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The Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C, 12th October 2025

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

Monday 13th Oct.: Weekday.

9.30am Mass:

Tuesday 14th Oct.: Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Wednesday 15th Oct.: St Teresa of Avila
(Mem.).

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Thursday 16th Oct.: Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

1pm : Funeral Mass for Gabrielle Casey (Known as Gaye).

Friday 17th Oct.: St Ignatius of Antioch (Mem.).

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Saturday 18th Oct.: St Luke the Evangelist (Feast).

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

Sunday 19th Oct.: Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time
(World Mission Sunday: Special Collection for Mission)

9.30 am Mass:

11am Mass:

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

11th/12th Oct.: Readers: 6pm J. Matthews, 9.30am: M. Schofield, 11am: D. Doyle. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: B. Doyle, 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am C. Shore.

18th/19th Oct.: Readers: 6pm J. Sherry, 9.30am: P. Cunningham 11am: P. Greenall. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: B. Doyle 9.30am: L. Mather, 11am S. Fitzsimons.

Thank you for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £403.15 (Gift Aid) £370.17 (Loose Change) & CAFOD £43.41.

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.

First Holy Communion November Class Session: November Class sessions is **changed** from the weekend of the 8th/9th to the weekend of the 15th/16th November, parents please note the change.

RCIA Class Sessions: Every Friday in the parish meeting room at 7pm.

Parish Christmas Fayre : Saturday 6th December. We need donations for hamper items; tins, bottles items, dried goods, biscuits etc. We also need Chocolate items, sweets etc. please check use by dates. Any gifts or donations can be placed in the basket at the side door. Thank you .

Christmas Fayre Volunteers Meeting: There will be a meeting for all volunteers to discuss this year's Christmas Fayre on Monday the 20th of October in the Parish meeting room, at 7pm. We are asking for volunteers, both those who have been involved previously and new ones to come along to the meeting.

St Joseph's Primary School Heywood Opening Evening: the primary school is having an open evening on the 16th Oct 3.45 -5.30pm

Holy Family College Faith Forms for Children currently in Yr 6: Please contact the office to make your appointment with Fr Augustine. Meetings will be Tue-Friday evenings 4pm -7pm. You must attend with your child, also with evidence of baptism. The final meeting will be Wednesday 29th October.

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Joseph, Longsight and St. Edward's, Rusholme, for Fr Samuel Agbeme, and Fr. Armand, for the SMA Fathers, and the priests of Opus Dei.

We pray for the parish primary schools and for Xavarian Sixth Form College.

Let us pray for those who live and work on Whittle Lane, Doctor Fold Lane, Moss Hall Lane, Hareshill Rd & Bader Dr.

For The sick of our Parish.

For Carlos Dos Santos, Gaye Casey, Pat. Swarbrick, Desmond Carney, Peter Pessagno, Maureen Foster, Kevin Hyland, Bernadette Hodgkinson, Tersita Tate, Peter Balana, Nelia Rosales, and all who have died recently.

For Teresa Kenny, Ellen Holt, Fr Michael Kinirons, Justin Fernando, Monica Somers, Edward Coyle, Frank & Clara Taylor and all we remember at this time.


Celebration of Human Dignity - Free Event: Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford is holding a free event on Sunday 26 October from 10.30am to 3pm at Sacred Heart Church and Parish Centre, Gorton, Manchester, M18 7WJ. The 'Celebration of Human Dignity' event, which is aligned with the memorial of St Pope John Paul II who championed human dignity and the value of human life in his many works, will include music, thought-provoking sessions and Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop John Arnold. To find out more and book your free place at the event, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/humandignity/

Laudato Si' Centre Gardening Club: As we head into autumn, the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre invites you to join its regular Friday gardening club to learn more about how to care for our common home over the coming months. For top tips on seasonal gardening, sustainable techniques, and how to care for the land and biodiversity during the winter months, sign up to our friendly sessions by emailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026: We are delighted to announce the date for our 2026 diocesan pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham. Next year's pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 2nd May, with the option to extend your pilgrimage with an overnight stay on Friday 1st May. You can now register your interest by calling our pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209 or emailing walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

THE WORD OF THE WEEK: There are many messages in today's Gospel: the power of God to heal, the compassion of Jesus for those in need, the fact that a despised foreigner (the Samaritan) is the only one who recognises what has been done, the role of faith and the importance of thanking God for gifts received. But because this Gospel is twinned with part of the story of Naaman the leper, the idea that the Church brings out most clearly is that of thanksgiving, or acknowledging what has been given to us. From an early age we are taught to say Thank You to recognise that someone has gone out of their way to give us something or do something for us. Our thanks strengthens the relationship that binds us together, and it is the same with God. As we recognise the good things that come from God, so our faith is deepened and the bond of the Covenant in Christ Jesus is strengthened.

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SUNDAY *Plus*

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week IV** Year C

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality | Prisons Week
(to 18 October)

Wholly acceptable



Looney is a fifteen-year-old from a gang located close to our office... And he has just been disgorged from one of the twenty-four probation camps in Los Angeles County. His sentence was a mere six months, but it was his first such detention...

He extricates a long envelope, squished in his side pocket, and proudly slaps it in front of me on my desk. "My grades," he announces, "from camp"... I say to him, "If you were my son, I'd be the proudest man alive..."

I look at this little guy and know that he has been returned to a situation largely unchanged. Parents are either absent at any given time or plagued by mental illness. Chaos and dysfunction are what will now surround him as before. His grandmother, a good


woman, whose task it is now to raise this kid, is not quite up to the task. I know that one month before this moment I buried Looney's best friend, killed in our streets for no reason at all.

I said to him, "I bet you're afraid to be out, aren't you?"... he folds his arms on the front of my desk and rests his sobbing head on his folded arms... "I just want to have a life."

I say to him, "I know you think you're in a deep, dark hole, you're in a tunnel. It's in the nature of tunnels that if you just keep walking, the light's gonna show up."

Recognising that we are wholly acceptable is God's own truth for us – waiting to be discovered.

Gregory Boyle SJ, Tattoos on the Heart: the power of boundless compassion

Lord God, I sometimes hope that people will see the hidden goodness in me and forgive me for my shortcomings. Help me to show a similar understanding and mercy towards others.  Amen.

A cry for help

By Mary Bell

Do you have a favourite charity? These days we are often accosted by earnest young people bearing clipboards asking us to sign up for regular donations to good causes. We feel guilty when we are unable to make such a commitment. How do we discriminate between those who have great need?

You may think leprosy is no longer a problem but LEPROA, the global charity that continues to work with sufferers from the

disease, says even if someone has the leprosy arrested by modern drugs they are often ostracised by their families, so great is the stigma.

But suffering doesn't have to be as dramatic as leprosy. There are people around us too proud or timid to ask for help: those who are poor, lonely, unemployed, bereaved: the list is endless.

Poor people are always with us, as Jesus said. The important thing is not to pass by on the other side of the road.

Following many years in the classroom, retired teacher and head of RE, Mary Bell now has time to enjoy the beauties of the natural world around her.

I, too, appeal to the powerful of the world by repeating these ever-relevant words: never again war!

Pope Leo XIV

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality Mother of Hope

Hope finds its supreme witness in the Mother of God. In the Blessed Virgin, we see that hope is not naive optimism but a gift of grace amid the realities of life. Like every mother, whenever Mary looked at her Son, she thought of his future. Surely, she kept pondering in her heart the words spoken to her in the Temple by the elderly Simeon... At the foot of the cross, she witnessed the passion and death of Jesus, her innocent son. Overwhelmed with grief, she nonetheless renewed her "fiat", never abandoning her hope and trust in God... In the travail of that sorrow, offered in love, Mary became our Mother, the Mother of Hope... the sure hope that, amid the tempests of this life, the Mother of God comes to our aid, sustains us and encourages us to persevere in hope and trust.

Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025:24



READINGS

Today:
2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

Monday:
Romans 1:1-7
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday:
Romans 1:16-25
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday:
Romans 2:1-11
Luke 11:42-46

Thursday:
Romans 3:21-30
Luke 11:47-54

Friday:
Romans 4:1-8
Luke 12:1-7

Saturday:
2 Timothy 4:10-17b
Luke 10:1-9

Next Sunday:
Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2
Luke 18:1-8