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## The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C, 27th July 2025

### THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

**Monday 28th July:** Weekday. No Morning Mass

**Tuesday 29th July:** Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus. (Memorial)

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

**Wednesday 30th July:** Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

**Thursday 31st July:** St Ignatius Loyola (Feast)

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

**Friday 1st August:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Memorial)

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

**Saturday 2nd August:** Weekday.

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

**Sunday 3rd August:** Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass:

11am Mass:

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

**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.

**2nd/3rd August:** Readers: 6pm S. Gibson, 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am: G. DaSilva. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: J. Matthews, 9.30am: L. Mather, 11am D. Tierney.

**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.

**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 Vale St, Russel St, Fir St, Well St, Brierley St.

**For** The sick of our Parish.

**For** Joe Fitzpatrick, Madeline Curran, William Armstrong, Constance Mary Morris, and all who have died recently.

**For** Maurice Hackney, Barbara Jackson, , Agnes O'Donnel, 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/>

**Jubilee for Social Justice Event (with free transport offered):** The Caritas Social Action Network will be hosting a Jubilee of Social Justice for all those interested in Catholic social action. The event takes place on Saturday 20 September from 12noon at Liverpool Met Cathedral and will include Mass with Most Rev. Malcolm McMahon OP Emeritus Archbishop of Liverpool, followed by light lunch, a social action exhibition, and reflections from leaders in Catholic Social Action. Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford is providing a free coach for those from our diocese who are interested in attending. Find out more or book a place by visiting their website: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/SocialJusticeJubilee](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/SocialJusticeJubilee)

**Outdoor Mass for Season of Creation:** This September welcomes back the Season of Creation - a month-long campaign that invites us to reflect on our call to be loving stewards of God's creation. We invite you to join us in beginning this time of reflection with an outdoor Mass in the beautiful grounds of the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre. Mass takes place on Monday 1 September at 9.30am. Email [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) to find out more or to register.

**Word of The Week:** When we see the child in the sweet shop nagging and moaning at mum or dad for something, we probably don't think of it as a model of our prayer lives! And yet, if we take the word of God seriously today, that is exactly what our faith teaches us to do! The message is persistence - never giving up, even if prayers do not seem to be answered. We shouldn't ask why they are not answered on the spot (God's probably got a reason), but should just continue beating on the door of heaven in faith and hope.

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PLACE  
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# SUNDAY *Plus*

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week I** Year C

## God will provide



Passing through one of the streets of Milan, I observed a poor beggar. Evidently, he had a full belly that day, for he was laughing and joyful. I sighed and pointed him out to the friends around me. We were burdened with all the sorrows of our frenetic lives. We were goaded by our ambitions to keep up. I worked while dragging along the baggage

of my own dissatisfaction, which was only feeling heavier. One day we hoped to arrive at the same state of joy that beggar was showing in front of us...


What the beggar had gained was not true joy, but it was just as real as what I was trying to get with my ambitious plans. Certainly, he was happy, and I was anxious. He had

no fears, where I was full of them. If the beggar had asked me whether I would prefer to be in his merry state or my own fearful one, I would have answered that I would rather be merry. On the other hand, if he asked whether I would rather be a beggar like him, I should say that I would choose to be myself, even though worn out with cares and

fears. But was that poor judgement and was it the truth? Shouldn't I prefer to be like him? I had more knowledge than he, but no joy in all my pursuits...

Your plan put ours to shame, and your purposes would provide for us. You would open your hand and fill our souls with blessing.

*St Augustine, Confessions*

Thank you, dear Jesus,  
for all you have given me,  
for all you have taken away from me,  
for all you have left me.  Amen.

*St Thomas More*

## An Old English Prayer

Give us, Lord, a bit o' sun  
A bit o' work and a bit o' fun.  
Give us in all the struggle and sputter  
Our daily bread and a bit of butter.  
Give us health our keep to make  
And a bit to spare for others' sake.  
Give us, too, a bit of song  
And a tale and a book to help us along.  
Give us, Lord, a chance to be  
Our goodly best, brave, wise and free.  
Our goodly best for ourselves and others  
Till all men learn to live as brothers.

*Anon.*



Before the eyes of the Father, with the humanity of Jesus, there are and always will be our lives, our hopes, our wounds.

*Pope Francis*

## Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

### God will provide

How often have you looked at the weather forecast as you plan your day's activities? Are you a farmer or grower? Does your work involve buying, selling or processing food? One thing is certain: you depend on regular food supplies for yourself, your family and everyone you know. You also know that this time of year is critical as so many crops ripen and approach harvest.

In Judaism, the Jubilee, which happened every fifty years, guaranteed farmers time for prayer and study because fields remained uncultivated. No planting took place before the Jubilee, because crops wouldn't be harvested, or during the year itself because that needed land to be cultivated. It took supreme faith in God's loving care to go for two years without planting crops. People believed that God would reward such faith – but life was not easy. The Jubilee was another way of saying, "God will provide".



## READINGS

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

Monday:  
Exodus 32:15-24.  
30-31  
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday:  
Exodus 33:7-11;  
34:5b-9,28  
John 11:19-27

Wednesday:  
Exodus 34:29-35  
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday:  
Exodus 40:16-21.  
34-38  
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday:  
Leviticus 23:1. 4-11.  
15-16. 27. 34b-37  
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday:  
Leviticus 25:1. 8-17  
Matthew 14:1-12

Next Sunday:  
Ecclesiastes 1:2;  
2:21-23  
Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11  
Luke 12:13-21