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The fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C, 6th July 2025

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH Monday 7th July: Weekday. No Morning Mass

10am. Funeral Service for Mrs Madeline Curran.

Tuesday 8th July: Weekday

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Wednesday 9th July: Weekday

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Thursday 10th July: Weekday

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 11th July: St Benedict. (Feast)

6pm: Fr Augustine's Birthday Thanksgiving Mass

Saturday 12th July: Weekday

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Adoration and Confessions.

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

Sunday 13th July: Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.30 am Mass:

11am Mass:

12.30pm Baby Oscar's Baptism

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

5th/6th July: Readers: 6pm J. Sherry, 9.30am: P. Cunningham, 11am: P. Greenall. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: J. Matthews, 9.30am: D. Dodd, 11am S. Fitzsimons.

12th/13th July: Readers: 6pm P. Sherry, 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am: G. DaSilva. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: B. Doyle 9.30am: H. Sharrock, 11am D. Tierney.

Thank you for your generosity. **Previous Weekend** of 21st/22nd : £362.20 (Gift Aid) £300.00 (Loose Change) & CAFOD 44.73.

Last Weekend: £424.60 (Gift Aid) £492.08 (Loose Change) & CAFOD 28.57.

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.

First Holy Communion 2025/2026: For those not in any of the Catholic Primary Schools of our parish, forms are available in the church. Filled forms must be returned by Wednesday

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.



Golden Birthday Celebration: This Sunday the 6th Fr Augustine will turn 50. You are cordially invited to a Thanksgiving Mass in Celebration of the his 50th Birthday on Friday 11th July 2025 at 6.00 PM at Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Church Heywood. Reception follows Immediately after Mass at St Joseph Pre Nursery.

Food Donations to the Foodbank: Please perishables food items like bread etc cannot be stored and preserved, there only food that have long lasting shelf life are needed.

Let us pray for the people of the people of the parish of St. Teresa of Avila and St. Joseph, Irlam, with Fr Anthony Clarke, their parish priest. We pray for both their parish primary schools. Also for those who live and work on St. Anne's Gardens, Adam St, St. Anne's Mews, Bedford St & Phoenix Cl.

For The sick of our Parish.

For Joe Fitzpatrick, Madeline Curran, William Armstrong, and all who have died recently.

For Alice & Billy Thornton, Cathrine Johnston, Frank & Clara Taylor and all we remember at this time.

St Joseph's RC Primary School Summer Fair 2025: On Tuesday 15th July 2025, we are holding a Summer Fair. We want to invite all our families, friends, parishioners and community to come and have some fun and raise some money for our school fund. We are currently fundraising to develop a school library and a school prayer garden, as well as many other amazing things for our wonderful children. We are asking for your support to ensure our event is a success. We are collecting raffle prizes. If anyone has anything to donate, please can you bring them into school by Friday 4th July.

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/>

Silent Retreat: Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre between 9.30am - 3.30pm on Friday 1 August for a prayerful silent retreat. Begin the day with a tour of Wardley Hall and the Laudato Si' Centre before spending time in silent prayer, reflection, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The day ends with Outdoor Mass and a final opportunity for reflection. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more and register.

Jubilee for Grandparents and Older People : The Diocese of Salford's Jubilee of Jubilees series continues this month as we celebrate the Jubilee for Grandparents and Older People by sharing a fantastic resource from our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford. For resources, activity ideas, prayers, key contacts, and more, head to <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>

Word of The Week: The link between the First Reading and Gospel is not immediately apparent today, until you look at the "headings" which are always chosen "to make the connection between readings of the same Mass clear." (Introduction to the Lectionary n.123.) The "headings" present us with a simple picture today: a river of peace flowing out from the Lord, which we see in the Gospel as the flowing of the disciples as they are sent out on their first mission. From the Lord of Peace, others, like ripples in a pool, flow out carrying his simple message: "Peace to this house!"

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SUNDAY *Plus*

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week II** Year C

I had many other jobs by day; one, to look after ten children in a boarding house, while their mothers, all either widowed or divorced, went out in search of new husbands...


I varied these jobs by becoming alternatively an interior decorator and a charwoman. Those were a financial failure: the interior decorating because my patrons, so delighted by the results, seldom paid me, and I was incapable of reminding them of the debt; the cleaning because, owing to an ungovernable terror of mice, dead or alive, which has obsessed my life, I could not bring myself to remove dead ones from traps in the kitchens where I worked, and was obliged to bribe the cooks with nearly all my wages to do it for me. My wages were

very small and the bribes were demanded every day.

The various third-rate eating shops and fish-and-chip bars stank. I had only to stand in front of one for a few minutes to feel, not only fed, but surfeited – not only surfeited but also disgusted, and so prevented from the smallest desire for food...

With curious presumption, I was confident that God, whom I was forsaking, would not forsake me; I was too certain that he would give me all that I really needed, to feel the least anxiety about the next meal or the next week's rent, and in this I was right: there was always just enough, and it was always just in time.

Caryl Houselander, Rocking Horse Catholic

Loving Lord, teach me to look for you in everyone I meet. Help me so that people can look at me and see you.  Amen.

Home is...

By Mary Bell

If you've ever been forced to leave the house where you've lived for most of your life you will know the feeling of loss. This place has witnessed all the ups and downs of family life; the joys, the sorrows, the rows, the laughter. Here is the familiar, the well known. We call it home.

Yet should you chance to return to that same place sometime later, you may experience a sense of surprise. This is no longer your house, your

home. Why? Because it no longer houses those you love. Any sense of belonging leaves with the people who have lived there.

Home is the place where we expect, and are entitled to, a welcome. When we are young, we take it for granted. Even in adolescence, at our most rebellious, it is our safe haven. So, it is understandable that Jesus encourages his disciples to stay where they are welcomed, where they feel most "at home".

Following many years in the classroom and as Head of RE, retired teacher Mary Bell now has time to enjoy the beauty of the natural world around her.

Each human person is an end in himself or herself, and never simply a means to be valued only for his or her usefulness. Persons are created to live together in families, communities and societies, where all are equal in dignity.

Pope Francis

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Find reasons to hope

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often, we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope.

Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of Jubilee Year of Hope



READINGS

Todday:
Isaiah 66:10-14c
Galatians 6:14-18
Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

Monday:
Genesis 28:10-22a
Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday:
Genesis 32:23-33
Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday:
Genesis 41:55-57;
42:5-7a. 17-24a
Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday:
Genesis 44:18-21.
23b-29; 45:1-5
Matthew 10:7-15

Friday:
Genesis 46:1-7. 28-30
Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday:
Genesis 49:29-33;
50:15-26a
Matthew 10:24-33

Next Sunday:
Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37