

SUNDAY PLUS

Just trust!

God knows us

By Michael George

Earlier in my working life I felt I had a career path mapped out. I thought I knew what I would be doing and approximately when I would be doing it. I did not anticipate that I would now be a school chaplain!

God knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows the feelings in our heart even when we cannot express them ourselves. God knows all that is best for us and invites us to find that ourselves, trusting in him. Sometimes this might lead us in an unanticipated direction and involve what feels like a risk or leap into the unknown, like a change of career direction or response to the call of a vocation. Today's Gospel reassures: "I know them... they will never be lost."

I am reminded to "just trust" in God each day. In today's first reading, when Paul and Barnabas proclaimed the word of God it was welcomed by some but greeted with hostility

by others. Others still perhaps responded with indifference. Paul and Barnabas could have become disheartened by the realisation that the message they were sharing was not being received by all as they had intended, but instead were filled with joy.

As I endeavour to witness to and to share the Good News of the Gospel, I do not know – I cannot know – what impact this has on everyone else. What I can do is trust that God is working through me and that God's will may be done.

Michael George has worked in Catholic schools in the south of England for 25 years, as teacher, headteacher and chaplain.

Loving Lord, give me a heart that sings a song of love for you and for the people I meet. Fill my life with the music of the beautiful world you created.  Amen.

Unfamiliar pathways

By Francis Abanga

Moving to a new country is both thrilling and overwhelming. For anyone starting this unfamiliar journey, there are numerous obstacles and chances for growth.

I moved from Ghana to England in July 2023, and I find myself navigating unfamiliar paths that require building new levels of trust. Adapting to a different culture, learning a new way of life can be quite challenging. However, through these unfamiliar experiences, we often find growth and development.

The unfamiliar can be transformative, pushing us to move beyond our comfort zones, compelling us to adapt and acquire new skills. Adapting to different accents and climate brings its own lessons and insights.

A new country opens doors to diverse experiences and perspectives, provides opportunities to broaden horizons and to connect with people from all walks of life. These encounters can ignite creativity and cultivate a global mindset.

While the road ahead may seem daunting, unfamiliar pathways can lead to personal growth, resilience and a deeper understanding of oneself. Through these challenges individuals discover their strengths and face their fears.

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Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

9-11 May:
Jubilee of Musical Bands

Often, while walking along, a song will come to mind which really seems to express how we are feeling. This is also true for the life of faith, which is a pilgrimage toward the light of the risen Lord. The sacred scriptures are steeped in song and the Psalms are a striking example: the prayers of the people of Israel were written to be sung and it was in song that the most human events were presented before the Lord. The tradition of the Church has continued this, making music and song one of the lungs of its liturgy. The Jubilee, which is expressed as an event of people on pilgrimage to the Holy Door, also uses song as one of the ways of expressing its motto, "Pilgrims of Hope".

The music, lyrics and recordings in English, French, Spanish and Italian of the Jubilee hymn are available for free download at www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/inno-giubileo-2025.html.

Lord, teach us to step outside ourselves. Teach us to go out into the streets and manifest your love.

Pope Francis

Today: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30
Monday: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 11:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

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4th Sunday of Easter Sunday 11th May 2025

The Word This Week

This is traditionally known as "Good Shepherd" Sunday, and is part of the continuing journey of Easter – remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who both gives his life for his sheep and takes it up again. His relationship with us, after the resurrection, is closer than we can imagine: through his dying and rising, Jesus fulfils the promise he makes in today's Gospel: "I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost." This Sunday is another opportunity for us to consider the consequences of the Resurrection – how we live the Easter Story.

Congratulations to all the children of our parish who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend



A Prayer for Conclave

Heavenly Father,
Look upon your Church with love
in these days of discernment.

Send your Holy Spirit to your servants convened in Conclave to guide them in the ways of truth, humility, service, and love for your pilgrims here on earth.

Grant them the grace to discern
your will and unite them in a
desire to serve you alone.

Through Christ, our Lord,
Amen

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Mass Times 11th May		
Sunday 11th May	Vigil - Saturday 3rd May	4pm - John Kelly (A)
	Sunday Morning	11am - Parish
Monday 12th	No Mass	
Tuesday 13th	Funeral Service	12.30—Patricia Morrison
Wednesday 14th	No Mass	
Thursday 15th	No Mass	
Friday 16th	Funeral Service	11.45—Richard Tarnowski
Saturday 17th	Vigil Mass	4pm— Parish
Sunday 18th	Mass	11am— Leonard Scanlon
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings)

Joan Wynne (A); Robert Hargreaves (RIP); Mary Whitehead x 2 (RIP); Patty Clancey (speedy recovery); Tom Lalley; Forgotten Souls; Patricia Morrison (A); Frank Mulholland (Sick); May Mulholland (Sick); Mary Coffey (LD) Helan Maria

(Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)

RAFFLE

We shall be selling raffle tickets to support Olivia Kelly who is going to be volunteering in a local school in Cambodia. Tickets will be on sale at the end of mass on 3rd/4th May and 10th/11th May with the draw taking place on 17th May after 11am mass. Prizes include a hamper from Morrisons, a foot spa, a make up box from Boots and various other prizes. Tickets cost £1 each or £3 for a strip of 5. There will also be a bake sale on 25th May to raise funds.

Vigil Mass; 4pm St Mary’s, Denton ; 5pm St Josephs, Reddish; and 6.30pm Holy Family, Dane Bank
Sunday Morning; 9am St Joseph’s, Reddish; 10am Holy Family, Dane Bank and 11am St Mary’s, Denton

Recent deaths in our Parish

The death has occurred of **Patricia Morrison**. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and friends. Her Funeral Service will be at **St Mary’s on Tuesday 13th May**. At 12.30pm May she rest in peace.

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Altar Prayer Candles

Our Seven Day Candles can be lit next to the Sanctuary, Our Lady’s Altar and The Sacred Heart Statue at St Mary’s. To dedicate a candle for your own intentions please pick up a green form at the back of church and return in an envelope with your donation. This is another way for your special intentions to be remembered and prayed for in the Parish.



Please note, All Mass Intentions that are being received are currently being passed toe Fr Laurence to be said on our behalf, as we have no available Masses until June

Red Mission Boxes

Any Parishioners who have a red mission box please bring them in to be emptied. The Mill Hill Fathers rely on the money raised from these boxes to finance their missionary work overseas and very much appreciate your support and generosity. Thank you, Paula & Dorothy



Email Address.

We are in the process of bringing in a new Parish Email address, **rcdenton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk**. This is a more secure address and will start to be rolled out over he next few weeks



What's coming up in your Parish



May

21st WED - 6.30pm Faith In Action Meeting

28th WED- 6.30pm Scripture course

June

4th & 5Th WED/THUR 7pm Film Night – Peter & Paul (3hrs – 1.5 each night)

12th THUR – 7pm Scripture Course

18th WED – 6.30pm Faith in Action Meeting

July

3rd THUR – 7pm Scripture Course

9th WED – 7pm Film Night – Remember the Titans (PG) 2hrs

August

7th THUR - 7pm Scripture Course

13th WED – 7pm Film Night – Seabiscuit (PG) 2hr 20min

GIFT AID - Boost your offering!

If you are on the Gift Aid scheme and you have not completed a Gift Aid donation form in the **last 12 Months**, could you please contact the Parish Office and request a form.. The Diocese are introducing a new system for this new Tax Year which enables the Parishes to claim their Gift Aid donation back from the government, on a quarterly basis, rather than annually. For this new system, we are required to upload an **up to date** Gift Aid donation form for every parishioner who has been signed up onto the Gift Aid Donation scheme, If you require a form, or you are not sure when you last completed a form, please speak to the Parish Office.

Salford Diocese Information

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

Join us for a prayerful pilgrimage this summer as we visit Our Lady's shrine at Ladyewell. Situated on the doorstep of our diocese, this day pilgrimage presents a wonderful opportunity to take up the Jubilee call to pilgrimage without travelling too far away from home. The pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 28th June. For more information and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ladyewell-pilgrimage-2025>

Diocesan Youth Ministry Pilgrimages

Our diocesan youth ministry team is organising two fantastic pilgrimage opportunities, led by Bishop John, for young people in Years 7, 8, and 9. The first pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 3 May with a pilgrimage to Walsingham, in conjunction with our main diocesan pilgrimage. The second is a pilgrimage to The Holy Island of Lindisfarne, taking place between 20-22 June. Find out more and register at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/ministry/prayer-and-pilgrimage>

CAFOD’s Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD (the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development) has shared details of its Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Funds raised for this appeal will provide much-needed water, food, solar lights, mosquito nets and water purification tablets to those devastated by this disaster. Your generosity will extend far and wide and will help the Catholic Church in Myanmar bring comfort and relief to families who are in urgent need. Visit cafod.org.uk/myanmar to find out more and donate.

Mercy in the Holy Year

The Diocese of Salford has produced a number of resources to help us learn more about the theme of mercy and reconciliation in the Jubilee Year, including an FAQ sheet on Plenary Indulgences. To find out more, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/plenary-indulgences>

