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The Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C, 20th July 2025

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

Monday 21st July: Weekday. No Morning Mass

Tuesday 22nd July: St Mary Magdalene (Feast)

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Wednesday 23rd July: St Bridgit of Sweden (Feast)

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Thursday 24th July: Weekday

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Friday 25th July: St James the Apostle (Feast)

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Saturday 26th July: St Joachim and St Anne (Memorial)

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

Sunday 27th July: Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass:

11am Mass:

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

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.

26th/27th July: Readers: 6pm J. Matthews, 9.30am: P. Cunningham, 11am: P. Greenall. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: B. Doyle 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am S. Fitzsimons.

Thank you for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £355.70 (Gift Aid) £316.81 (Loose Change) & CAFOD 24.07.

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.

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.

Lourdes Petitions: this year Mary will be going to Lourdes with petitions as she usually does every year. A box for your petitions is provided on the sanctuary railings with writing materials and envelopes. Please only written petitions should be put into the box, **NO MONEY PLEASE**. All the petitions will be collected by Mary on Sunday the 27th after the 11am Mass.

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 Cross St, Railway St, Sefton St, Bradshaw St & Summersgill Cl.

For The sick of our Parish.

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

For Kathryn Brennen, Marian Hammnett, Trudi Scholes, Bill Hargreaves, Alice Dodd, Gerge 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: Sacred Hospitality is our theme: as the letter to the Hebrews says: "remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this some people have entertained angels without knowing it." True hospitality lies in two things: first the welcome, encouraging the stranger to enter the house and be at home there: secondly, the gift - not just of food or drink, but of time: listening to the stranger, and giving of ourselves to them. This is what makes hospitality costly, but holy, and a true service of Jesus Christ.

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SUNDAY *Plus*

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week IV** Year C

See more clearly

For many years I thought I was "someone" in the Church. I had even imagined this sacred living edifice as a temple supported by many small and large columns and under each column the shoulder of a Christian. I even imagined first one such small column was a burden upon my own shoulders. By force of habit by repeating that God needed men and that the Church needed militants, we actually began to believe this. The structure weighed upon our shoulder...

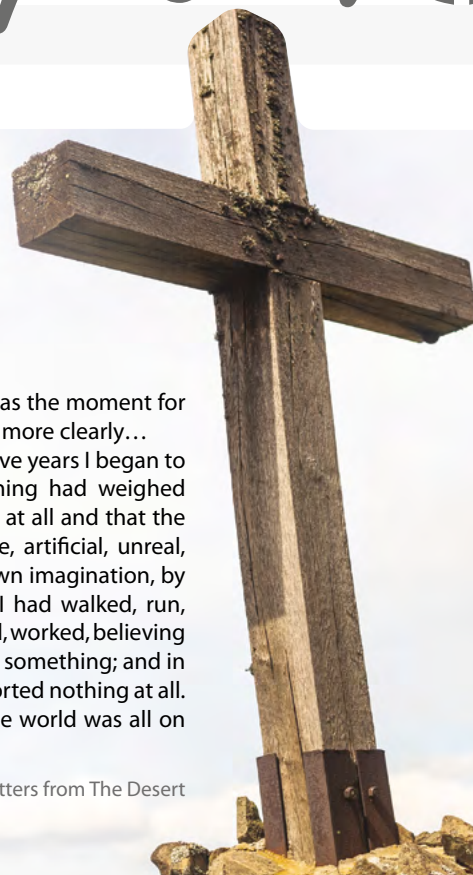
With this kind of mindset, I had not been able to go on vacation;

even at night I felt militant. And there was so much work, that there was no longer sufficient time for carrying it out. We always proceeded from one engagement to another, from one meeting to another, from one city to another. Prayers were always rushed, the speeches inflamed, the heart overwrought. Since everything depended upon us and everything was going so badly, there was good reason to be worried. But who had noticed this? The way of our actions seemed so righteous and so authentic!

Perhaps this was the moment for me to see things more clearly...

After twenty-five years I began to realise that nothing had weighed on my shoulders at all and that the column was false, artificial, unreal, created by my own imagination, by my own vanity. I had walked, run, cycled, organised, worked, believing I was supporting something; and in truth I had supported nothing at all. The weight of the world was all on Christ crucified.

Carlo Carretto, Letters from The Desert



The vocation that God gives us is so good: to create, to re-create, to work. But this can be done when the conditions are right and the dignity of the person is respected.

Pope Francis

Prayer for good humour

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I."

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour.

Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others.

St Thomas More

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Look to the future

We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision...

The spiritual dimension of the Jubilee, which calls for conversion, should also embrace these fundamental aspects of our life in society as part of a coherent whole. In the realisation that all of us are pilgrims on this earth, which the Lord has charged us to till and keep, may we never fail, in the course of our sojourn, to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home. It is my hope that the Jubilee Year will be celebrated and experienced with this intention too. Growing numbers of men and women, including many young people and children, have come to realise that care for creation is an essential expression of our faith in God and our obedience to his will.

Pope Francis



READINGS

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

Monday:
Exodus 14:5-18
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday:
Song of Songs 3:1-4b
or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday:
Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15
Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday:
Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday:
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Matthew 20:20-28

Saturday:
Exodus 24:3-8
Matthew 13:24-30

Next Sunday:
Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13