

Parish of the NATIVITY



Diocese of Salford

Parish Bulletin

26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

September 27, 2026

Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine office Week 2

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday Sept. 28

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Job 1:6-22; Ps 17(16):1. 2-3. 6-7. R6b; Luke 9:46-50.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday Sept. 29

Ss Michael, Gabriel, and
Raphael, Archangels
(feast)

 Revelation 12:7-12a; Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2b-3. 4-5. R1c;
John 1:47-51.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

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

Wednesday Sept. 30

St Jerome, Priest,
Doctor of the Church
(memorial)

 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Ps 119(118):9-10. 11-12. 13-14. R12b;
Matthew 13:47-52.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday October 1

St Therese of the Child
Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of
the Church (memorial)

 Isaiah 66:10-14c; Ps 131(130):1. 2. 3; Matthew 18:1-5.

9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family

Friday October 2

The Holy Guardian
Angels (memorial)

 Exodus 23:20-23a; Ps 91(90):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 10-11. R11;
Matthew 18:1-5, 10.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

6:30PM Scripture Study, St Mary's

Saturday October 3

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Job 42:1-3. 5-6. 12-17; Ps 119(118):66. 71. 75. 91. 125. 130.
R135a; Luke 10:17-24.

11:00-11:45AM Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), St Mary's

11:00-11:50AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Mary's

12:00 noon: Mass, St Mary's

Sunday October 4

27th Sunday in
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(Divine Office Week 3)

 Isaiah 5:1-7; Ps 80(79):9. 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20. R Isaiah 5:7a;
Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43.

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 are normally served after both Sunday morning Masses.

5:30PM St Mary's Church open for private prayer

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 marriage, 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.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Nekpen Eguae, John Scanlon, Maureen Borkin and Anthonia Teresa Joseph. May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Joan Fletcher, Billie Darren Cooney, Anthony Murray, Patrick Lawlor, Joan Ratcliffe, Pat Drew, and Margaret & Ignacy Szoltysek. May they continue to rest in the Lord.

We pray for forgotten souls in Purgatory

Talk with God  before Mass
Talk with each other *after* Mass

Sanctuary Candles

This week's sanctuary candle at St Mary's Church was donated by Patrick, in memory of **Margaret & Ignecy Szoltysek**.

2026-2027 Sacramental Programme

If you are the parent or guardian of a child attending a non-Roman Catholic school, currently in years 3 to 6 (inclusive), who wishes to be part of the 2026-2027 sacramental programme, please attend a meeting with Fr Celestine this Sunday, September 27, in the Lady Chapel at Holy Family Church following the 11:15 Mass (approximately 12:35).

Thereafter, registrations for the programme will take place on Sunday October 11 and Sunday October 18 in the narthex, also at Holy Family Church following the 11:15 Masses.

The programme is open to baptized and non-baptized children.

Reminder: Our Parish Finances and Gift Aid

While church attendance in our Parish has remained consistent in recent years, our parish income has declined significantly due to the passing of many faithful, long-standing parishioners. This has brought us to an increasingly difficult financial situation.

Many parishioners who give faithfully each week—whether by cash, card, or standing order—do not currently use Gift Aid.

Under the UK Gift Aid scheme, if you pay UK Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax, the Parish can reclaim 25p from the government for every £1 you give—at absolutely no extra cost to you.

If you are a taxpayer and have not yet made a Gift Aid declaration, please consider doing so. It instantly increases the value of your giving by 25%.

Simple declaration forms are available from Canon Michael or Fr Celestine after any Mass.

If you donate using any of the card readers, you can make a Gift Aid declaration via the card reader itself. Your declaration will then be linked to your payment card and will remain in effect for as long as you continue to use the same card.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Next Friday, October 2, is CAFOD Family Fast Day. We will distribute donation envelopes this weekend, in advance of a retiring collection next weekend, October 4.

Sick and Retired Clergy Appeal

Our diocesan Sick & Retired Clergy

Fund ensures our retired priests can begin the next chapter of their vocation with confidence, knowing the Church they have served will continue to accompany them as they age. Every gift to the fund helps to provide the care, dignity and practical support our priests deserve after years of dedicated service.

Please remember our retired clergy in your prayers and if you can, make a gift to the appeal today. To access the online donation page, visit:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/sick-and-retired-clergy-fund/>

or scan the QR code below.



A Date for your Diary

The folk group 'Flexible in Number' are back to entertain us on Tuesday October 13, 2:00pm, in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church. Tickets will be on sale next weekend, price £5. Alternatively, you can pay on the day/on the door.

Bonus Ball Update St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw: August 29. Winning no. 55 – James Potts. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 minus £10 (2 numbers unpaid) = £135. Next draw: Saturday, September 26. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Must have paid by Friday, September 25. **Charity Bonus Ball:** Previous draw: August 29. Charity: Alzheimer's Society. Winning no. 55 – Patricia Fleming. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 minus £10 (2 unpaid numbers) = £135. Next draw: Saturday, September 26. Charity: Mind (mental health charity). Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Must have paid by Friday, September 25. **Late payments cannot be accepted.**