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The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C, 17th August 2025

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

Monday 18th August: Weekday.

9.30 am Mass:

Tuesday 19th August: Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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Wednesday 20th August: St Bernard (Memorial).

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9.30am Mass:

11.45am: Funeral Service for Patrick Henry Cummins 'Paddy'

Thursday 21st August: St Pius X (Memorial).

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Friday 22nd August: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial).

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Saturday 23rd August: Weekday.

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

Sunday 24th August: Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass:

11am Mass:

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

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.

23rd/24th August: Readers: 6pm B. Brown, 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am: G. DaSilva. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: B. Doyle 9.30am: H. Sharrock, 11am D. Tierney.

Thank you for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £475.60 (Gift Aid) £370.15 (Loose Change) & CAFOD £22.07.

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.

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 Joseh. 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 Rochdale Rd, Canal St, Chapel St, Hartley St & Church St.

For The sick of our Parish.

For William Lawlor, John Morris, Paddy Cumming, Ngango Mine, Jim McCormick, David McGeever, Constance Mary Morris,

and all who have died recently.

For Mary Elizabeth Wrigley, Peter J. Hoyle, Eileen & Winnie Thornton, John Schofield, Vera Navesey, Baby Brielle Shuri, Patrick McNally, Agnes Carr, John McGuinness, Anthony Brennan, Joao Alfred De Sousa, Ina Hackney, 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: When we consider the Christian life, we often think in positive terms: peace, light, joy, goodness, life. And yet, as the Scriptures remind us today, that Christian life must be lived in the midst of a world which is filled with more negative terms: division, distress, cruelty and death. The words of the Gospel may appear shocking to us: Jesus says that he comes to bring division, not peace, and this seems totally contrary to the message of the Gospel! And yet, Jesus is not announcing his desire of course he wants peace, not division but showing his understanding of the world in which we live. He is inviting us to weigh up the cost of the Kingdom, a cost he was willing to embrace: as the second reading tells us: *Jesus, for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, endured the cross* Whatever weighs us down, let us endure and persevere, so that the fire of Gods love may blaze over the whole earth.



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BLAZING
BAPTISM
DISTRESS
PEACE
DIVISION
HOUSEHOLD
FIVE
FATHER
SON
DAUGHTER



SUNDAY *Plus*

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week IV** Year C

Kind hearts

A few years ago, I was visiting Jesuit province in Latin America. I was invited, with some timidity, to celebrate Mass in a suburban slum, in a favela, the poorest in the region as they told me. There were around 100,000 people living there in the midst of mud since the town had been built along the side of a depression and became almost completely flooded whenever it rained. I readily accepted...

At the end [of Mass] a big fellow, whose fearful looks could have inspired fear, told me: "Come to my house. I have something to honour you." I remained uncertain, not knowing whether I should accept or not, but the priest who was accompanying me said: "Go with

him, Father; the people are very good". I went to his house, which was a half-falling shack. He made me sit down on a rickety chair. From where I was seated the sun could be seen as it was setting. The fellow said to me: "Señor, see how beautiful it is!" And we remained silent for some minutes. The sun disappeared. The man added: "I did not know how to thank you for all that you have done for us. I have nothing to give you, but I thought that you would like to see this sunset. It pleased you, didn't it? Good evening." He then gave me his hand. As I was leaving, I thought: "I have met very few hearts that are so kind."

Pedro Arrupe SJ, Essential Writings



Lord, I love you. Help me to love you more.  Amen.

The fire within

Jesus' love for us is inspiring when we take time to contemplate what he did for us on the cross. What is holding us back from truly following him? Are we losing faith, becoming weary and hindered by the demands of this world? Jeremiah did not give up and was rescued in his time of need. We are encouraged today to throw off whatever is holding us back from fixing our eyes on Jesus and just keep persevering. There are so many things that

can entangle us and prevent us from following faithfully but we know our Lord and Saviour is always there for us. If today, you are thinking of giving up, be encouraged that Jesus' love for you is the fire within to sustain you. The Holy Spirit is within you, so continue to share God's love with others, while remaining steadfast and running with faithful perseverance, looking only towards Jesus.

Actor, singer, writer and journalist Stephanie Pena, plays the part of Mary Magdalene in the Wintershall production of The Passion of Jesus (<https://youtu.be/xTGvpz9DM-w>)

The Church is young, she needs your generosity, your joy, your will to build a different world, imbued with the values of fraternity, peace and reconciliation.

Pope Francis



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope A Medieval Jubilee

Proclaiming a Jubilee can be complicated. The Black Death, between 1347-1351 killed as many as fifty million people across Europe, perhaps half of the continent's fourteenth-century population. In 1349, Rome was caught by the devastating 6.7 magnitude earthquakes which, over two days, caused widespread damage to towns, cities and infrastructure like Roman aqueducts and bridges.

Yet, in 1345, Clement VI had declared a Holy Year for the year 1350.

England and France were then fighting the Hundred Years War. Both Edward III of England and John II of France knew that their knights and military leaders could afford the pilgrimage and would want to travel. However, their absence would leave England and France vulnerable to invasion by each other. England also feared incursions from Scotland.

Eventually, Clement persuaded the two kings to sign a truce to ensure the safety of pilgrims travelling to Rome.

Despite the difficulties, more than 1.5 million pilgrims eventually went to Rome for the Jubilee celebrations.

READINGS

Today:
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

Monday:
Judges 2:11-19
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday:
Judges 6:11-24a
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday:
Judges 9:6-15
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday:
Judges 11:29-39a
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday:
Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 16, 22
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday:
Isaiah 66:18-21
4:13-17
Matthew 23:1-12

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 66:18-21
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30