



The Sacred Heart &



St. Francis Parish, Gorton

Aug 30th 2026



22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

SCHEDULE

Sun 30th	Ordinary Time: 22nd Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
Mon 31st	Ordinary Time Wk 22 08:00 Mass	
Tue 1st	Ordinary Time Wk 22 09:15 Mass at SF	
Wed	Ordinary Time Wk 22	—
Thu 3rd	Garden Open 10:00-12:00	
	Pope St Gregory the Great 12:00 Mass	
	Parish Community 12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 4th	Ordinary Time Wk 22 09:15 Mass with SF school	
Sat 5th	Garden Open 10:00-12:00	
	Ordinary Time Wk 22 11:00 Confession & Adoration 12:00 Mass	
	Ordinary Time: 23rd Sunday 17:00 Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 6th	Ordinary Time: 23rd Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 12:00 Refreshments	

MESSAGE FROM POPE LEO

Pope Leo encourages all Catholics, to make greater use of the **Liturgy of the Hours**. He describes the **Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours** as “the breath of the life of the Church.” We have been joining together to pray this liturgy for some time - **Saturday** at 17:00 we pray **Evening prayer** at St Francis church and **Sunday** at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Church we pray **Morning Prayer**. Prayer sheets are available, please do come to the and join in.

SUFFERING AND SACRIFICE

We human beings do all we can to avoid or relieve suffering and of course this is often a good thing. In Catholic Moral Theology, suffering is a moral evil and so it is right to try to do without it. A simple example is when we have a headache. Many people will turn to medication and take a tablet to relieve the pain.

But on a larger scale, it is possible that we go through our lives trying to avoid suffering and pain so much in ways that are not wholesome. For example, many people have addictions or comforts or escapes which take them away from facing the reality of life. Even workaholics are sometimes avoiding facing suffering.

The readings today all help us with a way of dealing with suffering. First of all, we hear the prophet Jeremiah. He is regarded as being the prophet who suffered the most. We actually hear him confronting God and complaining, “O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived...”

Speaking to God in an honest and real way in prayer is surely the best way to start to deal with our suffering. The psalmist continues this theme and shows that he is “poor in spirit” in that his words show that he knows he is totally dependent on God. Our suffering at least does tend to turn us towards the Lord. The psalmist has confidence that the Lord has provided in the past and will do so again.

But it is the words of St Paul that today might make us take issue at first. He tells people to, “...present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” I am sure that these words might make us worry that sacrifice will bring us more suffering.

However, in the Gospel reading, the sacrifice we are called to becomes clearer. Peter doesn't want Jesus to suffer in the way he has predicted that he will, but Jesus insists that we are called to deny ourselves, take up our crosses and follow him. The beautiful truth at the heart of our faith is that in losing our lives in sacrifice, we actually find them.

God bless, Fr Kevin.

CHOIR PARTY: THANK YOU

Thank you very much to Sacred Heart Choir for organising such a successful garden party and barbecue last Sunday and thank you for inviting the whole parish to attend. It was a great event, attended by many people and I especially enjoyed the way that so many groups of children were happily playing in the garden and enjoying the good weather.

Caritas Diocese of Salford

On September 5th, starting at 10am,. Join our diocesan charity, for a 6-mile sponsored hike on the Downham Trail in Lancashire - This walk is for over 18's only. Funds that are raised from this sponsord walk are to support people in our parishes who dealing with poverty, homelessness, and/or isolation. Contact Rachel Taylor: 07739044060.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK

Let us pray for all those affected by the debate on assisted suicide. May they be guided by compassion, wisdom, and respect for the dignity of every human life. May our leaders, medical professionals, and lawmakers seek to protect the vulnerable and uphold the sanctity of life in all decisions. **Lord hear us.**

*For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord, my God.*

WE ARE MISSING OUT ON ££!

When you donate money to the church, if you are a tax payer, we can claim an additional 25% from HMRC. **It won't cost you anything and it doesn't impact you in anyway.** We just need your permission to claim this in your name (as a tax payer). If you have paid online—we can back-date this **FOUR YEARS!** Minna just needs your name address and signature and we will sort out the rest.

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ANNUAL MASS OR THE DECEASED MEMBERS AND FAMILIES OF ST. GREGORY'S R.C. GRAMMAR SCHOOL

St. Catherine's R.C. Church, Didsbury on Saturday 5th September 2026 at 12 noon. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr.Eamonn Mulcahy. There will be the usual social gathering after Mass in St. Catherine's Social Club.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: BERNARD MERCER

BEREAVEMENT: TERESA MERCER AND FAMILY

PRIVATE INTENTION: ADDY FAMILY, PRIVATE INTENTION.

OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE UNWELL

JANET MCCARTHY, JENNIFER HUNTER, MARTIN BRENNAN, TOMMY LOFTUS

PILGRIMAGE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR LADY OF GIETRWALD AND ST JOHN

In June 1877, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to 2 young girls in the small village of Gietrzwałd, north Poland. Over the next three months, Mary appeared 160 times.

On September 11, 1977 the apparitions were officially recognised by the Vatican, the only such in Poland. This pilgrimage visits the Gietrzwałd Sanctuary at the site of the apparitions (including the stream that Mary blessed were water can be collected), the Jesuit Marian sanctuary at Święta Lipka as well as tours the towns of Elbag and Gdańsk. There will be a information evening about this pilgrimage **on Thursday September 3rd at St Anne's, Crumpsall and online.** If you would like more information - please speak to Minna.



ONLINE TALK ON FRANCISCAN PRAYER

Thursday 17th September 7PM to 8.30PM. In this Year of St Francis, we would like to invite you to an online talk on the 'Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer'. The talk will be presented by Sr Joan Kerley FMSJ and will include the 'Heart of St Francis: Exploring his Prayers'. Register: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/talk-on-franciscan-prayer/>

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND AUG 22ND-23RD		
	Basket	£107.50
	Basket	£328.00
	Digital	£205.00

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