

Parish of the NATIVITY



Diocese of Salford

Parish Bulletin

21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 23, 2026

Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine office Week 1

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nativityparish.org.uk

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday August 24

St Bartholomew,
Apostle (feast)

Revelation 21:9b-14; Ps 145(144):10-11. 12-13b. 17-18. R cf. 12a; John 1:45-51.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday August 25

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a. 14-17; Ps 96(95):10. 11-13a. 13b-d. R13b; Matthew 23:23-26.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's
(No Cuppa Club meeting today)

Wednesday Aug. 26

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128(127):1-2. 4-5. R1a; Matthew 23:27-32.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday August 27

St Monica (memorial)

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

9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family

Friday 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.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's
9:30AM Mass, St Mary's
6:30PM Scripture Study, St Mary's Church.

Saturday 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.

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 August 30

22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
(Divine Office Week 2)

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9. R2b; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27.

9:00AM St Mary's Church open for private prayer
9:30AM Sung High Mass, St Mary's
10:45AM Holy Family Church open for private prayer
11:15AM Sung High Mass, Holy Family
Light refreshments are normally 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 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: Rita Sunderland, Winifred Caltigan, Joe Miller, Philip Devlin, Tom Michelle and Elizabeth Brown. May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: David Birch, Sheila & Tony Robinson, Patrick Golden, Fr. Michael O'Leary, Peter Clayton, Leigh Carlisle and Fred Jones. May they continue to rest in the Lord.

We pray for forgotten souls in Purgatory

RCIA Programme (for adults wishing to be received into the Roman Catholic Church)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults are received into the Church community. The RCIA prepares adults for the sacraments of Baptism (if required), Confirmation, and Eucharist.

RCIA classes will begin on Saturday, September 5. For more information, please speak to one of the priests, or to Sr. Benedicta.

Classes for Parents/Guardians of children scheduled for September baptisms

Classes for Parents and Guardians of children scheduled for baptism during the month of September, are reminded that they need to attend the baptism preparation class taking place after the 9:30am Mass this Sunday, August 23.

Caritas Conference: Tackling Poverty and Injustice in the Diocese of Salford

Caritas Salford invites you to join them for a free day of learning and reflection on the social teaching of Pope Leo XIV. This conference will be held on Saturday October 10 from 11:00am to 3:30pm. Guest speakers will be present with a free lunch provided. For more

information and to book your place please visit:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/conference-2026/



Cuppa Club Recess

Please note that the Cuppa Club will be closed on Tuesday August 25 and Tuesday September 1. It will resume on Tuesday, September 8.

Note to Parents: Safety of Children

Parents of young children are reminded yet again that, in the interest of safety, **they must ensure their children are supervised on church premises at all times.** This is especially important during the after-Mass social/refreshment times when it's easy to lose sight of young ones.

The Restored Salford Cathedral

As many are aware, our diocesan cathedral in Salford has recently enjoyed a major structural and liturgical

restoration. You might like to view this short video that briefly documents the restoration project and its striking outcome:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1JvSdhyCOQ>



St Mary's RC Cemetery Late Summer Holiday Mass

A reminder that this annual Mass for deceased loved ones will take place on Monday, August 31 at 11:00am at St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley. It will be held outside the Chapel, where there will be limited seating.

Outdoor Mass at Laudato Si Centre

Mass will be held at 10am in the gardens of the Laudato Si' Centre on Tuesday, September 1 to mark the start of the Season of Creation. All are welcome to attend.

Address: Laudato Si' Centre, Wardley Hall Road, Worsley, M28 2ND.

Bonus Ball Update St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw: July 25. Winning no. 50 – Deirdre mcArdle. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 minus £10 (2 numbers unpaid) minus £1.99 admin costs = £133.01. Next draw: Saturday, August 29. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Must have paid by Friday, August 28. **Charity Bonus Ball:** Previous draw: July 25. Charity: Alzheimer's Society. Winning no. 50 – Jacquie Faulkner. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 minus £15 (3 unpaid numbers) = £130. Next draw: Saturday, August 29. Charity: Alzheimer's Society. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Must have paid by Friday, August 28. **Late payments cannot be accepted.**