



Parish Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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Divine Office: Week 1

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday August 25
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-1; Ps 149:1-2. 3-4. 5-6a, 9b. R4a;
Matthew 23:13-22.

10:00AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday August 26
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Ps 139(138):1-3. 4-6. R 1;
Matthew 23:23-26.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

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

Wednesday August 27
St Monica (memorial)

 Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16; Ps 131(130):1. 2. 3; Luke 7:11-17.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday August 28
St Augustine, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church
(memorial)

 1 John 4:7-16; Ps 119(118):9-10. 11-12. 13-14. R12b;
Matthew 23:8-12.

9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family

Friday August 29
The Passion of St John
the Baptist (memorial)

 Jeremiah 1:4, 17-19; Ps 71(70):1-2. 3-4a. 5-6b. 15ab, 17.
R cf. 15ab; Mark 6:17-29.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

Saturday August 30
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Ps 98(97):1. 7-9a. 9b-d. R cf. 9;
Matthew 25:14-30.

**11:00 - 11:45AM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), St Mary's.**

12:00 noon Mass for the Sick, St Mary's

Sunday August 31
22nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time

 Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68(67):4-5ac. 6-7b. 10-11. R
cf. 11b; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

9:00AM St Mary's Church open for private prayer.

9:30AM Sung Mass, St Mary's

10:40AM Baptism Class, 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, Cristopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Ann Burn, Caroline, Donni Marie, Margaret Gaunt and Jill McGarvey.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Steven Flowers, Pauline Bunner, Austin Molan and Sarah Butcher.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of Fred Jones and Gerard Andrews.

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 members of the Morrow family, in memory of Pat Morrow.

Mass on Monday

As is usual for holiday Monday, this coming Monday's Mass at Holy family Church (August 25) will begin at 10:00.

Mass for the Sick

Next Saturday's midday Mass—August 30—will be a Mass for the Sick.

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).

Baptism Class August 31

Those who have requested baptisms for September, please be reminded that you need to attend the class scheduled for next Sunday August 31 at St Marys, immediately after the 9:30 Mass.

Thanks

We are grateful to the organizers of the Sunday coffee mornings at St Mary's, for their donation of £85. Thank you.

Cemetery Masses on August 25 (Holiday Monday)

Join us on this Holiday Monday as we gather together in prayer to remember our loved ones who have died. Masses will be celebrated at three cemeteries, as follows:

St Joseph's, Moston: 11:00am
(Mass in St Dunstan's, if raining).

St Mary's, Wardley: 11:00am

Southern Cemetery: 12 noon.
(Mass in St Ambrose, if raining)

All are warmly invited to join.

Fancy a walk?

Our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, invites you to take part in a leisurely 11km (7 mile) walk for adults 18+ to raise money for people experiencing poverty, homelessness, and disadvantage in our diocese. The walk takes place on Saturday, September 13 and takes in the beautiful sights of the Tolkien Trail in the Ribble Valley. Find out more, and register, at:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/lancswalk

Readings & Psalm for Sunday Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

'They shall bring all your brothers from all the nations.'

Thus says the LORD: 'For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the LORD, 'just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,' says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117(116):1. 2. R Mark 16:15

All sing the response:



- 1 O praise the LORD, all you nations; acclaim him, all you peoples!
- 2 For his mercy has prevailed over us; and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

'The Lord disciplines the one he loves.'

Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:22-30

'People will come from east and west, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.'

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!" In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from

north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.’

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