

God loves you

SUNDAY *Plus*

31 AUGUST 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week II** Year C



Christ in each other

Meat is a scarcity, however. Once this summer we had a ham which a kind friend brought in, and even slicing it very small, it was hard to make it go around to 125 people. None of the fellows who were cooking in the kitchen had any. And then there came a wail from

the kitchen. "No meat for me? And I've been working all day! I don't see how everybody else deserves meat, and not me. Those that hang around and do nothing get the best food, and me, I went on an errand and so I got left out." The querulous tones went on. The fellow came in, looking sadly at his plate; slammed it on the table and sat down. "I have been smelling that all afternoon, too. I just wanted a piece of ham."

I offered him half of mine. Kelleher, who used to be a house detective, and a gentle, holy soul he is, too, offered him his.

"I don't eat off nobody's plate," the hungry one said. But I did want a piece of that ham." A great tear rolled down his nose.

It is incidents like this that break your heart, sometimes. There is never enough food to go around. The pots are always being scraped so clean it is a wonder the enamel doesn't come off.

Meals are so important. The disciples knew Christ in the breaking of bread. We know Christ in each other in the breaking of bread. It is the closest we can ever come to each other, sitting down and eating together. It is unbelievably, poignantly intimate.

*Dorothy Day,
Writings from Commonweal*

Loving Lord, I know that I'm not perfect, but please help me to become the good person you intended me to be. Help me to recognise your love for me and for everyone I know and love.
✚ Amen.

The Daisy

I know I'm only little.
I know I'm only small,
But I know God loves little ones
The very best of all.

And so I'm glad I'm little
And very glad I'm small,
'Cos then I know I'm loved by him
Whom I love best of all.

Sr Janet Fearn



God created the world with a great variety of flowers in every colour. Each flower has its own beauty, which is unique. And each one of you is beautiful in God's eyes, and he loves you.

Pope Francis

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

1625 Jubilee and social distancing

"Social distancing" – we know all about it! In past centuries, people recognised that direct human contact could transmit the Plague (so that the glove-making trade flourished and required specific legislation). However, they didn't know that social distancing would also limit the rapid, devastating, spread of the disease and the deaths of approximately fifty million people across Europe.

In 1625, when Pope Urban VIII proclaimed a Jubilee, he considered the Black Death and its impact. He extended the Jubilee indulgence to those who were unable to travel to Rome, to prisoners and those who were sick. Additionally, in a rudimentary form of social distancing, he decreed that for the traditional pilgrimage to the seven churches of Rome, three churches inside the walls (Santa Maria del Popolo, Santa Maria in Trastevere and San Lorenzo in Lucina) could be substituted for those outside the city walls (San Sebastiano, San Paolo and San Lorenzo). About half a million pilgrims came to Rome that year.



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READINGS

Today:
Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19,
22-24a
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Monday:
1 Thessalonians
4:13-18
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday:
1 Thessalonians
5:1-6, 9-11
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday:
Colossians 1:1-8
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday:
Colossians 1:9-14
Luke 5:1-11

Friday:
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday:
Colossians 1:21-23
Luke 6:1-5

Next Sunday:
Wisdom 9:13-18b
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33



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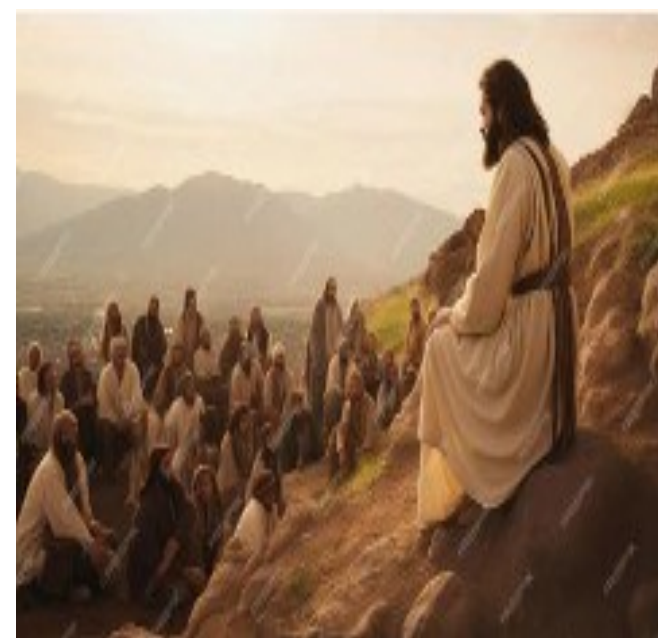
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The Word This Week

Humble behaviour is the mark of the Christian, as it always was the mark of someone "in favour with the Lord." In the Gospel, we see Jesus watching the Pharisees: it's almost amusing to picture them shuffling for the best places, the polite "after you"s to put themselves in a better position. How would they have reacted to his teaching? They may well have remembered the passage we read from the Old Testament, and realised that Jesus was teaching the teachers something they should be well aware of.

ANGELS	INVITED	HUMBLES
BLESSED	JERUSALEM	RELATIVES
EXALTS	PARABLE	
HEAVENLY	PHARISEES	



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Mass Times 31st August		
Sunday 31st	Vigil - Saturday 30th Sunday Morning	4pm - Forgotten Souls 11am - Parish
Monday 1st	No Mass	
Tuesday 2nd	No Mass	
Wednesday 3rd	No Mass	
Thursday 4th	No Mass	
Friday 5th	No Mass	
Saturday 6th Sunday 7th	Vigil Mass	4pm- 11am -Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings
John-Kwok Kwong Kwan (A); Teresa Lai Wah Ho Kwan (A); Tom Lally (RIP); Martin Coriam Mitchell (B'day Mem)

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

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

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.

Prayer Candle intentions will be lit when there are Weekday Masses and Sunday Masses.



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.

Post Office/Bank Coin Bags

If you are in the bank or post office please could you ask for some plastic coin bags and bring them to church. We are having trouble getting sufficient supplies at the moment so it would be good to build up a stock. Thank you!

Polite Reminder

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

Available items



Bureau, W 54cm; L 122cm; H 106cm; Fully open 92cm



Desk, W 61cm; L107cm; H77cm

If anyone can make use of either of the above items, please contact the parish office during office hours, or email rcdenton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
All we ask is donation to the parish, in return.

New Monthly youth Group for Yr4,5 & 6



As part of our young people's Faith in Action programme, from 22nd October 2025, **we will be offering a group for children in school years 4, 5 and 6.**
The group will take place monthly and be from 6:30pm until 7:30pm.

Our Faith in Action young people will run it (though there will be adult supervision as well) and it will consist of liturgy alongside games and activities.

There is a maximum of 20 places and this will be on a first come first serve basis. The dates are as follows: 22/10/25; 19/11/25; 17/12/25; 21/01/26; 25/02/26; 18/03/26; 22/04/26; 20/05/26; 17/06/26
This is a lovely opportunity to allow our Faith in Action young people to develop their skills further as well as bringing the young of the Parish together.

If you are interested in your child attending or would like any further information please could you speak to Claire Cull after Sunday mass for a parental application form

The Post Confirmation programme—A Call to Lead for our older young people will take place on the same evenings 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Dates for the Diary:

September

Wednesday 10th September **Sacramental Programme**, first meeting St Mary’s 6.30pm in Parish Hall

Thursday 11th September **Sacramental Programme**, First Meeting St John Fisher’s 5.40pm in St John Fisher School

Wednesday 17th September **Faith in Action** Meeting.6.30pm to; 8.30pm in Parish Hall

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.