



## Parish Bulletin

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

February 8, 2026

Sunday Cycle A  
Weekday Cycle 2  
Divine Office Week 1

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## This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

### Monday February 9

Weekday in Ordinary  
Time

 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13;  
Ps 132(131):6-7, 8-10. **R**8a; Mark 6:53-56.  
**9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**

### Tuesday February 10

St Scholastica, Virgin  
(memorial)

 Song of Solomon 8:6-7;  
Ps 148:1-2, 11-13a, 13c-14. **R** cf. 12a, 13a; Luke 10:38-42.  
**9:15AM Mass, St Mary's**  
**2:00-4:00PM Afternoon of Entertainment with Ian Jenkins,**  
**Parish Room at Holy Family Church.**

### Wednesday Feb 11

Weekday in Ordinary  
Time

 1 Kings 10:1-10;  
Ps 37(36):5-6, 30-31, 39-40. **R**30a; Mark 7:14-23.  
**9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**

### Thursday February 12

Weekday in Ordinary  
Time

 1 Kings 11:4-13; Ps 106(105):3-4, 35-36, 37, 40. **R**4a;  
Mark 7:24-30.  
**9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family**

### Friday February 13

Weekday in Ordinary  
Time

 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19;  
Ps 81(80):10-11b, 12-13, 14-15. **R** cf. 11a, 9a; Mark 7:31-37.  
**8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's**  
**9:30AM Mass, St Mary's**  
**6:30PM Scripture study, St Mary's meeting room**  
**7:00PM Lancashire Night, Parish Room at Holy Family Church.**

### Saturday February 14

Ss Cyril, monk, and  
Methodius, Bishop (feast)

 Acts 13:46-49; Ps 117(116):1, 2. **R** Mark 16:15; Luke 10:1-9.  
**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 February 15

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

 Sirach 15:15-20; Ps 119(118):1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. **R**1b;  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37.

(Divine Office Week 2)

**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); 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, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse Passenger, Karen Seinen, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Catherine Redikin, Catherine Ardill, Christopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Caroline, Ann Burn, Donni Marie, Sarah O'Brien, Collette Hartwell, Immanuel Iro, Annamarie O.S. Asemota, Susan Watson, Stephanie Farrell, Anna, Morris Maude, Mary Jowes, Phyll Watson, Mrs. Gavin, Patrick O'Brien and Ian Kirkham.

#### Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Rosina Coleman, Mark Pritchard and Michael Melody.

May they rest in perfect peace.

#### Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Cecilia Watson, Frances Jones, Pamela Ruddock, Louis & Maureen De Melchor, Brian Hobin, Josephine Appleton and Bernadette Hall.

May they continue to rest in the Lord.

## Mass and Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

9:15am: Holy Family Church.  
10:30am: St Mary's Church.  
6:00pm: St Mary's Church.

### Lenten Deanery Station Masses

If you require transportation to any of this year's Lenten Station Masses, please contact Pat Snelling or Rose O'Brien at St Mary's Church, or Judith at Holy Family Church.

All Station Masses are celebrated on Tuesday evenings as follows (times to be announced later):

Feb. 24: St Anne's, Ashton.  
Mar. 3: Our Lady's, Mooreside.  
Mar. 11: Holy Family, Limeside.  
Mar. 17: St Patrick's, Oldham.  
Mar 24: Ss Aidan & Oswald, Royton.

### Online Gospel Readings During Lent

During the Lenten period, there will be a series of gospel readings taking place every Tuesday and delivered online by various speakers including Fr Michael Deas, with the final reading to be given by Bishop John Arnold ahead of Palm Sunday.

The first reading will be given by Fr Michael Deas on Tuesday, February 17.

For more information, please visit the diocesan website:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-readings-for-lent/>

### Mass for Engaged Couples with Bishop John Arnold

Next Saturday, February 14, Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass for engaged couples across the diocese. The Mass provides couples with an opportunity to seek God's blessing to guide and strengthen them during this time of preparation. Newly married couples are also invited to receive a blessing in their first year of marriage. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Church, Livesey St., Collyhurst, M4 5HF, on Saturday February 14, 2026, at 1:30pm.

### Guest Lecture: 'Keeping our Hope Alive'

As part of a series of guest lectures hosted by Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy, Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, OP, will be speaking about 'Keeping our hope alive today'.

The lecture will begin at 6:00pm on Tuesday, February 17 at the Catholic Chaplaincy, Church of the Holy Name, 339 Oxford Rd, Manchester M13 9PG. British Sign Language interpretation will be available.

For more information please contact:

[mucc@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:mucc@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

### An Afternoon of Entertainment with Ian Jenkins

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment this coming Tuesday, February 10 at 2:00pm, when we welcome the talented and fun entertainer *Ian Jenkins*. The event will take place in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church.

Admission is £5, which covers light refreshments. Tickets are available in advance, or you may pay on the door.

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### Failsworth Catenians Group - Lancashire Night and Raffle

On Friday, February 13, the Failsworth Catenians Group will be hosting a 'Lancashire Night and Raffle' in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church starting at 7:00pm, to raise money for the Group's pilgrimage and for Parish funds. Tickets for the event are priced at £15; this covers supper (Lancashire hotpot or cheese and onion pie), plus entertainment from the folk group 'Flexible In Number'. Tickets can be bought from members of the Catenians Group or by contacting Iain O'Hare on 07977 720108.

## ORDER OF MASS

### HYMN 439 v1-4

*Longing for light*

### PENITENTIAL ACT

#### General Confession

*All say together:*

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and  
sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I  
have failed to do,

*(Striking breast:)*

through my fault,  
through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore, I ask blessed Mary  
ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our  
God.

### Kýrie Eléison

*All sing together:*

Kýrie, eléison<sup>1</sup>. Kýrie, eléison.

Kýrie, eléison, eléison.

Christe eléison<sup>2</sup>. Christe eléison.

Christe eléison, eléison.

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

Kýrie, eléison, eléison.

*Sung in the original Greek, translating as follows:*

<sup>1</sup> Lord, have mercy.

<sup>2</sup> Christ, have mercy.

### GLORIA

*(Sung)*

*Refrain:*

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory  
to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth,  
peace to people of good will.*

1. We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great  
glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

*(Refrain)*

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only  
Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of  
the Father,  
you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us,  
you take away the sins of the  
world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand,  
the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

*(Refrain)*

3. For you alone are the Holy  
One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
*(Refrain) Amen, amen.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 58:6-10

*'Your light shall break forth like the dawn.'*

Thus says the Lord: Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112(111):4-5. 6-7. 8a, 9. R4a

*All sing the response:*



- 1 A light rises in the darkness for the upright; he is generous, merciful, and righteous. It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.
- 2 He will never be moved; for ever shall the upright be remembered. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart, he trusts in the LORD.

- 3 With a steadfast heart he will not fear. Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His might shall be exalted in glory.

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

*'I proclaimed to you the mystery of Christ crucified.'*

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*(Sung)*

*Cantor:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*All:* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Cantor:* I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

*All:* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you

*All:* **And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

*All:* **Glory to you, O Lord**

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

*'You are the light of the world.'*

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord

*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## THE CREED

*All say together:*

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

*(All kneel or bow at the underlined words that follow)*

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and is glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

**I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### HYMN 638

*Take me, Lord*

#### Preface Dialogue

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right and just.**

## Holy

*All sing together:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

*The congregation kneel for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

## The Mystery of Faith

*The priest sings or says:*

The mystery of faith

*All sing together:*

**as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

*The priest alone continues, saying:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*We conclude the prayer together, by singing:*

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

## Lamb of God

*All sing together:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## Invitation to Communion

*The priest says aloud:*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*And together with the people he adds:*

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## COMMUNION HYMN

## Conclusion

*The priest alone sings or says:*

Through him, and with him, and in him,

O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

*All respond:*

**Amen.**

## COMMUNION RITE

*All stand: the Priest says:*

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*All sing:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,**

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## Song of Praise and Thanksgiving

*Sing three times:*

**O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.**

## HYMN 672

*The Spirit lives to set us free*

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