

The right message

SUNDAY *Plus*

1 JUNE 2025

7th Sunday of Easter **Divine Office Week III** Year C

World Communications Day

Do you love me?

Augustine said: "My soul is restless until it rests in you, oh God," but when I examine the tortuous story of our own salvation, I see not only that we are yearning to belong to God, but that God also is yearning to belong to us. It seems as if God is crying out to us: "my heart is restless until I may rest in you, my beloved creation." From Adam and Eve... to Jesus and ever since, God cries out to be received by his own. "I created you, I gave you all my love, I guided you, offered you my support, promised you the fulfilment of your hearts' desires: where are you, where is your response, where is your love? What else must I do to make you love me? I won't give up; I will keep trying. One day, you

will discover how I long for your love!...

God becomes a child dependent on human care, a boy in need of guidance, a teacher searching for students, a prophet crying for followers, and, finally, dead man pierced by a soldier's lance and laid in a tomb. At the very end of the story, he stands there looking at us, asking with eyes full of tender expectation: "Do you love me?"...

Communion, becoming Christ, leads us to a new realm of being. It offers us into the Kingdom. There, the old distinctions between happiness and sadness, success and failure, praise and blame, health and sickness, life and death, no longer exist.

Henri Nouwen



Hope is the virtue of those who are young at heart; and here age does not matter because there are also elderly people whose eyes are filled with light.

Pope Francis

Look inside

By Paul Higginson

After Jesus had ascended into heaven two men in white appeared to the disciples and said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky?"

If we think that God is somewhere "up above", then we too can spend our lives looking upwards, or trying to get "up there" ourselves. It's a pre-Christian image of God, and it misses the whole point of Christianity – God "came down" and dwells among

us; we need to look around, not above. Christ lives in all those we encounter as we go about our daily lives (if only we had eyes to see). God is not remote, living in the "highest heaven" and occasionally coming to our aid when the going gets tough. He is a constant, ever-present presence within each of us. Don't look for God somewhere "out there" but discover him in your deepest self and in your neighbour, where he has always been.

Paul Higginson is a retired teacher and author of Doing Christianity: how religion is about what you do, not what you believe

Lord, I have time.
I have plenty of time,
All the time that you give me,
The years of my life,
The days of my years,
The hours of my days,
I am not asking you tonight, for time to do this and then that,
But your grace to do conscientiously, in the time that you give me, what you want me to do.  Amen.

Michel Quoist

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Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Fan the flame of hope

For want of a nail the shoe was lost.
For want of a shoe the horse was lost.
For want of a horse the rider was lost.
For want of a rider the battle was lost.
For want of a battle the kingdom was lost.
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.

Anon.

Pope Francis calls us to "fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty". How can the Jubilee help me to spread hope to the people around me? It doesn't take much: perhaps a single word?



READINGS

Today:
Acts 7:55-60
Revelation 22:12-14.
16-17, 20
John 17:20-26

Monday:
Acts 19:1-8
John 16:29-33

Tuesday:
Acts 20:17-27
John 17:1-11a

Wednesday:
Acts 20:28-38
John 17:11b-19

Thursday:
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
John 17:20-26

Friday:
Acts 25:13-21
John 21:15-19

Saturday:
Mass in the Morning
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
John 21:20-25

Next Sunday:
Acts 2:1-11
Romans 8:8-17
John 14:15-16, 23-26



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7th Sunday of Easter Sunday Sunday 1st June 2025

The Word This Week

On this Seventh Sunday of Easter the gospels each year are taken from Chapter 17 of Saint John's Gospel - the "priestly prayer" of Jesus at the Last Supper: this long prayer is a farewell message, where Jesus prays for all that the Church will have to be and do in the millennia after his Ascension – in other words, the time we are in now. This is his prayer for us. The specific message this year is all about the continuity of the Church, using the example of Judas (the one who "chose to be lost") being replaced so that the College of Apostle may be twelve in number. Since we have just celebrated the Ascension last Thursday, and are now praying for the coming of the Spirit next Sunday, our minds should be full of this mystery of the ever-renewed Church throughout the ages, as Christ prays for us.



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Mass Times 1st June		
Sunday 1st June	Vigil - Saturday 31st May Sunday Morning	4pm - Parish 11am - Sick and infirm clergy
Monday 2nd	Mass 9.30	Tom Lally
Tuesday 3rd	Mass 9.30	Forgotten Souls
Wednesday 4th	No Mass Film Night	7pm. Peter & Paul (1st half)
Thursday 5th	6pm Exposition Mass 6.30 Film Night	Tom Lally 7pm Peter & Paul (2nd half)
Friday 6th	Mass 10am	Requiem Mass Patricia Farnworth
Saturday 7th	Vigil Mass 4pm	Sick and infirm clergy
Sunday 8th	Mass 11am	Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings

 Tom Lally x 2 (LD) Forgotten Souls x 2

Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before

Polite Reminder

We love our families coming to Mass but please can we ask families with toddlers to refrain from eating snacks during Mass. (Sadly we don't have regular cleaning at present). We have some children's Missals to help them follow the Mass. Thank you

Vigil Mass; 4pm St Mary's, Denton ; 5pm St Josephps, 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 Farnworth. Her funeral mass will be on Friday 6th June at 10am. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

The death has occurred of May Mulholland. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.



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.

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 the next few weeks





What's coming up in your Parish

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 (1)

19th THU – 7pm Faith in Action Meeting (2)

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 Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne

Young pilgrims in Years 7, 8, and 9 are invited to join the Diocese of Salford's Youth Ministry Team for a faith-filled pilgrimage to The Holy Island of Lindisfarne. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop John Arnold and will take place between 20-22 June. To find out more, please email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2214.

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>

Parish Administrator - Parish of Our Lady & St Joseph, Heywood

Appointment Type: Part- time/Permanent

Working Hours: 10 hours per week (Work pattern to be agreed with Parish Priest)

Location: : St. Joseph's Presbytery, Mary Street, Heywood, Lancashire OL10 1EG

Salary: £13.23 per hour, 25 holidays, plus statutory bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days (Pro-rata for part-time)

Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>

