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**The Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C, 19th October 2025**

## THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Special Collection for Mission Sunday

**Monday 20th Oct.:** Weekday.

**10 am: Funeral Service for Mr John Barnes**

**Tuesday 21st Oct.:** Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.30am Mass:

**Wednesday 22nd Oct.:** Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.30am Mass:

**Thursday 23rd Oct.:** Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.30am Mass:

**2pm : Funeral Mass for Mr Jamie Mullen.**

**Friday 24th Oct.:** Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.30am Mass:

10.30am. OLSP whole School Mass at

**Saturday 25th Oct.:** Weekday.

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

**Sunday 26th Oct.:** Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass:

11am Mass:

12.30 pm. Baby Kesiana's baptism.

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

**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.

**25th/26th Oct.:** Readers: 6pm P. Sherry, 9.30am: S. Jones, 11am: G. DaSilva. Eucharistic Minister: 6pm: J. Matthews, 9.30am: D. Dodd, 11am D. Tierney.

**Thank you** for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £371.45 (Gift Aid) £395.75 (Loose Change) & CAFOD £23.50.

**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.

**Children Choir Practice:** For children who would like to join our **Junior Choir** in preparation for Christmas performances, on Monday the 20th Oct. at 3.40pm in the meeting room.

**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.

**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 Antony of Padua, Stretford and Trafford Park, for Fr Gerald Murphy, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools and for the Faithful Companions of Jesus

**Let us pray** for those who live and work on Mercers Rd, Oldbury Cl, Newhouse Rd, Jackson Ave and Banks Croft.

**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** John Schofield, Winnie Thornton, Percy Bromley, Teresa Kenny, Ellen Holt, Frank & Clara Taylor and all we remember at this time.

**Pope Leo's Message for Mission Sunday 2025** Dear Brothers and Sisters, On World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their apostolic labours.

When I served as a missionary priest and bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.

I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories.

This October 19<sup>th</sup>, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be "missionaries of hope among the peoples," let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth.

Thank you for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world. God bless you all!

**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/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/humandignity/)

**THE WORD OF THE WEEK:** Perhaps the hardest Olympic event is the marathon: not only does it demand strength and fitness, but it calls for immense perseverance and endurance. Life in general and the Christian life in particular, is a marathon. We will face hills and mountains as well as valleys and gentle slopes in life: we will face obstacles and pressures which will make us want to say, as the prophet Elijah did, Lord, it is enough! Especially in our lifetime of prayer, there will be times when we say Lord, I can go no further. Jesus himself understands the need for perseverance in prayer, and the temptation to lose heart, which is why he offers us this parable and teaching today. And remember the thought from the first reading: sometimes we may need to hold each other in our praying!

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# SUNDAY *Plus*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week I** Year C**World Mission Day**

## Witness to justice

"Why do the saints have followers?" asks [the French philosopher] Bergson. "They demand nothing; yet people do, of their own accord, what the saints would have them do. The saints do not need to exhort; all they need to do is be. Their very existence is a call to perfection."

We know this from our own experience. To many people, the teaching of the Church is valid; it is convincing to the mind. But if it

is to be efficacious, if it is to move them to action, it must be backed up by life; backed up by those who have accepted the Gospel, live the Gospel, and activate their personal, family and community lives with the justice of the Gospel.

This will not be easy. Let us be realistic. It is not easy to be just. True, the example of a Christian life, a just life, will be followed by many, will be an inspiration to many. But it will also be a sign that

is contradicted. How can it be otherwise? Christ himself was such a sign, and the servant is not greater than his master...

And very often, it is by suffering that the just man will bear witness, that "what he says is true". To bear witness by one's life is to put that life at the service of an ideal, no matter what it may cost. To bear witness by one's life is to be ready to lose it. We call those who have given up their lives for the Christian ideal, martyrs. What does "martyr" mean? It means, simply, "witness".

*Pedro Arrupe SJ, Witnessing to Justice in the World*

*Deposition of the cross by Venezian artist Safet Zec, Rome, Italy. Photo by Sr Janet Fearn*



Our Lady of the Way, Mother of Christ's missionary disciples and Queen of Missions, pray for us!  Amen.

## The meaning of "mission"

If it should happen one day – and it could be today – that I become a victim of the terrorism which now seems ready to engulf all the foreigners living in Algeria, I would like my community, my Church and my family to remember that my life was GIVEN to God and to this country. I ask them to accept the fact that the One Master of all life was not a stranger to this brutal departure. I would ask them to pray for me: for how could I be found

worthy of such an offering?... For this life lost, totally mine and totally theirs, I thank God, who seems to have willed it entirely for the sake of that JOY in everything and in spite of everything...

And also, you, my last-minute friend, who will not have known what you were doing: Yes, I want this THANK YOU and this GOODBYE to be a "GOD-BLESS" for you, too, because in God's face, I see yours.

*Testament of Dom Christian de Chergé, martyr, Tibhirine, 1 January 1994.*

*For full account: John W. Kiser, The Monks of Tibhirine: faith, love, and terror in Algeria, 2003, St Martin's Press.*

Together, we must look for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming.

Pope Leo XIV

## Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Hope is real

[Hope] is something real, already accomplished in Christ, a gift daily bestowed upon us until the time when we will be one in the embrace of his love. Christian hope – as St Peter writes – is "an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading". Christian hope sustains the journey of our lives, even when the road ahead seems winding and exhausting. It opens our eyes to future possibilities whenever resignation or pessimism attempt to imprison us. It makes us see the promise of good at times when evil seems to prevail. Christian hope fills us with serenity when our hearts are burdened by sin and failure. It makes us dream of a new humanity and gives us courage in our efforts to build a fraternal and peaceful world, even when it seems barely worth the effort. Such is hope, the gift that the Lord bestowed on us in baptism.

*Pope Francis, consignment and reading of the Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee 2025*



## READINGS

**Today:**  
Exodus 17:8-13  
2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2  
Luke 18:1-8

**Monday:**  
Romans 4:20-25  
Luke 12:13-21

**Tuesday:**  
Romans 5:12-15b.  
17-19. 20b-21  
Luke 12:35-38

**Wednesday:**  
Romans 6:12-18  
Luke 12:39-48

**Thursday:**  
Romans 6:19-23  
Luke 12:49-53

**Friday:**  
Romans 7:18-25a  
Luke 12:54-59

**Saturday:**  
Romans 8:1-11  
Luke 13:1-9

**Next Sunday:**  
Sirach 35:12-14. 16-18  
2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14