

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Romans 6:12-18; Ps 124(123):1-3. 4-6. 7-8. R8a;
Luke 12:39-48.
9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday October 23

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Romans 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2. 3. 4. 6. R Psalm 40(39):5a;
Luke 12:49-53.
9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family

Friday October 24

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Romans 7:18-25a; Ps 119(118):66, 68. 76-77. 93-94. R68b;
Luke 12:54-59.
8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's
9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

Saturday October 25

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Romans 8:1-11; Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R cf. 6;
Luke 13:1-9.
**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 26

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Time

 Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b; Ps 34(33):2-3. 17-18. 19, 23. R7a;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.

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

Divine Office Week 2

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 Passenger, 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, Sarah O'Brien, Collette Hartwell, Hannah Upton, Jim Noonan, Sylvia Haines, Carole Sergeant and Rita McManus.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: John Strickland, Alessandro Bregolato and Tommy Casey.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Helen Woods, Elizabeth Chadderton, Tom & May Haynes, and Thomas Brennan.

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 Linda and Phillip Metcalfe.

Registration for the Sacramental Programme

Next Sunday, October 26, is the wonderful (but final) opportunity to take an important step and register your child for this year's Sacramental Programme. Registration will take place in the Narthex of Holy Family Church immediately following the 11:15am Mass.

The Programme is open to all children currently in Years 3 to 6 as they prepare for their journey of faith.

Classes for November Baptisms

Parents and guardians presenting children for baptism in November, please ensure you attend the preparation class taking place at St Mary's Church next Sunday, October 26, following the 9:30am Mass.

St Mary's Primary School Fresher Parents' Open Day

If you have a child or children entering St Mary's nursery or reception in September 2026, you are invited to an open day event in the Early Years Department on Thursday, November 6—time to be advised.

Celebration of Human Dignity

Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford is holding a free event next Sunday, October 26, from 10:30am to 3:00pm at Sacred Heart Church and Parish Centre, Gorton, Manchester,

M18 7WJ. The 'Celebration of Human Dignity' event is aligned with the memorial of St Pope John Paul II who championed human dignity and the value of human life in his many works. The event will include music, thought-provoking sessions, and Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop John Arnold.

To find out more and to book your free place at the event, visit:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/humandignity/

Remembering our Loved Ones – A Moment of Prayer

The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is inviting people to remember in a special way this November, loved ones who have died. Its Memorial Service takes place on Friday, November 7, 9:30-10:30am, providing a peaceful opportunity to remember and give thanks for our loved ones in the beauty of God's creation. Please register your interest and find out more by emailing:

laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Christmas Fayre

Our 2025 Christmas Fayre is only 6 weeks away, so here is our timeline for your donation of raffle prizes, beginning next Sunday:

Bottles: October 26.

Chocolates: November 2.

Gift sets: November 9.

Toys & games: November 16.

Please leave your prize donations underneath the bookstall in the narthex at either Church. Unopened gifts only, and in new condition please.

Afternoon of Entertainment

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment with *Me, Him and Jim*, on Tuesday October 28, 2:00-4:00pm, in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church. Enjoy singing, storytelling and an illusionist. £2 including light refreshments—pay at the door.

Line Dancing

You have the opportunity to get hoedown-happy by joining our Line Dancing social every Thursday evening from 7:30pm to 8:30pm, in St Mary's School Hall. Admission is just £2. Proceeds are shared between church and school.

Retiring Collection for Missio This Weekend

There is a retiring collection at each Sunday Mass this weekend (October 19) on behalf of *Missio*.

By supporting *Missio*—the Pope's charity for world mission—we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples'. We ask you to remember the work of missionaries in your prayers this week. Find out more about the work of *Missio* and how to support the charity at missio.org.uk.

Remember Next Sunday Morning, October 26...



back 1 hour!

Bonus Ball St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw September 27. Winning no. 59 – Jennifer Amos. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145. Next draw: Saturday, October 25. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Pay by Friday October 24. **Charity Bonus Ball:** Previous draw: September 27. Charity: Reuben's Retreat. Winning no. 59 – Caitlin Cashinella. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 *plus* an additional £140, which was donated from the proceeds of two football cards. Next draw: Saturday, October 25. Charity: Stroke Association. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Pay by Friday October 24. **Late payments will not be accepted.**

Readings & Psalm for Sunday Mass

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First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

'Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed.'

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose for us men, and go

out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses'

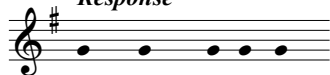
hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121(120):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R cf. 2

Response:

Response



Our help is in the



name of the LORD,



who made hea-ven and earth.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- 2 He will keep your foot from
stumbling.
Your guard will never slumber.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.
- 3 The LORD your guard, the LORD
your shade
at your right hand.
By day the sun shall not smite you,
nor the moon in the night.
- 4 The LORD will guard you from evil;
he will guard your soul.
The LORD will guard your going and
coming,
both now and for ever.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

*'That the man of God may be complete,
equipped for every good work.'*

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

*'God will give justice to his elect, who
cry to him.'*

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my

adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming."'

And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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