

Our daily bread

SUNDAY *Plus*

27 JULY 2025

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week I** Year C

God will provide



Passing through one of the streets of Milan, I observed a poor beggar. Evidently, he had a full belly that day, for he was laughing and joyful. I sighed and pointed him out to the friends around me. We were burdened with all the sorrows of our frenetic lives. We were goaded by our ambitions to keep up. I worked while dragging along the baggage

of my own dissatisfaction, which was only feeling heavier. One day we hoped to arrive at the same state of joy that beggar was showing in front of us...

What the beggar had gained was not true joy, but it was just as real as what I was trying to get with my ambitious plans. Certainly, he was happy, and I was anxious. He had

no fears, where I was full of them. If the beggar had asked me whether I would prefer to be in his merry state or my own fearful one, I would have answered that I would rather be merry. On the other hand, if he asked whether I would rather be a beggar like him, I should say that I would choose to be myself, even though worn out with cares and

fears. But was that poor judgement and was it the truth? Shouldn't I prefer to be like him? I had more knowledge than he, but no joy in all my pursuits...

Your plan put ours to shame, and your purposes would provide for us. You would open your hand and fill our souls with blessing.

St Augustine, Confessions

Thank you, dear Jesus,
for all you have given me,
for all you have taken away from me,
for all you have left me.  Amen.

St Thomas More

An Old English Prayer

Give us, Lord, a bit o' sun
A bit o' work and a bit o' fun.
Give us in all the struggle and sputter
Our daily bread and a bit of butter.
Give us health our keep to make
And a bit to spare for others' sake.
Give us, too, a bit of song
And a tale and a book to help us along.
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise and free.
Our goodly best for ourselves and others
Till all men learn to live as brothers.

Anon.

Before the eyes of the Father, with the humanity of Jesus, there are and always will be our lives, our hopes, our wounds.

Pope Francis



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope God will provide

How often have you looked at the weather forecast as you plan your day's activities? Are you a farmer or grower? Does your work involve buying, selling or processing food? One thing is certain: you depend on regular food supplies for yourself, your family and everyone you know. You also know that this time of year is critical as so many crops ripen and approach harvest.

In Judaism, the Jubilee, which happened every fifty years, guaranteed farmers time for prayer and study because fields remained uncultivated. No planting took place before the Jubilee, because crops wouldn't be harvested, or during the year itself because that needed land to be cultivated. It took supreme faith in God's loving care to go for two years without planting crops. People believed that God would reward such faith – but life was not easy. The Jubilee was another way of saying, "God will provide".



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READINGS

Today:
Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

Monday:
Exodus 32:15-24.
30-31
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday:
Exodus 33:7-11;
34:5b-9,28
John 11:19-27

Wednesday:
Exodus 34:29-35
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday:
Exodus 40:16-21.
34-38
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday:
Leviticus 23:1. 4-11.
15-16. 27. 34b-37
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday:
Leviticus 25:1. 8-17
Matthew 14:1-12

Next Sunday:
Ecclesiastes 1:2;
2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11
Luke 12:13-21



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The Word This Week

When we see the child in the sweet shop nagging and moaning at mum or dad for something, we probably don't think of it as a model of our prayer lives! And yet, if we take the word of God seriously today, that is exactly what our faith teaches us to do! The message is persistence - never giving up, even if prayers do not seem to be answered. We shouldn't ask why they are not answered on the spot (God's probably got a reason), but should just continue beating on the door of heaven in faith and hope.



PRAYER

K Z N V D C A F R A I D U M L C V
W M D G T H A N K F U L N M B O Z
F J X B Y F U R V Y V J Z P D N Q
F O R G I V E N E S S N Y R C V C
R L O V E E O P Y B U T J A S E C
H T Q W I D L O B T E W M Y T R Z
O G J A F Y H V C H W I K R S S J
G G E G C J W M O O Q V H U K E N
L H S D H Q U T N L H E L P R O J
F I U N A D V H C Y L K N F Z Q Q
W H S B E C U X E S W I T G W M S
X H A O F A P W R P T O V X U K A
H G N A E R L O N I O U G U F O C
S Q G L Z I C E W R S C O S Z H T
W H R A T N I G A I V N D U A P S
D M Y K N G L C M T X N M D Y W W
B Y T V G A L J W M Q T B D M E B

forgiveness	Holy Spirit	converse	thankful
concern	caring	afraid	Jesus
angry	help	love	pray
acts	ill	God	

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Mass Times 27th July		
Sunday 27th	Vigil - Saturday 26th Sunday Morning	4pm - Parish 11am - Lois Upton
Monday 28th	Mass	9.30—Trudy Mitchell
Tuesday 29th	No Mass	
Wednesday 30th	Mass	9.30 –Winnie Jones
Thursday 31st	No Mass	
Friday 1st	No Mass	
Saturday 2nd Sunday 3rd	Vigil Mass	4pm- Sick & Infirm Clergy 11am –Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings
John Woodrow (LD); Fr Kevin Murphy (10yr A of Ordination); Arthur Lancake x 2 (LD); Tom Lally (RIP); Forgotten Souls; Liz Weaver (A); Ian John Stierl;

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

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 27th 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.

The new email address is now up and running and will now be our office email address. Please address all emails to

rcdenton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Collection basket and envelopes

Could we please ask people NOT to put Foreign coins or notes in the collection basket or Offertory Envelopes. The post offices and banks will not accept them.

Thank you

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..

Family Forest Fun Mornings

Gather the family together to celebrate God's creation with Family Forest Fun Mornings at the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre. Taking place between 10am-12.30pm over the first three Tuesdays of August, these sessions are packed with a range of activities that teach us more about the wonder of creation. Find out more and register at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/family-forest-fun-mornings/>

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.