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Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C., 16th November 2025

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

Monday 17th Nov.: Weekday.

9.30am Morning Mass:

Tuesday 18th Nov.: Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass

Wednesday 19th Oct.: Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Thursday 20th Nov.: Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass

10.30am: OLSP Yr 2.

Friday 21st Nov.: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Memorial).

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass: St Joseph's Primary School Yr 3 pupils in church

Saturday 22nd Nov.: St Cecilia (Memorial).

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

Sunday 23rd Nov.: 34th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Christ the King)

9.30 am Mass:

11.00 am Mass:

12.30 pm:

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

15th/16th Nov.: Readers: 6pm J. Matthews, 9.30am: P. Cuninghame, 11am: G. DaSilva. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: B. Doyle 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am D. Tierney.

8th/9th Nov.: Readers: 6pm J. Sherry, 9.30am: S. Jones, 11am: D. Doyle. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: J. Matthews, 9.30am: L. Mather, 11am C. Shore.

Thank you for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £397.10 (Gift Aid) £417.52 (Loose Change) & CAFOD £44.19.

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: Meeting with parents in preparation for the Sacrament Reconciliation on the 6th December.

Children's Liturgy: From the 1st Sunday of advent 30th Nov., we shall resume children's liturgy in the parish at the 11am Mass.

Junior Choir: There will be **Junior Choir** practice in the parish meeting room on Monday the 17th at 3.40pm.

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

Parish Christmas Fayre : Saturday 6th December. We need donations for Chocolate/sweet, children's toy, please no soft toys. Bottles, fancy goods, ornaments, unwanted gifts, unopened toiletries, scarves, gloves, costume, jewellery etc. No books please. Any gifts or donations can be placed in the basket at the side door. Thank you.

MEGA Raffle now on sale: 1st Prize : Shark Classic Anti Hair Wrap Cordless Vacuum ICZ160UK, courtesy of Kathleen Murray, 2nd Prize: NINJA 3.8L Air Fryer AF100UK courtesy of G. Housley and some great Food Hampers for 3rd prize. Tickets, one pound per a strip .

Our Lady & St. Joseph's Remembrance Service: Next Sunday the 23rd November, 3pm in church. To remember all those who have died from November 2024– November 2025

Our Lady & St Joseph's Blessings of Graves Heywood Cemetery: 2pm Sunday 30th November.



Churches Together Advent

Coffee & Cake: 1pm –2.30pm Wednesday 26th November at Heywood Baptist Church.



CHURCHES TOGETHER in HEYWOOD

Holy Family Annual Christmas Senior Citizen Party: This year Christmas party will take place on Monday 8th December at 2.00pm at Holy Family RC and CE College, Pot Hall, Wilton Grove Heywood. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list on the table by the side entrance. If you can be at school no earlier than 1.45, the party is due to finish at 4.00pm. The closing date is Friday 28th November.

Let us pray for those who live and work on Cowburn St, Hall St, Burns St, Mount St & Schofield St.

For The sick of our Parish.

For John Carthy, Elizabeth Fisher, Carlos Dos Santos, John Smalley, Nia Lovett and all who have died recently.

For Patrick Kierans, Eileen, Alice & Billy Thornton, Tommy Dunn, Michael Tyrer, Baby Maureen, Borneo Francesco, Giuseppe Borneo, Grazia Drynda, Teresa Openshaw, Margaret Dodd, Alice Bromley, Annie Howarth, Brian O'Reilly, Jack Daly, Erick Fletcher, John Russel, Frank & Clara Taylor, and all we remember at this time.

Newsletter from Diocesan Vocations Team: The Diocese of Salford's vocations team is delighted to share its latest newsletter exploring updates on vocations to diocesan ministry, which includes the priesthood and permanent diaconate. For the latest on ordinations, inspiring vocation stories, and the latest update by numbers, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/vocations/>

Diocesan Synod Update - Calling Young Adults: As we continue the implementation stage of our Diocesan Synod, we're calling on young adults across the diocese to join one of a number of working groups that will explore how best to implement the recommendations of our Diocesan Synod. Join us 2-5pm on Sunday 23 November at Cathedral Centre, Salford (M3 6DP), for an introductory meeting. Email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more and to register.

THE WORD OF THE WEEK: As we approach the end of that part of Saint Luke's Gospel before the Passion narratives, and approach the end of the Church's year, our thoughts are turned towards the end of time and the Second Coming of the Lord – this will led us into Advent in two weeks time. Saint Luke's message is very distinctive: the Lord will come, but there is a lot to be lived through first. The coming of the Lord is not going to be a "quick fix" – we will have to live through (and endure) all the mess of human joy and suffering. The Lord is clear too that we have to be aware of the personal cost of belonging to him – think back to last week's readings, and the stories of religious persecution from every place and every age, even to this day. Even as this sounds gloomy and depressing, it is worth noting where the Gospel passage starts – in the material beauty of the Temple – and where it ends – something far more precious will be saved: our lives.

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SUNDAY *Plus*

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week I** Year C

A Welsh response



The ironworkers started to work in the pit for not much more than some of the boys. Some of them even started pulling the trams in place of the ponies. A lot of the older and better-paid men got discharged without being told why, although it was put out that they

were too old and could not work as well as they ought. But that was nonsense... So strike work they did... So, on it went, right into winter...

By that time people were feeling the pinch. Food was scarce and so was money, and if the women had not been good savers in better times, things would have gone very hard. As it was, savings were almost at an end and my mother was dipping into our box to help women down the Hill who had big families still growing...

My father came back worried but steady after speaking to the men... "We have finished the strike, Beth," he said. "But our wages must come down. They are not getting the price for coal that they used to, so they cannot afford to pay the wages that they did."...


The men went back the morning after my father had spoken to the owners, and you should have seen the Hill as they went down. As the doors opened and the men came out, their

wives and children followed them into the road and stood to watch them go. My father... waved them all quiet and started to sing. As soon as they heard his voice, tenors and altos waited for their turn, then the baritones and basses, and then the women and children. As soon as the singing started, all the doors opened all the way down the Hill, and men and women and children came out to fill the road. I... heard the rich voices rising in many harmonies,... and my heart went tight inside me.

And round about us the Valley echoed with the hymn, and lights came out in the farms on the dark mountain, and down at the pit, the men were waving their lamps, hundreds of tiny sparks keeping time to the beat of the music.

Everybody was singing. There was peace, see.

Richard Llewellyn, How Green Was My Valley

May the power of hope fill our days. May we bring hope to people who feel that their lives and situations are hopeless. Fill us with compassion.  Amen.

The "cry of the poor"

By Peggy Healy

The cry of the poor is not some pathetic whining – nor is it poverty pornography where we think of the poor as helpless victims whom we must save. It is the clamour to the heavens of those who are systematically dispossessed, marginalised and oppressed by systems and governments – the excluded and subjugated who cry out to be seen and to be heard and to be accompanied in their legitimate and valiant quest, not only for survival and safety, but also for justice and equality.

Part of a talk given to the Romero Trust during Romero Week 2023.

Help us, one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.

Pope Leo XIV

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

"The little details of love"

As we journey [through] the Holy Year, I urge everyone to become pilgrims of hope, setting tangible goals for a better future. Let us not forget to keep "the little details of love": stopping, drawing near, giving a little attention, a smile, a caress, a word of comfort. These gestures are not automatic; they require a daily commitment and are often hidden and silent, but strengthened by prayer. In this time, when the song of hope seems to give way to the clamour of arms, to the cry of many innocent wounded and the silence of the countless victims of wars, we turn to God with our plea for peace. We stretch out our hands to receive peace as a precious gift for we are "poor" in this regard, while at the same time committing ourselves to weave it back into daily life.

Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of the Poor 2024:10



READINGS

Today:
Malachi 3:19-20a
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

Monday:
1 Maccabees 1:10-15.
41-43. 54-57. 62-64
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday:
2 Maccabees 6:18-31
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday:
2 Maccabees 7:1.
20-31
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday:
1 Maccabees 2:15-29
Luke 19:41-44

Friday:
1 Maccabees 4:36-37.
52-59
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday:
1 Maccabees 6:1-13
Luke 20:27-40

Next Sunday:
2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43