

Treasure seekers

SUNDAY *Plus*

10 AUGUST 2025

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week III** Year C

Prayer before a Five-Pound Note



Lord, see this note, it frightens me.
You know its secrets, you know its history.
How heavy it is!
It scares me, for it cannot speak.
It will never tell all it hides in its creases.
It will never reveal all the struggles and efforts it
represents, all the disillusionment and slighted dignity.
It is stained with sweat and blood.
It is laden with all the weight of the human toil which
makes its worth...

It is heavy, heavy, Lord.
It fills me with awe, it frightens me...
Through how many hands has it passed, Lord?
And what has it done in the course of its long, silent trips?

It has offered white roses to the radiant fiancée.
It has paid for the baptismal party and fed the growing baby.
It has provided bread for the family table.
Because of it there was laughter among the young
and joy among the adults.
It has paid for the saving visit of the doctor,
It has bought the book that taught the youngster,
It has clothed the young girl...

O Lord, I offer you this note with its joyous mysteries,
its sorrowful mysteries.
I thank you for all the life and joy it has given.
I ask your forgiveness for the harm it has done.
But above all, Lord, I offer it to you as a symbol of
all the labours of men, indestructible money, which
tomorrow will be changed into your eternal life.

Michel Quoist

The kingdom of heaven is the opposite of the
superfluous things that the world offers; it is the
opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life
every day and leads it to expand towards wider horizons.

Pope Francis

The real treasure

By Michael George

In teaching writing and encouraging children to grow in empathy, many teachers will have drawn on the experiences of child evacuees during the Second World War. Separated from their families, with just one case of belongings, children from London and other cities were put on trains and taken out into the countryside, to a relatively safer environment.

Many children and families of today are able to reflect not only on the experiences of others

from the past, but also on their own experience of sudden and frightening escape from conflict or persecution.

Leaving suddenly, decisions must be taken about what to pack in a very small amount of luggage. What is it most important to bring? What cannot be managed without?

The experiences of the past and the present can help any of us to reflect and prioritise – what do I need most in life and must always carry with me?

Michael George has worked in Catholic schools in the south of England for twenty-five years, as a teacher, headteacher and chaplain.

I pray, Lord, that my family may know friendship and courage, cheerfulness and understanding, carefulness in their duties, advice when life is tough, patience when they are in pain.  Amen.

After St Thomas More

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

The memory of love

The memory of love becomes a task of love and thus opens us to the future, to the hope of Easter, to the hope of full happiness. It is not enough to participate in the Mass "to feel good with God", but rather to let this risky love of Jesus form our lives. How many mothers, how many fathers, together with the daily bread cut at the table at home, break their backs to raise their children, and raise them well! How many Christians, as responsible citizens, have gone out of their way to defend the dignity of all, especially the poorest, marginalised and discriminated! Where do they find the strength to do all this? Precisely in the Eucharist: in the forgiving victim, in the power of the love of the Risen Lord, who today also breaks bread for us and repeats to us: "Do this in memory of me".

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READINGS

Today:
Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48

Monday:
Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday:
Deuteronomy 31:1-8
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday:
Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17
Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday:
Revelation 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab
1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Luke 1:39-56

Saturday:
Joshua 24:14-29
Matthew 19:13-15

Next Sunday:
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53



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Sunday 10th August 2025

The Word This Week

Vigilance: we wait for glory or ruin, salvation or disaster. This is the choice that faces the Christian each and every day, as we wait for the Lord to return, as he promised he would. We often live our lives leaving such things to a distant, shadowy future - like the person who is going to fix that faulty lock or window-frame, but in the end doesn't get round to it before the burglar comes. The lamps of our lives should be lit and shining, filled to the brim with the oil of prayer and charity, singing the hymns of the fathers as we wait for the Master to return.



AWAKE	SON OF MAN
BLESSED	POSSESSIONS
DELAYED	SERVANT
HOUR	UNFAITHFUL
KNOCKS	WATCH
MASTER	WISE

U N F A I T H F U L Y L
S N K W E E K P W F M I
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Mass Times 10th August		
Sunday 10th	Vigil - Saturday 5th Sunday Morning	4pm - Parish 11am - Alan Appleton
Monday 11th	Mass	9.30— Georgina Kerwin
Tuesday 12th	No Mass	
Wednesday 13th	Mass	9.30 – Alan Wallace
Thursday 14th	Vigil Mass— The Assumption	6pm Exposition 6.30pm - Ernest Jones
Friday 15th	Holy Day of Obligation Mass	The Assumption 9.30— Tom Lally
Saturday 16th Sunday 17th	Vigil Mass	4pm- -Parish 11am –Thomas Fleming (20th Anniversary)
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings
 Tom Lally (RIP); Forgotten Souls; Marriage Blessings for Joseph & Rebecca; Arthur Lancake x 2 (LD) Thomas Fleming (20th Anniversary) ; Kathleen Dovey (LD)
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 10th August 2025
 

The Sanctuary	Birthday Wishes
Sacred Heart	Better health for Family Member, Special Intentions
Our Lady	Anthony Scanlon

Please pray for the above intentions this week. Seven Day Candles have been lit at St Mary's at these altars. 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.

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 office and bank will not accept them. Thank you.

Mass Intentions.
 All the August 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 September.

Cancellations:
 Please note that Scripture Course on Thursday 7th August and the Film Night on Wednesday 13th August, have both been cancelled, and both these events will be re arranged for a later date.



What's coming up in your Parish

OCTOBER

Due to the success of last year, our Faith In Action group are holding another Strung Sung Supper. This will be held in St Mary's school hall on Friday 17th October at 7pm. Make a date in your diary! Tickets for this popular event will be on sale soon.

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.

Salford Diocese Information

Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage
 There are just a few places left for our Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage, taking place on Thursday 25 September. Organised in partnership with the Columban Missionaries of Britain, this nine-mile walking pilgrimage invites you to spend the day in prayer and reflection on the beauty of God's creation and how we are called to care for the world and each other. The day begins with a short prayer service at the Laudato Si' Centre and ends with Mass at the cathedral's temporary church. Find out more and register at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/columban-pilgrimage-register/>

Outdoor Mass for Season of Creation
 This September welcomes back the Season of Creation - a month-long campaign that invites us to reflect on our call to be loving stewards of God's creation. We invite you to join us in beginning this time of reflection with an outdoor Mass in the beautiful grounds of the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre. Mass takes place on Monday 1 September at 9.30am. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more or 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/>

Job Vacancies
 The Diocese of Salford is recruiting for a number of roles in the diocesan property team, as well as in our parish clubs. To find out more, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>