

Find the balance

SUNDAY *Plus*

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week IV** Year C

See more clearly

For many years I thought I was "someone" in the Church. I had even imagined this sacred living edifice as a temple supported by many small and large columns and under each column the shoulder of a Christian. I even imagined first one such small column was a burden upon my own shoulders. By force of habit by repeating that God needed men and that the Church needed militants, we actually began to believe this. The structure weighed upon our shoulder...

With this kind of mindset, I had not been able to go on vacation;

even at night I felt militant. And there was so much work, that there was no longer sufficient time for carrying it out. We always proceeded from one engagement to another, from one meeting to another, from one city to another. Prayers were always rushed, the speeches inflamed, the heart overwrought. Since everything depended upon us and everything was going so badly, there was good reason to be worried. But who had noticed this? The way of our actions seemed so righteous and so authentic!

Perhaps this was the moment for me to see things more clearly...

After twenty-five years I began to realise that nothing had weighed on my shoulders at all and that the column was false, artificial, unreal, created by my own imagination, by my own vanity. I had walked, run, cycled, organised, worked, believing I was supporting something; and in truth I had supported nothing at all. The weight of the world was all on Christ crucified.

Carlo Carretto, Letters from The Desert



The vocation that God gives us is so good: to create, to re-create, to work. But this can be done when the conditions are right and the dignity of the person is respected.

Pope Francis

Prayer for good humour

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumbings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I."

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour.

Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others.

St Thomas More

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Look to the future

We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision...

The spiritual dimension of the Jubilee, which calls for conversion, should also embrace these fundamental aspects of our life in society as part of a coherent whole. In the realisation that all of us are pilgrims on this earth, which the Lord has charged us to till and keep, may we never fail, in the course of our sojourn, to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home. It is my hope that the Jubilee Year will be celebrated and experienced with this intention too. Growing numbers of men and women, including many young people and children, have come to realise that care for creation is an essential expression of our faith in God and our obedience to his will.

Pope Francis



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**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 20hJuly 2025**

The Word This Week

Sacred Hospitality is our theme: as the letter to the Hebrews says:

"remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this some people have entertained angels without knowing it." True hospitality lies in two things: first the welcome, encouraging the stranger to enter the house and be at home there: secondly, the gift - not just of food or drink, but of time: listening to the stranger, and giving of ourselves to them. This is what makes hospitality costly, but holy, and a true service of Jesus Christ.



At the Home of Mary and Martha

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 10:38-42 (NIV).



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VILLAGE	THING	MARTHA	FEET	HELP
SISTER	PREPARATION	WORK	NEEDED	BETTER
WOMAN	UPSET	JESUS	TAKEN	NEEDED
DISCIPLES	WORRIED	MADE	MARY	CHOSEN

Mass Times 20th July		
Sunday 20th	Vigil - Saturday 19th Sunday Morning	4pm - Derek Griffin 11am - Parish
Monday 21st	No Mass	
Tuesday 22nd	No Mass	
Wednesday 23rd	Mass	9.30 –Wilfred Appleton
Thursday 24th	Mass	6pm Exposition 6.30pm - Ashley Carter Lawlor
Friday 25th	Mass	9.30—John & Pauline Earley
Saturday 26th Sunday 27th	Vigil Mass	4pm- Parish 11am –Lois Upton
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings

May & Frank Mulholland (LD); Tom Lally (RIP); Forgotten Souls; Cath Lenihan (B'day Mem) Fr Kevin Murphy (Ten year anniversary of Ordination);

Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary

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 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

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 20th July 2025	
The Sanctuary	
Sacred Heart	Philip Mental Health Recovery
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.