

Titanic martyr

"The ship was sinking but the priests refused to go into the lifeboats. They stayed on the deck, hearing confessions, helping passengers to climb into the boats and offering whatever support they could until the *Titanic* finally sank...

Of the very few passengers willing to brave the cold, Fr Byles had been reciting the Breviary, fully dressed in his priestly garb, while walking back and forth on the upper deck at the moment the *Titanic* struck the iceberg. He acted bravely in his capacity as a spiritual leader. Descending to the Third Class and calming the people, Fr Byles gave them his priestly blessing and began to hear confessions; after which, he began the recitation of the Rosary. He then led the Third Class passengers up to the boat deck and helped load the lifeboats. He gave words of consolation and encouragement to the women and children as they got into the boats. As the danger became even more

apparent, he went about hearing more confessions and giving absolution. By all accounts, Fr Byles was twice offered a seat in a lifeboat but refused. After the last lifeboat was gone, he went to the after end of the boat deck and led the recitation of the Rosary for a large group kneeling around him of those who were not able to find room in the boats. Fr Byles also exhorted the people to prepare to meet God. As 2:20 a.m. approached, and the stern rose higher and higher out of the sea, Father Byles led the more than one hundred people kneeling before him in the Act of Contrition and gave them general absolution."

Fr Scott Archer

Other reports add that Fr Byles stayed alive in the icy ocean until shortly before the arrival of the *Carpathia*, swimming between the people floating in the water and hanging on to wreckage, still offering support and the sacrament of reconciliation. Eventually, through sheer exhaustion, he died.

The cause for canonisation of Fr Thomas Byles (1870-1912), from Headingley in Yorkshire, ordained to the priesthood from the Pontifical Bede College in Rome, is currently in process

Our Lady, Stella Maris, Star of the Sea, may you guide, always and everywhere, all people of the sea and those who care and minister to them. Amen.

STELLA MARIS

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Remember seafarers

There is no Jubilee of Seafarers as such, but Sea Sunday reminds us to pray for them and for all those who don't draw attention to themselves but whose work helps to keep us alive. As Pope Francis said,

"Creation, our common home, is comprised of a vast expanse of water, which is essential for life and human commerce, not to mention tourism. It should not be surprising, therefore, that around ninety percent of the world's goods are transported by ships, which is made possible by the daily work of over 1,500,000 people, many of whom are far removed for months at a time from the support of their families as well as their social and religious communities...

Despite advances in technology, many maritime workers... also continue to suffer from a variety of unjust working conditions and other deprivations, aggravated not least by the effects of climate change. Moreover, damage to marine environments, as to others, disproportionately affects the poorest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters, whose very livelihoods are even threatened with extinction."

Pope Francis

READINGS

Today:
Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

Monday:
Exodus 1:8-14, 22
Matthew 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday:
Exodus 2:1-15a
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday:
Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday:
Exodus 3:13-20
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday:
Exodus 11:10 – 12:14
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday:
Exodus 12:37-42
Matthew 12:14-21

Next Sunday:
Genesis 18:1-10
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 13th July 2025

The Word This Week

Both first reading and Gospel today invite us to be "down to earth" about the Law of God. It's very easy to become an "expert in religion" - knowing all the right answers, remembering all the right quotes, and so on. But for Moses and for Jesus, if God's Law is to be kept anywhere, it must be in our hearts and in our everyday lives. We are not to be concerned with keeping our eyes fixed on heaven, if it means that we cannot see the poor man at our feet.

Bible Word Search

Apostles / Disciples

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Word list:

PETER

ANDREW

JAMES

JOHN

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BARTHOLOMEW

THOMAS

MATTHEW

JAMES

THADDAEUS

SIMON

JUDAS

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Mass Times 6th July		
Sunday 13th	Vigil - Saturday 12th Sunday Morning	4pm - Parish 11am - Martin Coriam Mitchell
Monday 14th	Mass	9.30—Forgotten Souls
Tuesday 15th	No Mass	
Wednesday 16th	Mass	9.30 —Joe Snee
Thursday 17th	Mass	6pm Exposition 6.30pm - Tom Lally
Friday 18th	Mass	9.30—Martin Mitchell
Saturday 19th Sunday 20th	Vigil Mass	4pm- Derek Griffin 11am —Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings

Agnes & Paddy 45th Wedding Anniversary;
Angela (LD)

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

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 13th July 2025	
	
The Sanctuary	
Sacred Heart	
Our Lady	Anthony Scanlon for a successful operation and recovery

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.



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

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.

All the July Masses have now been allocated, we will now forward any intentions to Fr Laurence Gambella, to be said on our behalf. We will start allocating Masses again from the 1st August.

Enrolment for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2025/26

This September **all Baptised Catholic children** aged 7 or over, in our parish or its Primary schools will be eligible to enrol on the Sacramental Programme for 2025-26, which will prepare them for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Parents/Guardians of Children attending St John Fisher are invited to attend an initial meeting at 5.30pm on THURSDAY 11th September in St John Fisher School.

Parents/Guardians of Children in St Mary’s are invited to a meeting at 6.30pm on WEDNESDAY10th September in St Mary’s church hall.

If your child does not attend a Parish Catholic Primary school, please come to the meeting at

St Mary’s Church Hall on WEDNESDAY 10th September at 6.30pm.

If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office.

Southern Cemetery Mass

The Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce the return of its Cemetery Mass at Southern Cemetery- the first since before the pandemic - providing a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith and remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Join us at 12 noon on Monday 25 August outside the Roman Catholic Chapel in the cemetery. Seating will not be provided, so please bring a chair if you require one. In the event of poor weather, Mass will be celebrated in St Ambrose Church.

Becoming Confident Catechists - An Introduction to the Ministry of Catechist

A new course for catechists is set to take place at St Patrick's in Collyhurst. Aimed at beginner and experienced catechists alike, this course seeks to cover the basics of catechist training with an added emphasis on accessibility. It is suitable for catechists or prospective catechists working with baptism parents, First Communion parents and children, confirmation candidates, RCIA catechists, and more.

The course consists of six sessions, taking place between 7pm and 9pm every Wednesday, beginning on Wednesday 3 September. It will be presented by Canon Paul Daly and Dr Minna Moffatt-Feltman, Accessibility Coordinator for Caritas Salford.

If you have any catechists or prospective catechists who might be interested in joining these sessions, please email paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for more detailed information and to register..

Jubilee for Children and Families

This month, we join Catholics around the world in celebrating the Jubilee for Children and Families. As we come together in this Holy Year, we invite you to pray for all families in our diocese. May we look to the love of the Holy Family to guide us in our vocation to family life; praying for the grace to love with peace, gentleness, and hope in the face of all our challenges. Find out more at www.caritassalford.org.uk/lancswalk

Salford Diocese Information

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.
Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John, along with clergy from the diocese, with music from our wonderful Lourdes Choir.