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The Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C, 24th August

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

Monday 25th August: Weekday.

9.30 am Mass:

Tuesday 26th August: Weekday.

NO Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10am: Funeral Mass for John Morrison

Wednesday 27th August: St Monica (Mem).

NO MASS AND ADORATION

Thursday 28th August: St Augustine (Mem).

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Friday 29th August: The Passion of St John the Baptist (Mem)

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Saturday 30th August: Weekday.

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

Sunday 31st August: Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass:

11am Mass:

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

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.

30th/31st August: Readers: 6pm J. Matthews, 9.30am: M. Schofield, 11am: D. Doyle. Eucharistic Minister: 6pm: B. Doyle, 9.30am: D. Sharrock, 11am C. Shore.

Thank you for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £394.60 (Gift Aid) £347.37 (Loose Change) & CAFOD £36.16.

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.

Music Evening: Tuesday 2nd September 7-8:30pm Brooke Hurst, Music Specialist, is leading a workshop for singing your favourite songs and playing musical instruments together. Please come along and bring a friend cost £7 with refreshments. Everyone is welcome in The Meeting Room ; she has been before and gave us a super evening. Any questions please ring Pat Greenall on 07599355924.

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 10am, 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.

William Holden RIP: Funeral service will be held here at Our Lady and St Joseh on Thursday 4th September 12noon. Please keep his family in your prayers during this difficult time. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

Let us pray those who live and work on L/Cpl Stephen Shaw Way, Market Place, Lane End, Hope St & Withington St.

For The sick of our Parish.

For Fr Paul Shobande MSP, Peter Schofield, Matthew Robinson, William Lawlor, John Morris, Paddy Cumming, and all who have died recently.

For Fr Donatus Birk, Ellen Fairhurst, Mary Elizabeth Wrigley, Peter J. Hoyle, Eileen & Winnie Thornton, John Schofield, Vera Navesey, Baby Brielle Shuri, Frank & Clara Taylor and all we remember at this time.

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.

Votive Mass for Feast of St Monica: The parish of St Mary's in Oswaldtwistle invites you to a special Votive Mass for the feast of St Monica on Wednesday 27th August at 7pm. The Mass will be followed with an opportunity to venerate a relic of St Monica and invoke her intercession for our families and loved ones. All are invited to join.

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/>

Word of The Week: It's probably a nightmare we all share - being locked out of the house, the sales, the big match, missing the train, the boat, the plane, whatever, and having to watch the crowds that have got inside, while we can do nothing. Complacency is what leaves us in this situation, and the Lord warns all who listen to him to be careful, taking nothing for granted, but making sure that we are (spiritually at least) like the people waiting with their sleeping bags and thermos flasks by the front door of the ticket office.

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SUNDAY *Plus*

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week I** Year C

True love



The boy bit his cake, spat it out again and suddenly began to cry.

"Why are you crying?" asked the father.

"I am not hungry," said the boy. The father's smile became more marked than ever.


"You need not be hungry to eat a cake." ... "Throw it to those swans." ...

Meanwhile, the two little vagabonds had approached the cake at the same time as the swans. It was floating on the water. The smaller boy looked at the cake. The other looked at the retreating tradesmen...

When they were no longer in sight, the elder boy hurriedly lay down flat on his stomach on the rounding edge of the basin, and holding to it with his left hand, bending over the water till he all but fell in, he stretched

out his stick towards the cake with the other hand. The swans, seeing the enemy, hastened up; and as they hastened, their breasts produced an effect favourable to the little fisher. The water flowed back in front of the swans, and one of these gentle, concentric waves softly impelled the cake towards the boy's stick. When the swans reached it, the stick touched the cake. The lad gave a quick blow, startled the swans, seized the cake, and sprang up. The cake was soaked; but they were hungry and thirsty. The elder boy divided the cake into two parts – a large one and a small one – kept the small one for himself, and gave the larger piece to his brother, saying, "Shove that into your breadbasket."

Victor Hugo, Les Misérables

Dearest Jesus, it's very easy to be greedy and to want the best things for myself. Teach me to be generous.  Amen.

Will you say yes?

To be patient and wait our turn can be a hard lesson to learn, especially when we are going through a challenging season. I don't know about you but often in my daily activities God gives me uncomfortable opportunities to be patient. Never forget that even when things are hard, God is good; being disciplined by him will later produce a harvest. We must trust God in the pruning season. In his great love for us, he has given us free will. Personally,

I would rather be in God's will than out of it. Waiting on the Lord can be hard, but when we do, he renews our strength and in his beautiful timing we learn the fruitfulness of being patient. Come close to God, spend time with him, getting to know his word. God lovingly invites us to take the narrow door; will you say yes to the invitation?

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

If you in your family, in your neighbourhood start out with envy, with fights, there will be "war" in the end. Instead, if you start out with love, sharing love, forgiveness, there will be love and forgiveness for everyone.

Pope Francis

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee 1600

Pilgrims who climb the Scala Sancta in Rome, learn that crawling up the first two or three of the twenty-eight white marble steps is not particularly uncomfortable. The last few require huge willpower and determination! Yet every year, thousands of pilgrims tackle the staircase which, tradition says, Jesus climbed towards Pilate. St Helena apparently brought the Scala Sancta to Rome from the Praetorium in Jerusalem in AD 326.

During the Jubilee Year of 1600, Pope Clement VIII (the first Pope to drink coffee!) climbed the steps on his knees, served meals to pilgrims, and ate with twelve of the city's poor each day. Rome's Jewish community supplied five hundred blankets so that pilgrims could sleep more comfortably. As a sign of penitence, cardinals renounced their red regalia for the year. Despite the huge difficulties and dangers involved in making a pilgrimage, more than one million people travelled to Rome for the Jubilee.



READINGS

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

Monday:
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday:
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday:
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday:
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday:
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Mark 6:17-29

Saturday:
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Next Sunday:
Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
Luke 14:1, 7-14