

Bread of life and love

SUNDAY *Plus*

22 JUNE 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ **Divine Office Week IV** Year C

God-within-us

Every time we invite Jesus into our homes, that is to say, into our life with all its light and dark sides and offer him the place of honour at our table, he takes the bread and cup and hands them to us saying: "Take and eat, this is my body. Take and drink, this is my blood. Do this to remember me." Are we surprised? Not really! Wasn't our heart burning when he talked to us on the road? Didn't we already know that he was not a stranger to us? Weren't we already aware that the one who was crucified by our leaders was alive and with us? Hadn't we seen it before, that he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to us?... He has done it countless times when we have come to the end of a long day and he joins us

around the table for a simple meal.

The Eucharist is the most ordinary and the most divine gesture imaginable. That is the truth of Jesus. So human, yet so divine; so familiar, yet so mysterious; so close, yet so revealing! But that is the story of Jesus... It is the story of God who wants to come close to us, so close that we can see him with our own eyes, hear him with our own ears, touch him with our own hands; so close that there is nothing between us and him, nothing that separates, nothing that divides, nothing that creates distance.

Jesus is God-for-us, God-with-us, God-within-us.

Henri Nouwen, With Burning Hearts: a meditation on the eucharistic life



My Lord and my God,
I love you and I adore
you.  Amen.



Lord Jesus,
I give you my hands to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you do.
I give you my tongue to speak your words.
I give you my mind that you may think in me.
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
Above all,
I give you my heart that you may love in me
your Father and all humanity.
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me,
so that it is you, Lord Jesus,
who live and work and pray in me.

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

20-22 June Jubilee of Governments

Dear brothers and sisters, as believers it is our responsibility to help eradicate hatred from human hearts and to condemn every form of violence. Let us unambiguously urge that arms be set aside and military spending reduced, in order to provide for humanitarian needs, and that instruments of death be turned into instruments of life. May ours not be empty words, but insistent appeals for the welfare of our brothers and sisters, opposing war and death in the name of the One who is peace and life. Fewer arms and more food, less hypocrisy and more transparency, more vaccines distributed fairly and fewer weapons marketed indiscriminately. Our times demand that we be the voice of all those believers, ordinary people, defenceless and weary of violence, so that those who have responsibility for the common good will commit themselves not only to condemn wars and terrorism, but also to create the conditions to prevent them from flaring up...

Brothers and sisters, be courageous! We have before us a vision, the same vision shared by so many young people and men and women of good will: the earth as a common home, in which peoples dwell as brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis



Grail



READINGS

Today:
Genesis 14:18-20
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11b-17

Monday:
Genesis 12:1-9
Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday:
Isaiah 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday:
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday:
Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16
Matthew 7:21-29

Friday:
Ezekiel 34:11-16
Romans 5:5b-11
Luke 15:3-7

Saturday:
Genesis 18:1-15
Luke 2:41-5

Next Sunday:
Acts 12:1-11
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
Matthew 16:13-19



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Sunday 22nd June 2025

The Word This Week

The key to today's readings is the word "Covenant". A Covenant is a solemn and binding agreement between two parties, which establishes the way in which each party will behave towards the other. It establishes rights and duties, and forges a new relationship between two people or groups of people. In the Ancient World, a Covenant was always sealed with a sacrifice and a meal: the sacrifice brought divine blessing on the covenant, and the meal sealed the relationship between the participants. In the Covenant that God forged with his people in the Old Testament, it was expressed very simply: God said, "You will be my people, and I will be your God." God would remain faithful to the people, and they were to remain faithful to God (this is where the commandments come in). This Covenant was sealed in its greatest form on Mount Sinai, as we hear in the first reading. When the Old Covenant had been broken beyond repair, God sent his only Son to establish a New Covenant: the sacrifice and meal of this New Covenant is Calvary and the Last Supper, where Christ is both priest and victim and altar. When we eat and drink this sacred meal at every Mass we are renewed in the New Covenant and the relationship with God, because Calvary and the Upper Room are present once more and the New Covenant is sealed for us anew.

BLOOD
BODY
CATHOLIC
CHRIST
CHURCH
CORINTHIANS
CORPUSCHRISTI
EUCCHARIST
FATHER
HOLYCOMMUNION
HOLYSPIRIT
HOLYTHURSDAY
JESUS
LITURGY
POPE
SACRAMENT
SON
STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY

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Congratulations to the children who celebrated
the Sacrament of Confirmation
this week, with Bishop John
Arnold



Mass Times 22nd June		
Sunday 22nd	Vigil - Saturday 21st Sunday Morning	4pm - John Hardman (birthday memories) 11am - Parish
Monday 23rd	No Mass	
Tuesday 24th	No Mass	
Wednesday 25th	No Mass	
Thursday 26th	No Mass	
Friday 27th	No Mass	
Saturday 28th	Vigil Mass	4pm Parish
Sunday 29th		11am Michael Joseph Lee
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings:

Joseph Snee (A); Tom Lally; Martin Mitchell (B'day Mem); Derek Griffin (Father's Day Mem); Alan Appleton (Father's Day mem); Wilfred Appleton (Father's day Mem); John & Pauline Earley (B'day A)

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

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

Offertory Envelopes.

If you have not yet collected your box of Offertory Envelopes for this new Tax year, please contact the Prish Office to arrange collection

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 May Mulholland. Her funeral mass will be on Wednesday 9th July at 12pm . 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.



Congratulations

We would like to offer our Congratulations to James Stephenson, who has been accepted by Bishop John Arnold, as a Permanent Diaconate

Mass Intentions.

We only have a few date left in July for Mass Intentions (all June have now been allocated. Once the July have all been allocated, we will forward any intentions to Fr Laurence Gambella, to be said on our behalf. We will start allocating Masses again from the 1st August.

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

July

10th THUR – 7pm Scripture Course (please note change of date)

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

Salford Diocese Information

Madonna Del Rosario Procession

The annual Madonna Del Rosario procession, organised by the Manchester Italian Association, will take place on Sunday 6 July. The procession will begin at 1.15pm from The Halle St Michael's, George Leigh Street, in Ancoats. It will continue through Manchester City Centre to St Peter's Square, where Mgr Anthony Kay will lead a short service. All are welcome to join this wonderful celebration.

Salford Lourdes Pre-Departure Mass

St Patrick's church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester
Sunday 27th July 2025 at 5.30pm

Whether you're travelling with us to Lourdes or are looking to accompany us in prayer at home, join us as we gather together in prayer for our Pre-Departure Mass for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is teaming up with the Columban Missionaries in Britain for a special pilgrimage opportunity to celebrate the Season of Creation in this Holy Year of Jubilee. Taking place on Thursday 25 September, this prayerful experience offers opportunities for everyone, whether taking on our nine-mile pilgrimage walk, joining us for our liturgies throughout the day, or receiving our virtual pilgrimage pack to explore in your own time. To find out more and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/hope-for-our-common-home/>

Deanery Pilgrimage to the Hidden Gem – Jubilee Year of Hope

As part of our Jubilee Year celebrations, the Deanery of St Clare will be making a special pilgrimage to one of the Holy Doors in our diocese, located at The Hidden Gem – Manchester's historic Catholic church tucked away in the heart of the city.

Date: Sunday , 29th June

This is a wonderful opportunity to renew our faith, receive the graces of the Jubilee indulgence, and spend time in prayer and reflection. We will conclude our pilgrimage with 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by Evening Prayer inside the church.

Travel Details:

- Meeting Point:** If you're making your own way, please join us at St Peter's Square (near the central Library) by 4:30pm for a short walk to the church.

Adoration will begin at 5:00pm in the Hidden Gem.

Let this Jubilee be a time of grace for our deanery—come, walk with us through the Holy