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The fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C, 13th July 2025

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

Monday 14th July: Weekday. **No Morning Mass**

Tuesday 15th July: St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor (Mem)

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

2pm. Our Lady and St Paul's whole School end of year Mass

Wednesday 16th July: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patron of the Diocese of Salford. (Feast)

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

10.30am, St Joseph's Leavers Mass in Church

Thursday 17th July: Weekday

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Friday 18th July: Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Saturday 19th July: Weekday

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

Sunday 20th July: Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass:

11am Mass:

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

12th/13th July: Readers: 6pm P. Sherry, 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am: G. DaSilva. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: B. Doyle 9.30am: H. Sharrock, 11am D. Tierney.

19th/20th July: Readers: 6pm B. Brown, 9.30am: M. Schofield, 11am: D. Doyle. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: J. Matthews, 9.30am: D. Sharrock, 11am C. Shore.

Thank you for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £379.00 (Gift Aid) £113.75 (Loose Change) & CAFOD 23.00.

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.

Words of gratitude: I would like express my deep sense of gratitude to the entire parishioners for your generosity, support and presence at my 50th thanksgiving Mass. My thanks and appreciation also to all the volunteers of our parish, the sacristan, cleaners, the flower arranger, those who prepared the food, the Cake baker, those who helped to arrange the Hall and clean up and all those who contributed in various ways to make the evening so memorable one.

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.

Let us pray those who live and work on Park St, Croft Bank, Gregge St, May St & Torrington St.

For The sick of our Parish.

For Joe Fitzpatrick, Madeline Curran, William Armstrong, and all who have died recently.

For Alice Dodd, George Basset, Michael Logan, Alice & Billy Thornton, Cathrine Johnston, 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/>

Silent Retreat: Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre between 9.30am - 3.30pm on Friday 1 August for a prayerful silent retreat. Begin the day with a tour of Wardley Hall and the Laudato Si' Centre before spending time in silent prayer, reflection, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The day ends with Outdoor Mass and a final opportunity for reflection. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more and register.

Jubilee for Grandparents and Older People: The Diocese of Salford's Jubilee of Jubilees series continues this month as we celebrate the Jubilee for Grandparents and Older People by sharing a fantastic resource from our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford. For resources, activity ideas, prayers, key contacts, and more, head to <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>

Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage: The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is teaming up with the Columban Missionaries in Britain for a special pilgrimage opportunity to celebrate the Season of Creation in this Holy Year of Jubilee. Taking place on Thursday 25 September, this prayerful experience offers opportunities for everyone, whether taking on our nine-mile pilgrimage walk, joining us for our liturgies throughout the day, or receiving our virtual pilgrimage pack to explore in your own time. To find out more and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/hope-for-our-common-home/>

Word of The Week: Both first reading and Gospel today invite us to be "down to earth" about the Law of God. It's very easy to become an "expert in religion" - knowing all the right answers, remembering all the right quotes, and so on. But for Moses and for Jesus, if God's Law is to be kept anywhere, it must be in our hearts and in our everyday lives. We are not to be concerned with keeping our eyes fixed on heaven, if it means that we cannot see the poor man at our feet.

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SUNDAY *Plus*

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week III** Year C**Sea Sunday**

Titanic martyr

"The ship was sinking but the priests refused to go into the lifeboats. They stayed on the deck, hearing confessions, helping passengers to climb into the boats and offering whatever support they could until the *Titanic* finally sank..."

Of the very few passengers willing to brave the cold, Fr Byles had been reciting the Breviary, fully dressed in his priestly garb, while walking back and forth on the upper deck at the moment the *Titanic* struck the iceberg. He acted bravely in his capacity as a spiritual leader. Descending to the Third Class and calming the people, Fr Byles gave them his priestly blessing and began to hear confessions; after which, he began the recitation of the Rosary. He then led the Third Class passengers up to the boat deck and helped load the lifeboats. He gave words of consolation and encouragement to the women and children as they got into the boats. As the danger became even more




apparent, he went about hearing more confessions and giving absolution. By all accounts, Fr Byles was twice offered a seat in a lifeboat but refused. After the last lifeboat was gone, he went to the after end of the boat deck and led the recitation of the Rosary for a large group kneeling around him of those who were not able to find room in the boats. Fr Byles also exhorted the people to prepare to meet God. As 2:20 a.m. approached, and the stern rose higher and higher out of the sea, Father Byles led the more than one hundred people kneeling before him in the Act of Contrition and gave them general absolution."

Fr Scott Archer

Other reports add that Fr Byles stayed alive in the icy ocean until shortly before the arrival of the *Carpathia*, swimming between the people floating in the water and hanging on to wreckage, still offering support and the sacrament of reconciliation. Eventually, through sheer exhaustion, he died.

The cause for canonisation of Fr Thomas Byles (1870-1912), from Headingley in Yorkshire, ordained to the priesthood from the Pontifical Bede College in Rome, is currently in process

Our Lady, Stella Maris, Star of the Sea, may you guide, always and everywhere, all people of the sea and those who care and minister to them.  Amen.



Pope Francis

God will bless us, if on land and at sea we know how to take care of the weakest.



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Remember seafarers

There is no Jubilee of Seafarers as such, but Sea Sunday reminds us to pray for them and for all those who don't draw attention to themselves but whose work helps to keep us alive. As Pope Francis said,

"Creation, our common home, is comprised of a vast expanse of water, which is essential for life and human commerce, not to mention tourism. It should not be surprising, therefore, that around ninety percent of the world's goods are transported by ships, which is made possible by the daily work of over 1,500,000 people, many of whom are far removed for months at a time from the support of their families as well as their social and religious communities..."

Despite advances in technology, many maritime workers... also continue to suffer from a variety of unjust working conditions and other deprivations, aggravated not least by the effects of climate change.

Moreover, damage to marine environments, as to others, disproportionately affects the poorest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters, whose very livelihoods are even threatened with extinction."

READINGS

Today:
Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

Monday:
Exodus 1:8-14, 22
Matthew 10:34 - 11:1

Tuesday:
Exodus 2:1-15a
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday:
Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday:
Exodus 3:13-20
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday:
Exodus 11:10 - 12:14
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday:
Exodus 12:37-42
Matthew 12:14-21

Next Sunday:
Genesis 18:1-10
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42