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The Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C, 5th October 2025

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

Monday 6th Oct.: Weekday..

9.30am Mass:

Tuesday 7th Oct.: Our Lady of the Rosary. (Mem).

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Wednesday 8th Oct.: Weekday.

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Thursday 9th Oct.: St John Henry Newman (Feast).

Please No Adoration, No Mass.

Friday 10th Oct.: Weekday.

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9.30am Mass:

Saturday 11th Oct.: Weekday.

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

Sunday 12th Oct.: Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass:

11am Mass: Family Mass

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

4th/5th Oct.: Readers: 6pm S. Gibson, 9.30am: S. Skinner

11am: Children. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: J. Matthews 9.30am: D. Sharrock, 11am D. Tierney.

11th/12th Oct.: Readers: 6pm J. Matthews, 9.30am: M. Schofield, 11am: D. Doyle. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: B. Doyle, 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am C. Shore.

Thank you for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £448.60 (Gift Aid) £379.95 (Loose Change) & CAFOD £15.00.

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.

Columban Missionaries Appeal: We welcome Fr. Denis Carter SSC of the Columban Missionaries to our parish this weekend for Mission Appeal.

First Holy Communion November Class Session: November Class sessions is changed from the weekend of the 8th/9th to the weekend of the 15th/16th November, parents please note the change.

RCIA Class Sessions: Every Friday in the parish meeting room at 7pm.

Parish Christmas Fayre : Saturday 6th December. We need donations for hamper items; tins, bottles items, dried goods, biscuits etc. Any gifts or donations can be placed in the basket at the side door. Thank you .

The Bereavement Group: Meeting on Tuesday 7th October Bereavement Group 7-8:30pm Therapist Shirley Jamil hand, joint, head massage. Cost £7.

Our Lady and St Joseph's Prayer Group: Meeting on Friday October 10th 7-8:30 pm. All welcome any details please contact Pat Greenall on 07599355924.

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.

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 St Kentigern, Fallowfield, and the English Martyrs, Whalley Range, and for

Canon Michael Cleary, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for St. Bede's College.

Let us pray for those who live and work on Oakleigh Cl, Magdala St, Baker ST, Victory Way & Barlow St.

For The sick of our Parish.

For Tersita Tate, Peter Balana, Nelia Rosales, and all who have died recently.

For Fr Michael Kinirons, Justin Fernando, Monica Somers, Edward Coyle, Frank & Clara Taylor and all we remember at this time.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026: We are delighted to announce the date for our 2026 diocesan pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham. Next year's pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 2nd May You can now register your interest by calling our pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209 or emailing walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk


Celebration of Human Dignity - Free Event: Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford is holding a free event on Sunday 26 October from 10.30am to 3pm at Sacred Heart Church and Parish Centre, Gorton, Manchester, M18 7WJ. The 'Celebration of Human Dignity' event, which is aligned with the memorial of St Pope John Paul II who championed human dignity and the value of human life in his many works, will include music, thought-provoking sessions and Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop John Arnold. To find out more and book your free place at the event, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/humandignity/

Laudato Si' Centre Gardening Club: As we head into autumn, the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre invites you to join its regular Friday gardening club to learn more about how to care for our common home over the coming months. For top tips on seasonal gardening, sustainable techniques, and how to care for the land and biodiversity during the winter months, sign up to our friendly sessions by emailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

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THE WORD OF THE WEEK: Faithfulness, faith and trust. These most invisible and difficult things are what God asks of us just as we, in our own way, ask them of those who love us. Trust me, we say, all will be well. And if someone does trust us, the reward is simply that trust was well-placed. We have done our duty. Sometimes when we talk about faith we put the emphasis on believe and accept. Today's readings (especially the passage from Habakkuk) invite us to think in terms of trust. The request of the Apostles is interesting: Increase our faith could also mean Make it easier for us, or Prove that you are who you say you are. Jesus replies that he cant do that you cant make someone trust you. It has to be a gift, freely given.

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SUNDAY

Plus

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week III** Year C

Jubilee of the Missions | Jubilee of Migrants



From fear to faith

I was set down from the carrier's cart at the age of three; and there, with a sense of bewilderment and terror, my life in the village began.

The June grass, amongst which I stood, was taller than I was and I wept. I had never been so close to grass before. It towered above me and all around me, each blade tattooed with tiger-skins of sunlight. It was knife-edged, dark, and a wicked green, thick as a forest and alive with grasshoppers that chirped and chattered and leapt through the air like monkeys.

I was lost and didn't know where to move... For the first time in my life, I was out of the sight of humans. For the first time in my life, I was alone in a world whose behaviour I could neither predict nor fathom...

I was lost and I did not expect to be found again. I put back my head and howled, and the sun hit me smartly on the face, like a bully.

From this daylight nightmare, I was awakened, as from many another, by the appearance of my sisters. They came scrambling and calling up the steep rough bank, and parting the long grass, found me...

And Marjorie, the eldest, lifted me into her long brown hair, and ran me jogging down the path and through the steep rose-filled garden, and set me down on the cottage doorstep, which was our home, though I couldn't believe it... I didn't know where I lived before then.

Laurie Lee, Cider with Rosie

Take all the lost home

Take all the lost home.
Remember their names all.
Their journey is yours, friend.
Their faces are grey 'til you call.

Walk close by the children
And learn their refrains
And leave your umbrellas
While you learn to walk in the rain...
The bread that is broken
Won't be one again
Unless in your healing
You gather each one and each grain.

Joe Wise, Music for the Spirit, vol. 1

We have to know how to listen - not to judge, not to shut doors as if we hold all the truth and no one else has anything to offer.

Pope Leo XIV

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Jubilee of Migrants Signs of hope

Signs of hope should also be present for migrants who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families. Their expectations must not be frustrated by prejudice and rejection. A spirit of welcome, which embraces everyone with respect for his or her dignity, should be accompanied by a sense of responsibility, lest anyone be denied the right to a dignified existence. Exiles, displaced persons and refugees, whom international tensions force to emigrate in order to avoid war, violence and discrimination, ought to be guaranteed security and access to employment and education, the means they need to find their place in a new social context.

Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025:13

READINGS

Today:
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

Monday:
Jonah 1:1 - 2:1. 11
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday:
Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday:
Jonah 4:1-11
Luke 11:1-4


Thursday:
Malachi 3:13-20b
Luke 11:5-13

Friday:
Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday:
Joel 4:12-21
Luke 11:27-28

Next Sunday:
2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19



Live in me, my Lord, and I'll live in you. 
Amen.

