



The Sacred Heart &



St. Francis Parish, Gorton

Feb 1st 2026



4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

SCHEDULE

Sun 1st	Ordinary Time: 4th Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:45 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
	Parish Leadership 12:00 Meeting	
Mon 2nd	The Presentation of the Lord 09:15 Mass with SF school	
Tue 3rd	Ordinary Time: week 4 09:15 Mass with SH school	
Wed 4th	Ordinary Time: week 4 —	—
Thu 5th	St Agatha 12:00 Mass	
	Parish Community 12:45 Friendship Group	
Fri 6th	St Paul Miki & his companions 09:15 Mass with SF School	
Sat 7th	Ordinary Time: week 4 11:00 Adoration & Confession 12:00 Mass	
	Sacramental Programme 11:00 Meeting	
	Ordinary Time: 5th Sunday 17:00 Adoration, Confession & Evening Prayer 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 8th	Ordinary Time: 5th Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:45 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
	RCIA 12:00 Meeting	

CL. TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE

On 17th February, Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP will be giving a talk as part of a series of guest lectures from Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy. The theme will be 'How we can keep our hope alive today.' The talk will begin at 6pm at the Catholic Chaplaincy Church of the Holy Name, 339 Oxford Rd, Manchester M13 9PG. British Sign Language interpretation will be available. For more information, contact mucc@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

WHAT BECOMES OF THE BROKEN-HEARTED?

For once I am not quoting Holy Scripture! The above words from a popular song have been chosen because I read some advice this week that priests, when they preach, should know that the people they are speaking to have had their hearts broken. In

hearing this, you might think first of the way that people's hearts can be broken in love relationships.

But I suggest that once we leave the world of childhood behind us and enter into adulthood, we quickly become aware of the state of our broken world and just how much heart-break there is around us and within us. And all sorts of things apart from love relationships can break our hearts.

In the Gospel reading today, we hear "The Beatitudes" which is a series of blessings by Jesus which forms part of "The Sermon on the Mount." Jesus, as a preacher, also knows that the people who are listening to him have had their hearts broken. He tells them how they can be blessed.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The "poor in spirit" are those whose hearts have been broken and who absolutely know their need for God. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Those who mourn are those who grieve any sort of loss or death.

The message and promise of our faith is that we have a God who offers to heal the broken-hearted. "Gospel" means "Good News" and the good news for us is that Jesus is the One through whom we can find healing and comfort and salvation. But this is not automatic: in the homily I will suggest how we can do this.

God bless, Fr Kevin.

MASS ON MONDAY

Please note that there is a slight change to the usual weekday mass schedule in the week ahead: on **Monday 3 February**, mass will be at **9.15 a.m. at St Francis Church** as this is a re-arranged school mass.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK

As we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord on Monday, let us pray for all new parents and pregnant mothers. During this transitional time, amidst the challenges, may they too see the light their child brings and find the support they need in our community. Lord hear us





PARISH PRAYERS

If you would like a mass offered for a specific intention, pass an envelope with an offering of £10 or more to Fr Kevin, noting if it should be kept private.

MASS INTENTIONS:

BIRTHDAY: BRIDGET FOWLEY
REST IN PEACE: JOHN SHERIDAN

OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE UNWELL:

AILSAL SMITH, JANET MCCARTHY,
JENNIFER HUNTER, MARTIN
BRENNAN, TOMMY LOFTUS

PERMANENT DIACONATE:

If anyone would like to find out more about the ministry of being a Deacon, there is a 'Come and See' Day on the morning of Sat 7th March at St Mary's Church in Burnley. Exact timings are yet to be finalised.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

To keep you up-to-date, we use email-list, our [website](#) and our [Facebook page](#). We have a parish [WhatsApp group](#) (over 18s only). If you would like to be added, please [email the parish office](#). The newsletter is published online as well as being emailed, added to WhatsApp and printed.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL DONATIONS: THANK YOU

I was very touched by Fr Lawrence's homily, talk and appeal last weekend and I am very grateful to parishioners who have donated generously. Quite a lot of cash donations were received, as well as payments online. As soon as I know the total I will let you know but I am certain that it was very impressive and Fr Lawrence has already contacted me to say a big thank you: he really was uplifted by his visit to our parish.

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LENTEN TALKS: SCHOOL OF PRAYER:

During Lent, a series of talks will be taking place every Tuesday from 10:30AM to 12:30PM, led by Mgr Paul Smith, Sr Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd. These will be held at Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church, Little Hulton, from 17 February to 24 March, and light refreshments will be served. For more information on how to book your place please visit the diocesan website by clicking the following link: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/len-ten-talks-school-of-prayer/>



UPDATE: RELICS OF ST CARLO ACUTIS

The relics of St Carlo Acutis will be presented at St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst on **Sun 1st Feb 12:30pm** - Open visits; 14:30 - Talk: Saint Carlo Acutis: Why we need his witness today - followed by Adoration; 16:30 - Meditated Rosary; 17:00 - Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop John Arnold



Thank you for the continuing donations to Mary's Meals, especially in the collection boxes that are being returned each week. I will give you an update soon about our project this year. I was very encouraged last week when someone outside the parish donated 2,000 Euros, which came out of the blue and will be a big help towards us reaching our target of £8,300.00 for the third year running.

EXPLORING GOD'S CREATION IN CATHOLIC THEOLOGY




Dr Finlay Malcolm from the University of Manchester will be delivering an interactive teaching session exploring how creation and the environment are integral to Catholic faith and theology. The session will involve theological and environmental teaching, spiritual reflection, and discussion of how we can be part of God's work, through the Church, in redeeming God's creation. The event will take place on 25 February 2026, 7-9pm, at Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Church in Bury. Refreshments will be provided.

MISSION MASS WITH CARDINAL MARENGO



Wednesday 4 February: Cardinal Marengo will be sharing his first-hand experience of building a Church of welcome and encounter in a 'new' mission territory. Mass will be followed by a short talk and refreshments. **St Peter's Church, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 4EA 7-9pm.** If you would like to join contact redbox@missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (during office hours)

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND JAN 24-25TH	
 Basket	
 Basket	
 Digital	£170.00

Please consider making offertory contributions by **Standing Order**. If required, forms are available at each church, use the QR code, or **transfer** directly from your bank:

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