



# Our Lady and St Joseph RC Church Heywood

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## The Most Holy Trinity Year C, 15th June 2025

### THS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

**Monday 16th June:** Weekday

9.30am Mass:

**Tuesday 17th June:** Weekday

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

**Wednesday 18th June:** Weekday

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

**Thursday 19th June:** Weekday

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

**Friday 20th June:** Weekday

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

**Saturday 21st June:** St Aloysius Gonzaga (Memorial)

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

**Sunday 22nd June:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

9.30 am Mass:

11am Mass:

12.30pm: Baby Rosie's Baptism

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

**14th May/15th June: Readers:** 6pm B. Brown, 9.30am:

P Cunningham, 11am: P. Greenall. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm:

B. Doyle 9.30am: H. Sharrock, 11 am S. Fitzsimons.

**21st/22nd June: Readers:** 6pm S. Gibson, 9.30am: S.

Skinner, 11am: G. DaSilva. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: J. Mat-

thews 9.30am: D. Sharrock, 11am D. Tierney.

**Thank you** for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £410.40 (Gift Aid) £283.38 (Loose Change) & CAFOD 20.00.

**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.

**Confirmation 2025:** Compulsory catechism sessions for all candidates: Tuesdays 17th and 24th, from 4pm -5pm in the parish meeting room.

**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.

**Golden Birthday Celebration:** You are cordially invited to a Thanksgiving Mass in Celebration of the 50th Birthday of Fr Augustine Franklin, MSP, on Friday 11th July 2025 at 6.00 PM at Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Church Heywood. Reception follows Immediately after Mass at St Joseph Pre Nursery.

**Let us pray** for the people of the parish of Holy Trinity, Worsley, for Fr. Christopher Gorton, their parish priest, and for Deacon Lee Davies and for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph. Let us pray also for the chaplaincies to St. Ann's Hospice

and Woodlands Hospital. We pray for both their parish primary schools. Also for those who live and work on Chadwick Lane, Harefield Dr, Barnfield St, Ryecroft Ave & Corry St.

**For** The sick of our Parish.

**For** Elaine Delnon, Maria Chambers, Monica Murrell, Maureen Slattery, James Keenan, Helen Worral, Madeleine Mary O'Neill, The victims of the Air India crash and all who have died recently.

**For** Sheila O'Connor, Marina Coles., Theresa Feerick, Neal Wareham, George Fish, Denis Hope, Josephine Green, Winifred Lynskey, Eileen Byrne, George Basset, Marian Richardson, Michael Tyrer, Cathrine Johnston, Frank & Clara Taylor and all we remember at this time.

**St Joseph's RC Primary School Summer Fair 2025:** On Tuesday 15th July 2025, we are holding a Summer Fair. We want to invite all our families, friends, parishioners and community to come and have some fun and raise some money for our school fund. We are currently fundraising to develop a school library and a school prayer garden, as well as many other amazing things for our wonderful children. We are asking for your support to ensure our event is a success. We are collecting raffle prizes. If anyone has anything to donate, please can you bring them into school by Friday 4th July.

**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/>

**Refugee Week:** This year's Refugee Week takes place between 16th and 22nd June and our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, has prepared lots of information and resources to help you find out more about how to support people in our communities. Find out more at [www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/refugees/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/refugees/)

**Madonna Del Rosario Procession:** The annual Madonna Del Rosario procession, organised by the Manchester Italian Association, will take place on Sunday 6 July. The procession will begin at 1.15pm from The Halle St Michael's, George Leigh Street, in Ancoats. It will continue through Manchester City Centre to St Peter's Square, where Mgr Anthony Kay will lead a short service. All are welcome to join this wonderful celebration.

**Local Pilgrimage Opportunity:** The Diocese of Salford's Pilgrimage Office has organised a day pilgrimage to Ladyewell Shrine in Lancashire to encourage all to take up the Jubilee call to pilgrimage this Holy Year. The pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 28 June and costs £26pp, including coach pick up from St Bernadette's, Whitefield at 10.30am. Call 0161 817 2209 or email [pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) to find out more and register.

**Word of The Week:** This Sunday is all about the "Divine Community" - in other words, the way in which our God is in himself a communion of love: Father, Son and Spirit, distinct yet perfectly united - three persons, one God. We hear of the perfect union between Father and Son, revealed in the mysterious poem of the First Reading, where the Son is "Wisdom" joining the Father in the act of creation. This union bears fruit in the Spirit, who pours this perfect love into our hearts, so that we may imitate the "Communion of Love" by living together and hoping for our place within the Divine Community.

# SUNDAY *Plus*

The Most Holy Trinity **Divine Office Week III** Year C

Day for Life

## Love in its fullness

*Detail of fresco of Holy Trinity in the Church San Francesco Saverio by Sebastiano Conca (1680 - 1764) Rome, Italy. Renata Sedmakova / shutterstock.com*

Perhaps the most quoted line from the Dalai Lama is, "My religion is kindness." Isn't that simple? "My religion is kindness." He asked, really challenging us from other world religions, "How do you teach kindness or compassion and how does this come from your understanding of God?" I had the job of representing the Christian tradition; I thought the job was rather easy, because of the feast we celebrate today of God as Trinity.

Sadly, the doctrine of the Trinity hasn't exercised much

influence in the Christian understanding of God. If most Christians – Catholic or Protestant – are questioned about their real image of God, it's generally an old man sitting on a throne. He's upset half the time and it's our job to make this god happy. This, of course, has almost nothing to do with our actual doctrine on the nature of God. What our tradition believes is that God is a fountain fullness of love, a water wheel flowing constantly in one direction: Father to Son, Son to Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit to Father – always outflowing, always

outpoured, always giving, never taking, but only receiving what the other gives. It would take the rest of your life to try to comprehend what that means!...

The medieval mystic Julian of Norwich (1343-c.1416)... describes her encounter with the Trinity: "For the Trinity is God, and God is the Trinity. The Trinity is our creator and our sustainer, our Beloved forever and ever, our endless joy and bliss... Whenever Christ appeared, I seemed to understand the blessed Trinity, as well."

*Richard Rohr*



The Trinity teaches us that one can never be without the other. We are not islands; we are in the world to live in God's image: open, in need of others and in need of helping others.

*Pope Francis*

Govern everything by your wisdom,  
O Lord, so that my soul may always be serving you  
in the way you will and not as I choose.

Let me die to myself so that  
I may serve you.

Let me live to you who are life itself.  Amen.

*St Teresa of Avila*

### The "divine circle dance"

By Paul Higginson

Some theologians have defined the Trinity as a "divine circle dance" – a continuous, intimate fellowship between the three persons, each connecting to the other in perfect relationship. St Bernard of Clairvaux explained this by saying, "If... the Father is he who kisses, the Son, he who is kissed, then it cannot be wrong to see in the kiss the Holy Spirit... their unshakable bond, their undivided love, their indivisible unity."

The good news of the Christian faith is that God has made room for us on the dance floor and asks us to participate. Our loving acts of kindness, compassion, forgiveness and generosity become our small contribution to the circle dance, adding to the great store of love in the world. And love is never wasted – the love we give away to others, united with God's immense love for humanity, inevitably comes back to us, and the circle is complete.

*Paul Higginson is a retired teacher and author of Doing Christianity: how religion is about what you do, not what you believe.*

### Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

14-15 June

### Jubilee of Sport

A sense of participation, sharing and being part of a group is fostered when sports are played in such a way that the person is placed at the centre and the joy of playing together is valued. Indeed, I like to remind athletes, including professionals, not to lose the flavour of the game and "to live" their sport while always preserving the spirit of being an "amateur". This is important. The reality of play is fundamental, especially for the very young: it gives joy, fosters sociability and engenders friendships, while also being formative. Thanks to sport we can establish strong and lasting relationships. Sports create community.

As the limbs form the body, so players form a team and people form a community. Sport can be a symbol of unity for a society, an experience of integration, an example of cohesion and a message of concord and peace.

*Pope Francis*



### READINGS

Today:  
Proverbs 8:22-31  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

Monday:  
2 Corinthians 6:1-10  
Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday:  
2 Corinthians 8:1-9  
Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday:  
2 Corinthians 9:6-11  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:  
2 Corinthians 11:1-11  
Matthew 6:7-15

Friday:  
2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30  
Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday:  
2 Corinthians 12:1-10  
Matthew 6:24-34  
E&V: Ss John Fisher and Thomas More (Feast)  
2 Maccabees 6:18, 21, 24-31  
Matthew 24:4-13

Next Sunday:  
Genesis 14:18-20  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Luke 9:11b-17