THANK YOU, women of faith and service

SUNDAY OCTOBER NOV 14TH 2026 - 33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Dear brothers and sisters, this Sunday's first reading praises the hard-working woman who seeks wool and flax and works them skilfully, helping to provide for her family. She is an active woman; her efforts bring benefits; yet she also lends a helping hand to those in need and opens her arms to the poor.

Her skills benefit not only her family but also the vulnerable and marginalised. This portrait of the working woman remains a living reality in our communities today. Let us think of the catechists who teach children, young people and adults, transmitting the faith with patience and creativity; the lay ministers of the Eucharist, who bring Holy Communion to the sick and the elderly; and the women involved in pastoral care, who bring comfort to hospitals and care homes.

Let's think of the sacristans who prepare the celebrations; those who look after the altar decorations; the readers who proclaim the Word of God with reverence; and the choir singers who lift up the community's prayer through their voice and music.

Let's think of the office workers who manage the parish accounts; those who organise the cleaning and activities in the hall; those who keep the gardens and courtyards tidy; and those who manage social media, newsletter and communications.

Let's think of the Caritas volunteers; those who support migrants and prisoners; those involved in pastoral care for families and women; the women who pray and attend daily Mass; those who organise raffles, Christmas fairs, retreats and pilgrimages; and the teachers who educate children and young people.

I cannot forget those who uphold the faith from their homes and convents: grandmothers and mothers who transmit the faith through prayer and daily witness; the nuns, widows and elderly women who offer their prayers for the community. The list is endless, only the Lord knows each one by name.

To all of them I would like to say: **THANK YOU.** Thank you for your selfless and tireless service. The Lord, who sees what is hidden, will one day say to you: "**Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much**." And may the Lord continue calling forth hard-working women, full of faith and love, who keep the hope of the Gospel alive. May God bless you now and forever.

Fr. Maurice XS

SCHEDULE

SUN 15TH	**Ordinary Time: 33rd Sunday** **09:15** Adoration & Confession **10:00** Morning Prayer **10:30** Mass & Choir **11:30** Church Clean	SH
MON 16TH	**Ordinary Time: 33rd week** **08:00** Mass	SH
TUE 17TH	**Ordinary Time: 33rd week** **09:15** Mass	SH
WED 18TH	**Ordinary Time: 33rd week** **09:15** Mass with SF School	SF
THU 19TH	**Community Garden Open** **10:00-12:00**	
	Ordinary Time: 33rd week **12:00** Mass	SH
	Parish Community **12:30** Friendship Group	PC
FRI 20TH	**Ordinary Time: 33rd week** **09:15** Mass	SH
SAT 21ST	**Community Garden Open** **10:00-12:00**	
	Ordinary Time: 33rd Sunday **11:00** Confession & Adoration **12:00** Mass	SH
	Corpus Christi **17:00** Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer **17:30** Vigil Mass	SF
SUN 22ND	**Corpus Christi** **09:15** Adoration & Confession **10:00** Morning Prayer **10:30** Mass & Choir **11:30** Church Clean	SH
	Parish Community **12:00** Refreshments	PC

HOME VISITS BY CLERGY

Please let us know if you or anyone might need a visit at home. This could be for someone who has become housebound, is in hospital or in a nursing home. We are also happy to visit for house blessings or just to say hello from xaverian Missionaries. Please contact the parish priest or the deacon Davie if you would like to arrange a visit from members of the Parish Clergy.
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VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

To mark the 300 year anniversary of the birth of St Gerard Majella, a nationwide tour of his relics is taking place, and the Diocese of Salford is one of 11 dioceses in the country to receive them for a visit. The relics will be visiting four of our churches, Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich, St Mary (The Hidden Gem), Manchester, St Brendan's, Bolton, - Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella, Lostock.
For more information, website: https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

As is customary people feel free to place the names of loved ones and an offering in an envelope at the alar. The Fathers will be remembering these especially throughout the month of November.

PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

In preparation for Christmas, the Xavarian Missionaries will be giving us **TWO** opportunities to learn more about their Charism and how this can support our spiritual development. After Mass we will have a break for lunch, and then 12:45-13:15 in the parish Centre. Sunday Decemeber 6th and 20th.

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MASS OFFERINGS & PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like a mass offered for a specific intention, enclose an offering with a description, noting if it should be kept private. Pass it to Minna/Father.

- **Rest in peace:** Eileen Hatton,
- **Birthday Anniversary:** Patrick Ward.

Please also pray for our brethren who are unwell: Janet McCarthy, Jennifer Hunter, Martin Brennan, Tommy Loftus.

MANCHESTER FOOD BANK

A message from the foodbank - we collected 121.6 Kg of items. This will provide 18, 3 Day Emergency Food Parcels or 162 meals.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - REGISTER NOW!

Please register BEFORE November 18th. By submitting the registration form, you are confirming your commitment to support your child through the programme. This includes ensuring both guardian and child attend **Mass weekly** and **each of the Saturday commitments.**
https://www.sacredheartstfrancisgorton.co.uk/sacraments

CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year, the Fair will take place Sunday November 29th. In advance we will ne donations of prizes. These can be given in at the piety shop before/after Sunday Mass, or to the sacresty in the week. We need volunteers to help on the day. Please let us know if you can help..

CARITAS ADVENT APPEAL 2026

Caritas Salford #BeeThere bees are retelling the story of the Nativity and asking us to help change the script for local people facing hunger or homelessness. This Advent, could you #BeeThere for a child or adult in need? Watch the animation, created with Doodledo and featuring the voices of local children, at http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/BeeThere or donate at http:// www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate

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