

Parish of the NATIVITY



Diocese of Salford

Parish Bulletin

25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine office Week 1

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday Sept. 21

St Matthew, Apostle,
Evangelist (feast)

 Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19(18):2-3. 4-5. R5a;
Matthew 9:9-13.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday Sept. 22

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119(118):1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44. R35a;
Luke 8:19-21.

9:15AM Mass, St Mary's

11:30AM - 4:00PM Macmillan Coffee 'Morning', Parish Room at
Holy Family Church. All are welcome.

Wednesday Sept. 23

St Pio of Pietrelcina
(Padre Pio - memorial)

 Galatians 2:19-20; Ps 128(127):1-2, 3, 4-5. R1a;
Matthew 16:24-27.

9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday Sept. 24

Our Lady of
Walsingham (feast)

 Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10c; Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50-51, 52-53, 54-55.
R49; Luke 1:26-38.

9:15AM Eucharistic Service, Holy Family

Friday Sept. 25

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Ps 144(143):1a, 2a-c, 3-4. R 1a;
Luke 9:18-22.

8:55AM Rosary, St Mary's

9:30AM Mass, St Mary's

6:30PM Scripture Study, St Mary's

Saturday Sept. 26

Weekday in Ordinary
Time

 Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Ps 90(89):3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17. R1;
Luke 9:43b-45.

**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 Sept. 27

26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
(Divine Office Week 2)

 Ezekiel 18:25-28; Ps 25(24):4-5b, 6-7, 8-9. R6a; Philippians 2:1-
11; Matthew 21:28-32.

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

12:30PM (following Mass) Meeting for Sacramental Programme
enquirers, Holy Family Church (Lady Chapel).

Light refreshments are normally served after both Sunday morning
Masses.

5:30PM St Mary's Church open for private prayer

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: Jim Noonan, Charlie Byrne, Nekpen Eguae, John Scanlon and
Maureen Borkin. May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Paul Wadsworth, Kevin Carol, Joan Fletcher, John Lewthwaite, Billie
Darren Cooney, Anthony Murray, Patrick Lawlor, Joan Ratcliffe, and Joan & Charles Pritchard
(birthday anniversary). May they continue to rest in the Lord.

We pray for forgotten souls in Purgatory

Talk with God  before Mass
Talk with each other *after* Mass

Sanctuary Candles

This week's sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church was donated by Deacon Stephen Scott, in memory of **John Lewthwaite**.

The sanctuary candle at St Mary's Church was donated by Francesca Cooney, in memory of **Billy Darren Cooney**.

2026-2027 Sacramental Programme

If you are the parent or guardian of a child currently in years 3 to 6 (inclusive), who wishes to be part of the 2026-2027 sacramental programme, please attend a meeting with Fr Celestine next Sunday, September 27, in the Lady Chapel at Holy Family Church following the 11:15 Mass (approximately 12:35).

Thereafter, registrations for the programme will take place on Sunday October 11 and Sunday October 18 in the narthex, also at Holy Family Church following the 11:15 Masses.

The programme is open to all children, baptized and non-baptized.

Important Announcement: Our Parish Finances

While church attendance in our Parish has remained steady in recent years, our parish income has declined significantly due to the passing of many faithful, long-standing parishioners. This has brought us to an increasingly difficult financial situation.

Many parishioners who give faithfully each week—whether by cash, card, or standing order—do not currently use

Gift Aid.

Under the UK Gift Aid scheme, if you pay UK Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax, the Parish can reclaim 25p from the government for every £1 you give—at absolutely no extra cost to you.

If you are a taxpayer and have not yet signed a Gift Aid declaration, please consider doing so. It instantly increases the value of your giving by 25%.

Simple declaration forms are available from Canon Michael or Fr Celestine after any Mass.

Thank you for your continued support.

Eucharistic Healing Service - Friday October 16, 7:30PM

There will be a Eucharistic Healing Service at Salford Cathedral (Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL), with Fr Frankie Mulgrew. Following the inspiring feedback from our previous service, and in response to a number of requests, we are delighted to hold another Eucharistic Healing Service on Friday October 16 at 7.30pm. Our previous service brought numerous beautiful testimonies of people experiencing physical and spiritual healing through the power and presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Please join us if you can, and come and encounter the healing love and mercy of Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Parking is available on Ford St.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pantasaph Monastery

We recently announced our diocesan pilgrimage to the Pantasaph Monastery

in North Wales for the Year of St Francis of Assisi, which takes place on Saturday October 17, 2026. The coach will leave the first pick up point at 9:00am and will be returning at around 6:00pm.

The cost of the trip is £35 pp, which covers coach travel, lunch, tea/coffee and a donation to the monastery.

For more information and to book your place, please contact the pilgrimage office by telephone on 0161 817 2209 or by email at:

walsingham.
pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A coffee 'morning' will take place in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church this coming Tuesday, September 22, from 11:30am until 4:00pm. All proceeds will go to the Macmillan Cancer Support charity.

Hospital Chaplains

If you find yourself in hospital and you are in need of a priest to administer the sacraments to you, please do make a request for the hospital Catholic Chaplain and you will be duly attended to, as all the hospitals have Catholic Priests as Chaplains.

Refreshments After Sunday Masses

After the 9:30 and 11:15 Sunday Masses, please do join us for coffee, tea and other light refreshments, and to meet old and new friends...in the meeting room at St Mary's, and in the Parish Room at Holy Family.

Bonus Ball Update St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw: August 29. Winning no. 55 – James Potts. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 minus £10 (2 numbers unpaid) = £135. Next draw: Saturday, September 26. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Must have paid by Friday, September 25. **Charity Bonus Ball:** Previous draw: August 29. Charity: Alzheimer's Society. Winning no. 55 – Patricia Fleming. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 minus £10 (2 unpaid numbers) = £135. Next draw: Saturday, September 26. Charity: Mind (mental health charity). Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Must have paid by Friday, September 25. **Late payments cannot be accepted.**