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The Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C, 3rd August 2025

THS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

Monday 4th August: St John Mary Vianney. (M)

9.30 am Mass:

Tuesday 5th August: Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Wednesday 6th August: The Transfiguration of the Lord. (F)

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Thursday 7th August: Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Friday 8th August: St Dominic (M)

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Saturday 9th August: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. (F)

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

Sunday 10th August: Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass:

11am Mass:

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

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.

9th/10th August: Readers: 6pm J. Sherry, 9.30am: M. Schofield, 11am: D. Doyle. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: B. Doyle 9.30am: D. Dodd, 11am C. Shore.

Thank you for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £380.45 (Gift Aid) £284.36 (Loose Change) & CAFOD 23.95.

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.

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 Rochdale Lane Smith St, Quay St, Manchester St & Twin St.

Let us pray for all couples celebrating significant marriage anniversaries, especially Patricia & Stephen Latimer, who celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary recently.

For The sick of our Parish.

For Paddy Cumming, Ngango Mine, Jim McCormick, David McGeever, Constance Mary Morris, and all who have died recently.

For Gerard Housley, Geoff Read, Emily & William Greeson, Maurice Hackney, Barbara Jackson, Agnes O'Donnell, Kathryn Brennen, Marian Hammnett, Trudi Scholes,

Bill Hargreaves, 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

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 to find out more or to register.

FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. The Virtues: 1803 "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." A virtue is an habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself. the virtuous person tends toward the good with all his sensory and spiritual powers; he pursues the good and chooses it in concrete actions. The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God.

Word of The Week: Today we contemplate a great truth about our life: you can't take it with you. The old phrase "There are no pockets in a shroud" is what we confront today, in the preaching of both Ecclesiastes and the Lord Jesus. What Jesus makes us think about, however, is not just this truth, but the consequences of it: if we are not to build up treasure here on earth, what are we to do? The answer is simple: by our way of living we "make ourselves rich in the sight of God"!

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SUNDAY *Plus*

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week II** Year C

God of my Life

Only in love can I find you, my God.


In love the gates of my soul spring open,
allowing me to breathe a new air of freedom
and forget my own petty self.

In love my whole being streams forth
out of the rigid confines of narrowness and anxious self-assertion,
which makes me a prisoner of my own poverty and emptiness.

In love all the powers of my soul flow out toward you,
wanting never more to return,
but to lose themselves completely in you,
since by your love you are the inmost centre of my heart,
closer to me than I am to myself.

But when I love you,
when I manage to break out of the narrow circle of self
and leave behind the restless agony of unanswered questions,
when my blinded eyes no longer look merely from afar
and from the outside upon your unapproachable brightness,
and much more when you yourself, O Incomprehensible One,
have become through love the inmost centre of my life,
then I can bury myself entirely in you, O mysterious God,
and with myself, all my questions.

Karl Rahner SJ

Help me, Lord, to see with your eyes, to love with your
love and to speak with your gentleness.  Amen.

Beyond material gains

Recently I came across a photograph I took some years ago. The photograph is of some paper on which a child had written, "I love school. It is the best." Sadly, I cannot recall the child who wrote it, though judging by the handwriting, he or she was five or six years of age.

In seven words the child communicated that what he or she valued was an experience. He or she valued the opportunity to learn, to be amongst friends and to be in a safe and loving environment. It was that experience and the relationships

within it that brought happiness.

I regularly tell children that as well as teaching them, the adults in the school learn from them. How much we can learn from that young child: happiness is rooted not in what we own but in how we spend our time and who we spend it with.

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Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Jubilee for everyone

As we celebrate the Jubilee of Hope, we remember that the Jubilee Year continues the ancient practice of Judaism as a time of joy, freedom, rest and social justice. Slaves were to be freed. Fields would lie fallow – and anybody whose poverty forced them to sell their land to provide for their family, would regain it. The Jubilee was for everyone and all property was returned to its original family.

As Rabbi Levi Avtzon wrote, "In the Land of Israel, where each tribe was allotted its province and each family its estate, 'the land may not be sold forever, for the land is Mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with Me.'

So, if a person became destitute and was forced to sell his estate, the 'sale' was in fact only a long-term lease until the next Jubilee year, at which time it reverted to the owner."



READINGS

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

Monday:
Numbers 11:4b-15
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday:
Numbers 12:1-13
Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday:
Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Luke 9:28b-36

Thursday:
Numbers 20:1-13
Matthew 16:13-28

Friday:
Deuteronomy 4:32-40
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday:
Deuteronomy 6:4-13
Matthew 17:14-20

Next Sunday:
Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19
Luke 12:32-48