

Taking turns

SUNDAY *Plus*

8 JUNE 2025

Pentecost **Divine Office** Week IV Year C

When the Spirit speaks

All of a sudden, something began to stir within me, something began to push me, to prompt me. It was a moment that spoke like a voice.

"What are you waiting for?" it said, "Why are you sitting here? Why do you still hesitate? You know what you ought to do? Why don't you do it?"

I stirred in the chair, I lit a cigarette, looked out of the window at the rain, tried to shut the voice up. "Don't act on impulses," I thought. "This is crazy. This is not rational. Read your book."

"What are you waiting for?" said the voice within me again. "Why are you sitting there? It is useless to hesitate any longer. Why don't you get up and go?"

I got up and walked restlessly around the room. "It's absurd," I

thought. "Anyway, Fr Ford would not be there at this time of day. I would only be wasting time." ...

Suddenly, I could bear it no longer. I put down the book, and got into my raincoat, and started down the stairs...

And then everything inside me began to sing – to sing with peace, to sing with strength and to sing with conviction... And then I saw Fr Ford coming around the corner from Broadway... I went to meet him and said: "Father, may I speak to you about something?"

"Yes," he said, looking up, surprised. "Yes, sure, come into the house."

We sat in the little parlour by the door. And I said: "Father, I want to become a Catholic."

Thomas Merton,
The Seven Storey Mountain

Grant me, O Lord,
to see everything now with new eyes,
to discern and test the spirits
that help me read the signs of the times,
to relish the things that are yours,
and to communicate them to others.  Amen.

Pedro Arrupe SJ

I believe

I believe for every drop of rain that falls,
A flower grows.
I believe that somewhere in the darkest night,
A candle glows.
I believe for everyone who goes astray
Someone will come to show the way...
I believe above the storm, the smallest prayer
Will still be heard.
I believe that Someone in the great somewhere
Hears every word.
Every time I hear a newborn baby cry,
Or touch a leaf, or see the sky,
Then I know why I believe.

All of us are called to grow together,
in humanity and as humanity.

Pope Francis

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities

Throughout the history of the Church, the Holy Spirit has continually raised up ecclesial movements and associations as instruments in the Church for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. At the beginning of every such movement, there is always some charismatic figure, some founding individual who has the capacity to attract people around him or her and brings newness of life in the Church. Through the vitality and variety of their differing charisms and Christian objectives, ecclesial movements and associations are often the result and fruit of actively involved Catholics who assume responsibility for their Christian vocation to sanctify themselves and the world. In his Encyclical Letter on mission, *Redemptoris Missio*, the Holy Father (Pope John Paul II) says of them: "When these movements humbly seek to become part of the life of local Churches and are welcomed by bishops and priests within diocesan and parish structures, they represent a true gift of God both for new evangelisation and for missionary activity properly so-called."

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READINGS

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

Monday:
Genesis 3:9-15, 20
or Acts 1:12-14
John 19:25-34

Tuesday:
2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday:
Acts 11:21b-26;
13:1-3
Matthew 10:7-13

Thursday:
2 Corinthians 3:15 – 4:1, 3-6
Matthew 5:20-26
E&W: Our Lord
Jesus Christ, the
Eternal High Priest
Isaiah 6:1-4, 8
or Hebrews 2:10-18;
John 17:1-2, 9, 14-26
(Feast)

Friday:
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday:
2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Matthew 5:33-37

Next Sunday:
Proverbs 8:22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15



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Pentecost Sunday Sunday 8th June 2025

The Word This Week

Pentecost Sunday

We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacra-ments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.



Mass Times 8th June		
Sunday 8th	Vigil - Saturday 7th Sunday Morning	4pm - Tom Lally 11am - Parish
Monday 9th	9.30	Forgotten Souls
Tuesday 10th	No Mass	
Wednesday 11th	Mass 9.30	Tom Lally
Thursday 12th	6pm Exposition Mass 6.30 7pm.	Forgotten Souls Scripture Course
Friday 13th	Mass 9.30	
Saturday 14th	Vigil Mass 4pm	Parish
Sunday 15th	Mass 11am	
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings

Tom Lally ; Forgotten Souls

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

Polite Reminder—DO NOT EAT FOOD IN CHURCH

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 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 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. 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.



Deacon Stephen Scott

Next weekend **14th & 15th June** we welcome Deacon Stephen who helps co-ordinate the Permanent Diaconate programme in Salford Diocese to talk about the Permanent Diaconate

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

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

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.

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.

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 Door, and rediscover the quiet beauty of this sacred space in the heart of Manchester.