



The Sacred Heart &



St. Francis Parish, Gorton

Sep 20th 2026



25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

SCHEDULE

Sun 20th	Ordinary Time: 25th Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
Mon 21st	St Matthew 08:00 Mass 12:30 Mass with SP School	
Tue 22nd	Ordinary Time Wk 24 09:15 Mass 12:30 Mass with SP School	
Wed 23rd	St Padre Pio 12:30 Mass with SP School	
Thu 24th	Garden Open 10:00-12:00	
	Our Lady of Walsingham 12:00 Mass with SP School	
	Parish Community 12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 25th	Ordinary Time Wk 25 09:15 Mass with SF school	
Sat 26th	Garden Open 10:00-12:00	
	Ordinary Time Wk 25 11:00 Confession & Adoration 12:00 Mass	
	Ordinary Time: 26th Sunday 17:00 Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 27th	Ordinary Time: 26th Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 12:00 Refreshments	

"IT'S NOT FAIR!"

In the Gospel reading today, the workers in the vineyard who have laboured all day in the heat complain because they get the same wages as those who only worked a very short shift. They also have a point, don't they?

And yet Jesus answers them very well. He points out that he has paid them exactly what was agreed with them at the start. Jesus has been completely fair to them. The fact that he has been generous to some others in a different way does not mean that he has been unfair to those who worked all day.

And if we are to pursue a very literal and pragmatic approach to the parable, we could even find some sympathy for the labourers who came along at the later hours of the day. They had to stand in the heat, hoping to get work, and possibly suffer the shame of not being chosen first. Perhaps they were the older or weaker ones. And in fairness to them, they persisted in their search for work and had no expectation of a greater reward.

"It's not fair," is an age-old cry. I think some sort of concept of *fairness* or *justice* dwells in each one of us. It's something we are aware of from a young age. In fact I wonder – for those of you who have children – what is the youngest that they have cried out, "It's not fair!"? I will be asking at mass!

Is it possible that as we go about our lives, we sometimes – or maybe even often – have a feeling that things are unfair? I suggest that if so, this is something very dangerous. It can lead to envy and bitterness and resentment.

Of course when we look around, we can see a great *inequality* between people. Some people have indeed been graced with abundant wealth, talents, privileges and opportunities. Other people, through no fault of their own, find themselves challenged by all sorts of disadvantages. A scripture that applies here is, "To whom much is given, much is expected."

A good question to ask ourselves and to bring to prayer is, "When has God ever been unfair to me?" The more and more we ponder this, the more we will realise that despite any adversity or problem that befalls us, God is always there for us, wishing to bless us with his grace and mercy.

So when we do look at others and experience a sense of unfairness, we might well answer the question of the owner of the vineyard (God!), who asks, "Or do you begrudge my generosity?"

God bless, Fr Kevin.

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE

Families are warmly invited to visit St Bede's, meet pupils and teachers, explore the school and discover more about its Catholic community and the full Bedian journey from Nursery through to Sixth Form.

To register go to www.sbcm.co.uk

Open Events: Saturday 3rd October | 9.00am–12.00pm & Thursday 8th October | 4.30pm–7.30pm.

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: GORTON MONASTERY, SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

Sunday 4 October is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi and this is a year in which the whole Church is celebrating the life of this great saint. On this date, there will be a special event at Gorton Monastery from **2.00 – 3.30 p.m.** which will feature readings, prayers, songs, hymns and reflections as well as a procession of our school children and a performance by our choir. If you would like to contribute something to the event, or do one of the readings, please let me know as soon as possible.



LGBT+

Saturday 26th September at 15:00 will be the next Salford Diocese Mass celebrated in fellowship with LGBT+ brethren. **Everyone is welcome.** Refreshments are to be provided after mass. Allow time to park in the local university area. St. Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Street, M15 6BW—The church is accessible by stairs or lift.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK

Let us pray for our society. That we would promote a culture that values life, and that we would seek the protection of all humans from conception to natural death. **Lord hear us.**

CARITAS CONFERENCE

Tackling poverty and injustice in the Diocese of Salford. A free day of learning and reflection on the social teaching of Pope Leo XIV including insights into *Dilexi te* and *Magnifica humanitas*, looking at what the documents mean for us when responding to injustice locally. **Guest speaker:** theologian Anna Rowlands*, as well as others. **Lunch will be provided.**

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/conference-2026/>

TEACHING YOUNG ONES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

St Peter's R.C. High School are keen to promote the praying of the Rosary amongst the pupils and have asked if there are any parishioners who could visit the school and teach the pupils how to pray the Rosary. I have received a lot of free Rosaries from an organisation, along with many printed guides about the Rosary. Please let me know if you could assist with this valuable ministry.

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CAFOD FAST DAY

This is advance warning that the next CAFOD Fast Day will be on Friday 2 October. Please mark this date in your diary. But, as always, if another date around this time is more convenient for your fast, then it is fine to undertake it then.

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

ANNIVERSARY: THOMAS BRENNAN (26TH)

THANKSGIVING: KENDRICK, KIRSTIE, KHALEY AND KEEVAN

OUR BROTHERS WHO ARE UNWELL

JANET MCCARTHY, JENNIFER HUNTER, MARTIN BRENNAN, TOMMY LOFTUS

OUR LADY OF GIETRZWAŁD AND ST JOHN PAUL II

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 where water can be collected), the Jesuit Marian sanctuary at Święta Lipka as well as tours the towns of Elbag and Gdańsk. if you'd like to see or if you would like more information - please speak to Minna.



WELCOME TO ST PETER'S HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7

This week, from Monday to Thursday, St Peter's High School Year 7 pupils will be visiting Sacred Heart Parish Centre and Gardens to enjoy retreat days. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday their short retreats will end with mass at 12.30 p.m. and on Thursday they will attend the usual mass at 12.00 p.m. Of course, all parishioners are invited to any or all of these masses. Please pray for the pupils as they start out their journey at secondary school.

ASSISTED DYING BILL: THANK YOU!

Just over a week ago, the second attempt to legalise euthanasia in this country was defeated in Parliament. A significant number of Members of Parliament changed their minds. Parishioners here responded in great number by praying and signing postcards which were sent to Andrew Gwynne who was then the local Member of Parliament. He wrote to me to tell me he had changed his mind on the issue. Your prayer has been vital. Your action has been vital. Thank you and God bless you.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND SEP 12-13TH		
	Basket	£116.00
	Basket	£355.00
	Digital	£235.66

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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