

Getting it right

SUNDAY *Plus*

7 SEPTEMBER 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week III** Year C

Built for life

[Sir Henry Bromley] knew the house well; he had searched it before. First, he examined the long gallery over the gatehouse. There he found two of the dozen or more hiding places. In his report he pays a generous tribute to the skill of Nicholas Owen: they were "cunning and very artificial conveyances in the main brick wall, so ingeniously framed and with such art as it cost much labour they could be found".

As the search proceeded three other secret places were found, "contrived with no less skill and industry" in and about the chimneys, with

entrances covered over with brick, mortared and fixed to the planks that formed the entrance, and coloured black like other parts of the chimney. This was Owen's work again...

No day passed without one other place of concealment being discovered. "Eleven secret corners and conveyances were found". Bromley boasted, "all of them having books, massing stuff, and popish trumpery in them." It was only on the third day... that [Bromley] found his prey.

The two priests [Bl Henry Garnet and Bl Edward Oldcorne] were resolved to

starve to death rather than bring trouble on their hosts by emerging from the place of hiding. "After we had been in the hole seven days and seven nights", wrote Garnet, "and some odd hours, every man may well think we were well wearied, and indeed so it was, for we generally sat...". In fact, the hiding place had such a low ceiling that even in a sitting position the priests were unable to stretch their legs. They suffered continual pain.

*Philip Caraman SJ,
Henry Garnet, 1555-1606,
and the Gunpowder Plot*



Peace begins with each one of us: in the way we look at others, listen to others and speak about others.

Pope Leo XIV

Scaffolding

By Seamus Heaney

Masons, when they start upon a building,
Are careful to test out the scaffolding;

Make sure that planks won't slip at busy points,
Secure all ladders, tighten bolted joints.

And yet all this comes down when the job's done
Showing off walls of sure and solid stone.

So if, my dear, there sometimes seem to be
Old bridges breaking between you and me

Never fear. We may let the scaffolds fall
Confident that we have built our wall.

Seamus Heaney wrote this poem to explain that scaffolding offers support so that repairs can be made: a marriage with good walls and solid foundations can survive temporary crises and breakdowns.

Help us, Lord, to build strong foundations in our families and communities so that we can grow strong and weather the storms that sometimes happen in life. Bring us into the sunshine.  Amen.

Michel Quoist

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Renewed in hope

For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope".

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often, we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope.

Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025:1



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READINGS

Today:
Wisdom 9:13-18b
Philemon 9-10. 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Monday:
Micah 5:1-4a
Matthew 1:1-16. 18-23

Tuesday:
Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday:
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday:
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 6:27-38

Friday:
1 Timothy 1:1-2. 12-14
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday:
1 Timothy 1:15-17
Luke 6:43-49

Next Sunday:
Numbers 21:4b-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17



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The Word This Week

This is a very difficult set of readings. The Gospel itself starts with a saying which many find hard to understand: must we really "hate" our family to be the Lord's disciple? The point is that it is relative: what are we prepared to give up for the Gospel? Are we going to try and make our own cross, or accept whatever we are given? Jesus is probably trying to discourage the crowd of sensation seekers and hangers-on who are crowding round him. He wants real disciples, who are aware of the possible cost: not like the incompetent builder, or the useless king. To be a disciple, one must be prepared to follow Jesus anywhere, whatever it might cost in possessions, family or friends. We may never understand why, but then "Who can know the intentions of God?"

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CROWDS
GOODNESS
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KING BELOVED
PEACE
SISTERS
SUCCESS
WISDOM



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Mass Times 7th September		
Sunday 7th	Vigil - Saturday 6th Sunday Morning	4pm - Parish 11am - Sr Angela (sick)
Monday 8th	Mass	9.30am —Tom Lally (RIP)
Tuesday 9th	No Mass	
Wednesday 10th	Mass 1st Holy Communion Meeting (St M's Children)	9.30am —Peter Lally (RIP) 6.30pm — St Mary's Church Hall
Thursday 11th	Mass 1st Holy Communion Meeting (SJF's Children) Exposition Mass	9.30 (SJF School) —Harry Richmond (A) 5.30pm - SJF School 6pm 6.30pm - Jack Howley (A)
Friday 12th	Mass	9.30am —Laurance Byrne
Saturday 13th Sunday 14th	Vigil Mass	4pm- 11am —Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

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.

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 W/C 7th September 2025	
The Sanctuary	Anthony Scanlon Successful Operation and Recovery
Sacred Heart	
Our Lady	Better Health for a Family Member, Special Intention

Mass Offerings

Sr Angela (sick); Jock Howley (A); Harry Richmond (A); Tom Lally (RIP); Peter Lally (RIP); Laurance Byrne (b'day Mem)

Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)

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 WEDNESDAY 10th 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!

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

What's coming up in your parish



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.