

Limitless love!

SUNDAY *Plus*

15 JUNE 2025

The Most Holy Trinity **Divine Office Week III** Year C

Day for Life

Love in its fullness

Detail of fresco of Holy Trinity in the Church San Francesco Saverio by Sebastiano Conca (1680 - 1764) Rome, Italy. Renata Sedmakova / shutterstock.com

Perhaps the most quoted line from the Dalai Lama is, "My religion is kindness." Isn't that simple? "My religion is kindness." He asked, really challenging us from other world religions, "How do you teach kindness or compassion and how does this come from your understanding of God?" I had the job of representing the Christian tradition; I thought the job was rather easy, because of the feast we celebrate today of God as Trinity.

Sadly, the doctrine of the Trinity hasn't exercised much

influence in the Christian understanding of God. If most Christians – Catholic or Protestant – are questioned about their real image of God, it's generally an old man sitting on a throne. He's upset half the time and it's our job to make this god happy. This, of course, has almost nothing to do with our actual doctrine on the nature of God. What our tradition believes is that God is a fountain fullness of love, a water wheel flowing constantly in one direction: Father to Son, Son to Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit to Father – always outflowing, always

outpoured, always giving, never taking, but only receiving what the other gives. It would take the rest of your life to try to comprehend what that means!...

The medieval mystic Julian of Norwich (1343-c.1416)... describes her encounter with the Trinity: "For the Trinity is God, and God is the Trinity. The Trinity is our creator and our sustainer, our Beloved forever and ever, our endless joy and bliss... Whenever Christ appeared, I seemed to understand the blessed Trinity, as well."

Richard Rohr



The Trinity teaches us that one can never be without the other. We are not islands; we are in the world to live in God's image: open, in need of others and in need of helping others.

Pope Francis

Govern everything by your wisdom,
O Lord, so that my soul may always be serving you
in the way you will and not as I choose.

Let me die to myself so that
I may serve you.

Let me live to you who are life itself.  Amen.

St Teresa of Avila

The "divine circle dance"

By Paul Higginson

Some theologians have defined the Trinity as a "divine circle dance" – a continuous, intimate fellowship between the three persons, each connecting to the other in perfect relationship. St Bernard of Clairvaux explained this by saying, "If... the Father is he who kisses, the Son, he who is kissed, then it cannot be wrong to see in the kiss the Holy Spirit... their unshakable bond, their undivided love, their indivisible unity."

The good news of the Christian faith is that God has made room for us on the dance floor and asks us to participate. Our loving acts of kindness, compassion, forgiveness and generosity become our small contribution to the circle dance, adding to the great store of love in the world. And love is never wasted – the love we give away to others, united with God's immense love for humanity, inevitably comes back to us, and the circle is complete.

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Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

14-15 June
Jubilee of Sport

A sense of participation, sharing and being part of a group is fostered when sports are played in such a way that the person is placed at the centre and the joy of playing together is valued. Indeed, I like to remind athletes, including professionals, not to lose the flavour of the game and "to live" their sport while always preserving the spirit of being an "amateur". This is important. The reality of play is fundamental, especially for the very young: it gives joy, fosters sociability and engenders friendships, while also being formative. Thanks to sport we can establish strong and lasting relationships. Sports create community.

As the limbs form the body, so players form a team and people form a community. Sport can be a symbol of unity for a society, an experience of integration, an example of cohesion and a message of concord and peace.

Pope Francis



READINGS

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

Monday:
2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday:
2 Corinthians 8:1-9
Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday:
2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:
2 Corinthians 11:1-11
Matthew 6:7-15

Friday:
2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30
Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday:
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Matthew 6:24-34
E&W: Sts John Fisher and Thomas More (Feast)
2 Maccabees 6:18, 21, 24-31
Matthew 24:4-13

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



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Trinity Sunday

Sunday 15th June 2025

The Word This Week

This Sunday is all about the "Divine Community" - in other words, the way in which our God is in himself a communion of love: Father, Son and Spirit, distinct yet perfectly united - three persons, one God. We hear of the perfect union between Father and Son, revealed in the mysterious poem of the First Reading, where the Son is "Wisdom" joining the Father in the act of creation. This union bears fruit in the Spirit, who pours this perfect love into our hearts, so that we may imitate the "Communion of Love" by living together and hoping for our place within the Divine Community.

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COME
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TRUTH
GUIDE
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MORE
SPIRIT
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HEARS
GLORY
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Please pray for the children who will be making their Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday Evening, Celebrated by Bishop John Arnold.



Mass Times 15th June		
Sunday 15th	Vigil - Saturday 14th Sunday Morning	4pm - Parish 11am - Gerry Wills 12.30pm—Baptism
Monday 16th	Mass	9.30 -Michelle (birthday wishes)
Tuesday 17th	No Mass	7pm Confirmation Bishop John
Wednesday 18th	Mass	9.30 —Liz Weaver (B'day mem) 6.30pm Faith in action meeting
Thursday 19th	Mass	6pm Exposition 6.30pm Tom Fleming (birthday memories) 7pm Faith in Action Meeting
Friday 20th	No Mass	
Saturday 21st	Vigil Mass	4pm John Hardman (B'day Mem)
Sunday 22nd		11am —Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings

Tom Fleming (birthday memories) Michelle (birthday wishes) John Hardman (birthday memories); Tom Lally (RIP); John Lally (RIP); Martin Mitchell (RIP); Martin Coriam Mitchell (RIP); Graham Stierl (A); Ian John Stierl; Liz Weaver (b'day Mem); Gerry Willia (Recovery)

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

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 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 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

This weekend 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 he next few weeks



What's coming up in your Parish



June

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.