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THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

Monday 22nd Sept.: Weekday.

9.30 am Mass:

Tuesday 23rd Sept.: St Pius of Pietrecina- Padre Pio. (Mem).
Please No Adoration, No Mass.

Wednesday 24th Sept.: Our Lady of Walsingham (Feast).
9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Mas:

Thursday 25th Sept.: Weekday.
9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Mass:

Friday 26th Sept.: Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs (Mem).
9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am Mass:

Saturday 27th Sept.: St Vincent De Paul, Priest (Mem.).
10am Morning Mass:
10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.
6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

Sunday 28th Sept.: Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30 am Mass:
11am Mass:

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

20th/21st Sept.: Readers: 6pm P. Sherry, 9.30am: M. Schofield, 11am: D. Doyle. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: J. Matthews 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am C. Shore.

27th/28th Set.: Readers: 6pm B. Brown, 9.30am: P. Cunningham, 11am: P. Greenall. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: B. Doyle, 9.30am: H. Sharrock, 11am S. Fitzsimons.

Thank you for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £354.95 (Gift Aid) £391.45 (Loose Change) & CAFOD £25.00.

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.



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. **RCIA sessions will start from Friday the 26th of September in the parish meeting room at 7pm.**

Family Mass: After the summer break, we resume our parish Famil Mass on Sunday the 5th of October. There will be **Junior Choir** practice in the parish meeting room on Monday the 22nd at 3.40pm.

Mission Appeal: Fr. Denis Carter SSC of the Columban Missionaries will be visiting our parish at the weekend of the 4th - 5th October for Mission Appeal.

New Parish Secretary: We welcome Sharon Whittle our new parish secretary, who has already resumed her duty in the parish. Shron will be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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.

Saint Vincent De Paul Young Adults Group: A new SVP group for young adults aged 18 to 33 is starting at St Vincent's church in Norden. The first meeting is at 7.30 pm on Saturday 4 October in the parish centre at St Vincent's Church on Caldershaw Road, Norden. Anyone in this age group is welcome to join. Contact Roystonc@svp.org.uk if you would like more information.



Heywood Foodbank: The foodbank requires volunteers to help with collection of food items from Fareshare and local supermarkets. For more details, please call 07396 071193

Let us pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady and St. John's parish, Chorlton, for Fr. Anthony Ekpunobi, CM, of the Vincentian Fathers, for their parish primary schools and for St. John Vianney school.

Let us pray for those who live and work on Collop Dr, Lenten Gr, Whittlebrook Gr, Willowbank & Foley Gardens.

For The sick of our Parish.

For Elizabeth Ante, Cathrine Smith, and all who have died recently.

For Veronica Maguire, George Basset, Hughie McCulloch, Cathrine Rothwell, Clare Taylor, Margaret Ashton, Mark Ashton, Frank Ashton, Glenn Wildman, Charles Schofield, Norman Butterworth, Kathleen & Charles Rhodes, Frank & Clara Taylor and all we remember at this time.

Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham: Join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham with a special Mass at St Luke's Church (M6 7WR), in Salford, on Wednesday 24 September. Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop John, will begin at 7pm. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about next year's diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Life in the Spirit Seminars: Discover more about what it means to live in the Holy Spirit with a series of seminars heading to Manchester this autumn. This series of Life in the Spirit Seminars will be taking place at Our Lady's Church, Moss Side, from Wednesday 24th September, 7.30pm-

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/>.

THE WORD OF THE WEEK: How easy to take the words of Jesus out of context: Use money to win you friends, is one of those lines that sounds strange to us outside the context of the parable and the teaching in today's Gospel. Even the parable itself can seem a little strange is Jesus really recommending that we act like dishonest stewards? No, of course not! The point that reveals this is hidden half way down: The children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind Jesus in a way praises the effort of the dishonest steward, but wishes that it was directed less to worldly things, but to the things of heaven. And this is the message that we are to take: where do we direct our energies to making money, fame, fortune and success, or to finding friends in heaven?

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SUNDAY *Plus*

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week I** Year C

Evangelii Gaudium Day

The servant of God



[Francis] stood up before them all and said, "Up to this time I have called Pietro Bernardone father, but now I am the servant of God. Not only the money, but everything that can be called his, I will restore to my father, even the very clothes he has given me."

He piled the garments in a heap on the floor and threw the money on top of them. Then he turned to the bishop and received his blessing, like one who turns his back on society; and, according to the account, went out as he was into the cold world... He was penniless, he was parentless, he was to all appearances without a trade or a plan or a hope in the world; and as he went under the frosty trees, he burst

suddenly into song...

He realised that the way to build a church is not to become entangled in bargains and, to him, rather bewildering questions of legal claim. The way to build a church is not to pay for it, certainly not with somebody else's money. The way to build a church is not to pay for it even with your own money. The way to build a church is to build it.

He went about by himself collecting stones. He begged all the people he met to give him stones. In fact, he became a new sort of beggar, reversing the parable: a beggar who asks, not for bread, but stone.

G. K. Chesterton, Saint Francis

Lord of life and hope, fill me with the joy of knowing that you are beside me at every moment of every day.

 Amen.

Love makes the world go round

By Paul Higginson

In the musical *Cabaret*, Lisa Minnelli tells us that, "Money makes the world go round", but in today's Gospel, Jesus tells us quite forcibly that we can't serve both God and money. It's natural to seek salvation in money, to think that money will protect us and keep us safe: the more we have, the better life will be. But Jesus is saying today that

we must always put relationships before money.

Money will never save us, but the relationships we foster with our family and friends most certainly will. Whilst wealth is fleeting, the love we share with each other is eternal. The dishonest manager in today's Gospel understood what the wealthy often cannot see: we need one another, or to put it another way, "it's love that makes the world go round."

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

[The Church] is the womb from which we were born and at the same time the flock, the field, entrusted to us to protect and cultivate, to nourish with the sacraments of salvation and to make fruitful by our sowing the seed of the Word.

Pope Leo XIV

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

In joyful hope

May [the Jubilee] help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation. May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth, where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises.

Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: "Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and for ever.

Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025:25



READINGS

Today:
Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

Monday:
Ezra 1:1-6
Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday:
Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday:
Ezra 9:5-9
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday:
Haggai 1:1-8
Luke 9:7-9

Friday:
Haggai 1:15b - 2:9
Luke 9:18-22

Saturday:
Zechariah 2:5-9,
14-15a
Luke 9:43b-45

Next Sunday:
Amos 6:1a, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31