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The Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C, 10th August 2025

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

Monday 11th August: St Clare. (Memorial)

9.30 am Mass:

Tuesday 12th August: Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Wednesday 13th August: Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Thursday 14th August: St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

6pm: Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 15th August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

No Evening Mass

Saturday 16th August: Weekday.

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

Sunday 17th August: Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass:

11am Mass:

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

9th/10th August: Readers: 6pm J. Sherry, 9.30am: M. Schofield, 11am: D. Doyle. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: B. Doyle 9.30am: D. Dodd, 11am C. Shore.

16th/17th August: Readers: 6pm P. Sherry, 9.30am: P. Cunningham, 11am: P. Greenall. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: J. Matthews, 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am S. Fitzsimons.

Thank you for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £305.10 (Gift Aid) £294.10 (Loose Change) & CAFOD 29.40.

200 Club If you would like to join it is only £5 a month which needs to be paid at the beginning of every month. The more members we have, the bigger the prize and more money going back into our church. Winners are on the Notice Boards.

Do you want to learn more about our faith? RCIA is the process, and specific ceremonies, which leads adults to Christian baptism and into full Communion with the Catholic Church.

ALSO, if you are already Catholic but would like to learn more about our beautiful Catholic Faith you are MORE than welcome to join us.

Be an Altar Server:

Being an Altar Server is an honour and a privilege. It is a wonderful opportunity to draw closer to God and grow in faith. Your service at the Altar is a gift to the Church. If have done your First Communion Please the Registration and return to the parish.

Mrs Maria Kenny our Parish Secretary Retires:

As she retires, the parish community and clergy extend their gratitude to Mrs. Maria Kenny, he has served since 2021 as our lovely parish secretary .

Food Donations to the Foodbank: Please perishables food items like bread etc cannot be safely stored and preserved. Only food items that have long lasting shelf life are needed.

Patrick Henry Cummins 'Paddy' RIP: Funeral service will be held here at Our Lady and St Joseh on Wednesday 20th August at 11:45am. Please keep his family in your prayers during this difficult time. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

John 'Sean' Morris RIP: Requiem Mass for the late John Morris will be celebrated on Tuesday 26th August at 10 am, here at Our Lady and St Joseph. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Let us pray those who live and work on Manchester Rd, Victoria St, Stamford St, Temple St & Gas St.

Let us pray for all couples celebrating significant marriage anniversaries, especially Patrcia & Stephen Latimer, who celebrated their Golden wedding Anniversary recently.

For The sick of our Parish.

For John Morris, Paddy Cumming, Ngango Mine, Jim McCormick, David McGeever, Constance Mary Morris, and all who have died recently.

For Baby Brielle Shuri, Patrick McNally, Agnes Carr, John McGuiness, Anthony Brennan, Joao Alfred De Sousa, Ina Hackney Gerard Housley, Geoff Read, Emily & William Greeson, Frank & Clara Taylor and all we remember at this time.

Family Forest Fun Mornings: Gather the family together to celebrate God's creation with Family Forest Fun Mornings at the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre. Taking place between 10am-12.30pm over the first three Tuesdays of August, these sessions are packed with a range of activities that teach us more about the wonder of creation. Find out more and register at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/family-forest-fun-mornings/>

Cemetery Mass at St Mary's, Wardley: A Mass to remember loved ones who have died will be taking place at 11am on Monday 25th August (Bank Holiday) at St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley. All are welcome to join as we come together in faith to remember our loved ones.

Ecological Rosary at the Laudato Si' Centre: Join us at the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre on Wednesday 3rd September as we gather together to pray the Rosary with ecological reflections. This event is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in prayer and to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more and to register.

Jubilee of Youth: Our Jubilee of Jubilee series continues this August by following the journey of young adults of our diocese who travelled to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth. From radio broadcasts, to video reflections, and written articles, this month's resources invite you to journey with our young pilgrims as they learn more about discovering and sharing the hope of Christ throughout our pilgrimage of life. Begin reflecting with us today at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>

Job Vacancies: The Diocese of Salford is recruiting for a number of roles in the diocesan property team, as well as in our parish clubs. To find out more, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

Word of The Week: Vigilance: we wait for glory or ruin, salvation or disaster. This is the choice that faces the Christian each and every day, as we wait for the Lord to return, as he promised he would. We often live our lives leaving such things to a distant, shadowy future - like the person who is going to fix that faulty lock or window-frame, but in the end doesn't get round to it before the burglar comes. The lamps of our lives should be lit and shining, filled to the brim with the oil of prayer and charity, singing the hymns of the fathers as we wait for the Master to return.

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SUNDAY *Plus*

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week III** Year C

Prayer before a Five-Pound Note



Lord, see this note, it frightens me.
You know its secrets, you know its history.
How heavy it is!
It scares me, for it cannot speak.
It will never tell all it hides in its creases.
It will never reveal all the struggles and efforts it
represents, all the disillusionment and slighted dignity.
It is stained with sweat and blood.
It is laden with all the weight of the human toil which
makes its worth...

It is heavy, heavy, Lord.
It fills me with awe, it frightens me...
Through how many hands has it passed, Lord?
And what has it done in the course of its long, silent trips?

It has offered white roses to the radiant fiancée.
It has paid for the baptismal party and fed the growing baby.
It has provided bread for the family table.
Because of it there was laughter among the young
and joy among the adults.
It has paid for the saving visit of the doctor,
It has bought the book that taught the youngster,
It has clothed the young girl...

O Lord, I offer you this note with its joyous mysteries,
its sorrowful mysteries.
I thank you for all the life and joy it has given.
I ask your forgiveness for the harm it has done.
But above all, Lord, I offer it to you as a symbol of
all the labours of men, indestructible money, which
tomorrow will be changed into your eternal life.

Michel Quoist

The kingdom of heaven is the opposite of the
superfluous things that the world offers; it is the
opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life
every day and leads it to expand towards wider horizons.

Pope Francis

The real treasure

By Michael George

In teaching writing and encouraging children to grow in empathy, many teachers will have drawn on the experiences of child evacuees during the Second World War. Separated from their families, with just one case of belongings, children from London and other cities were put on trains and taken out into the countryside, to a relatively safer environment.


Many children and families of today are able to reflect not only on the experiences of others

from the past, but also on their own experience of sudden and frightening escape from conflict or persecution.

Leaving suddenly, decisions must be taken about what to pack in a very small amount of luggage. What is it most important to bring? What cannot be managed without?

The experiences of the past and the present can help any of us to reflect and prioritise – what do I need most in life and must always carry with me?

Michael George has worked in Catholic schools in the south of England for twenty-five years, as a teacher, headteacher and chaplain.

I pray, Lord, that my family may know friendship and courage, cheerfulness and understanding, carefulness in their duties, advice when life is tough, patience when they are in pain.  Amen.

After St Thomas More

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

The memory of love

The memory of love becomes a task of love and thus opens us to the future, to the hope of Easter, to the hope of full happiness. It is not enough to participate in the Mass "to feel good with God", but rather to let this risky love of Jesus form our lives. How many mothers, how many fathers, together with the daily bread cut at the table at home, break their backs to raise their children, and raise them well! How many Christians, as responsible citizens, have gone out of their way to defend the dignity of all, especially the poorest, marginalised and discriminated! Where do they find the strength to do all this? Precisely in the Eucharist: in the forgiving victim, in the power of the love of the Risen Lord, who today also breaks bread for us and repeats to us: "Do this in memory of me".

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READINGS

Today:
Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19
Luke 12:32-48

Monday:
Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday:
Deuteronomy 31:1-8
Matthew 18:1-5. 10. 12-14

Wednesday:
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday:
Joshua 3:7-10a. 11. 13-17
Matthew 18:21 – 19:1

Friday:
Revelation 11:19a;
12:1-6a. 10ab
1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Luke 1:39-56

Saturday:
Joshua 24:14-29
Matthew 19:13-15

Next Sunday:
Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53