



Parish Bulletin

22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

Sunday Cycle C
Divine Office: Week 2

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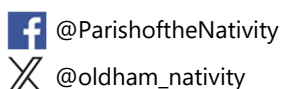
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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday September 1
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Ps 96(95):1, 3, 4-5, 11-12a, 12b-13, R13b; Luke 4:16-30.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday September 2
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27(26):1, 4, 13-14, R1a; Luke 4:31-37.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

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

Wednesday Sept. 3
St Gregory the Great,
Pope, Doctor of the
Church (feast)

1 Thessalonians 2:2b-8; Ps 96(95):1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, R3; Matthew 16:13-19.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday September 4
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

Colossians 1:9-14; Ps 98(97):2-3b, 3c-4, 5-6, R2a; Luke 5:1-11.

9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family

Friday September 5
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

Colossians 1:15-20; Ps 100(99):1-2, 3, 5, R2b; Luke 5:33-39.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

Saturday September 6
Weekday in Ordinary
Time

Colossians 1:21-23; Ps 54(53):3-4, 6, 8, R6a; Luke 6:1-5.

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 September 7
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Time

Wisdom 9:13-18b; Ps 90(89):3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17, R1; Philemon 9b-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33.

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...

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, Christopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Ann Burn, Caroline, Donni Marie, Margaret Gaunt, Jill McGarvey, Mary Kileen and Sarah O'Brien..

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Abigail O'Shea, John Harding and Martin Oliver Joyce.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Fred Jones, Gerard Andrews, Nicholas Hobin, Rita Rowan and Paul Snelling.

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 Matthew Morrow.

Baptism Class This Sunday

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

St Mary's Readers' Rota

St Mary's readers, please collect your copy of the rota from the sacristy.

The Martyr-Saints of the Northwest

A priest of the Salford Diocese will be leading a weekend of study exploring more about the Reformation-era martyrs of the Northwest. Part-retreat, part-biographical, the weekend will be led by Mgr John Allen, who has recently published a book on the history of the diocese. The study weekend runs from September 12-14 at the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst.

For more information and to book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-martyr-saints-of-the-north-west/>

The Mercy Brothers

Enjoy a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with clergy band: *The Mercy Brothers*. The concert is in aid of our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, which supports our sick pilgrims and medical team. The concert takes place on Friday October 3 at St Michael's RC Parish, Whitefield. Doors open at 7:00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £15 for adults, £10 for 16-21 year olds, and are free for under 16s. Food will be provided and is included in the cost. Book now by emailing:

Lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

Catenians Group - Urban Pilgrimage

The Failsworth Catenians Group cordially invite you to become 'Pilgrims of Hope' by joining us in an Urban walking Pilgrimage on Saturday October 4, 2025.

The Pilgrimage will begin from the Church of the Holy Family in Limeside at 9:30am and will visit the churches

of St Mary's Failsworth, Christ the King in Newton Heath and St Patrick's in Collyhurst, before arriving at St Mary's Mulberry Street (The Hidden Gem) in Manchester in time to attend the 5:15pm Mass. Walking Pilgrims of all abilities are welcome - our intention is to walk on public footpaths between each of the churches.

If you would like to participate in the Pilgrimage or provide sponsorship to those taking part, please see the posters and sponsorship forms that can be found at the back of both churches. If you would like further information about the Pilgrimage, please speak to a member of the Group in person or contact Iain O'Hare on 07977 720108.

Mini Pilgrimage Opportunity

The Northern Dioceses Environment Group—of which the Diocese of Salford is a member—is organizing a mini pilgrimage from Leeds City Station to Kirkstall Abbey on Saturday September 20, 12:45 – 4:00pm. The 7½km (4.7 mile) pilgrimage runs mainly along the Leeds Liverpool Canal towpath. All are welcome to join. Find out more by emailing:

laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Readings & Psalm for Sunday Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

'Humble yourself so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord.'

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68(67):4-5ac. 6-7b. 10-11. R cf. 11b

Response:



In your good-ness, O



God, you pro-vi-ded a



home for the poor.

- 1 The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God; they shall exult with glad rejoicing. O sing to God; make music to his name. The LORD is his name.

- 2 Father of orphans, defender of widows: such is God in his holy place. God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity.
- 3 You poured down, O God, a generous rain; when your heritage languished, you restored it. It was there that your flock began to dwell. In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

'You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.'

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the

hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

‘Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.’

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they

chose the places of honour, saying to them, ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, “Give your place to this person”, and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher.” Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.’

He said also to the man who had invited him, ‘When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your

relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.’

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