



Parish Bulletin

18th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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Sunday Cycle C
Divine Office: Week 2

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday August 4 St John Mary Vianney, Priest	 Ezekiel 3:16-21; Ps 117(116):1. 2. R Mark 16:15; Matthew 9:35-10:1. 9:15AM Mass, Holy Family
Tuesday August 5 Weekday in Ordinary Time	 Numbers 12:1-13; Ps 51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 6c-7. 12-13. R cf. 3a; Matthew 14:22-36. 9:15AM Mass, St Mary's 11:00AM Funeral - Freda Whittaker, St Mary's (No Cuppa Club meeting this week)
Wednesday August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord (feast)	 2 Peter 1:16-19; Ps 97(96):1-2. 5-6. 9. R1a, 9b; Luke 9:28b-36. 9:15AM Mass, Holy Family
Thursday August 7 Weekday in Ordinary Time	 Numbers 20:1-13; Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a; Matthew 16:13-23. 9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family
Friday August 8 St Dominic, Priest (memorial)	 1 Corinthians 2:1-10a; Ps 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 10. R3; Luke 9:57-62. 8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's 9:30AM Mass, St Mary's
Saturday August 9 St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr, co-patron of Europe (feast)	 Hosea 2:14b, 15b, 19-20; Ps 45(44):11-12. 14-15. 16-17. R11a; Matthew 25:1-13. 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 August 10 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Divine Office Week 3	 Wisdom 18:6-9; Ps 33(32):1,12. 18-19. 20, 22. R12b; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19. 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...

Birthday

Maureen Pinnington (90 years)

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, Donni Marie and Caroline.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of Mary Eaton and Angela Harding.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Bernadette Speedy, Patrick Golden, Kitty & P.J. Golden, Ben Dias, James O'Neill, Evelyn Appleton, Maureen Sammon, Rita Trippier, Harry Bostock, Margaret Boyd and Marie O'Neill.

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 Gill & John Green, in memory of John and Julia Pritchard.

Death & Funeral

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

With sadness, we also announce the death of Mrs. **Mary Eaton**. Mary's funeral is scheduled for Wednesday August 13, 10:15am at St Mary's Church.

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

Cuppa Club Recess

There will be no Cuppa Club meeting this coming Tuesday, August 5. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 12.

Jubilee for Social Justice Event (with free transport offer)

The Caritas Social Action Network will be hosting a *Jubilee of Social Justice* for all those interested in Catholic social action. The event takes place on Saturday, September 20 from 12:00 noon at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral and will include Mass with Most Rev. Malcolm McMahon OP, Emeritus Archbishop of Liverpool, followed by light lunch, a social action exhibition, and reflections from leaders in Catholic Social Action. Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, is providing a free coach for those from our diocese who are interested in attending. Find out more or book a place by visiting:

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/
SocialJusticeJubilee](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/SocialJusticeJubilee)

Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage

There are just a few places left on our *Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage*, taking place on Thursday

September 25. Organized in partnership with the Columban Missionaries of Britain, this 14km (9 mile) walking pilgrimage invites you to spend the day in prayer, and reflection on the beauty of God's creation and how we are called to care for the world and each other. The day begins with a short prayer service at the Laudato Si' Centre and ends with Mass at the cathedral's temporary church. Find out more and register at:

[https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/
columban-pilgrimage-register/](https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/columban-pilgrimage-register/)

Family Forest Fun Mornings

There are still some tickets available for the Family Forest Fun Mornings on August 12 and 19, at the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre. 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/)

Bonus Ball St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw July 26. Winning no. 18 – Hayley Rafferty. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 minus £7.50 admin costs = £137.50. Next draw: Saturday, August 30. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Pay by Friday August 29. **Charity Bonus Ball**: Previous draw: July 26. Charity: Alzheimer's Society. Winning no. 18 – Hayley Rafferty. Prize: £150. To charity: £145. Next draw: Saturday, August 30. Charity: Alzheimer's Society. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Pay by Friday August 29. **Late payments will not be accepted.**

Readings & Psalm for Sunday Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

'What has a man from all his toil?'

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

R: O that today you would listen to his voice. 'Harden not your hearts'.

- 1 Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.
- 2 O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.
- 3 O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

'Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.'

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and

Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

‘The things you have prepared, whose will they be?’

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of one’s possessions.’ And

he told them a parable, saying, ‘The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, “What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?” And he said, “I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ” But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.’

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