

Poverty

Beneath a very aged tree,
I saw an aged man,
whose mortal days were seemingly
Worn to the shortest span.

His dress was ragged, and his brow
Deep marks of sorrow bare;
His eyes, once bright, were darken'd now,
By teardrops of despair.

He spoke – but none would hear his tale
Of sorrow and distress;
He wept – yet tears had no avail –
All pass'd him pitiless.

The very drops e'en seem'd to stand
With fearful loathing by,
Dreading the cold touch of his hand,
The chill glance of his eye.

I marvell'd much, I marvell'd long,
Who this sad wretch could be;
I asked one of the passing throng:
He said, 'twas Poverty!

Joseph Middleton, 1840

God loves to communicate himself, not in the roar of thunder
and earthquakes, but in the “whisper of a gentle breeze”.

Pope Leo XIV

A conscientious objector

By Sr Janet Fearnis FMDM

It was a secret sign and, at the same time, a declaration of belief and trust in the Trinity. The early Christians quickly saw that the anchor could represent the stability of a faith anchored in God. However, they also went one step further: the ring at the top symbolised the Father. The body, shaped like a cross, was Jesus, the Son who was crucified. The curved base denoted the Holy Spirit in the

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Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Anchored in hope

The image of the anchor is eloquent; it helps us to recognise the stability and security that is ours amid the troubled waters of this life, provided we entrust ourselves to the Lord Jesus. The storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death. This hope, which transcends life's fleeting pleasures and the achievement of our immediate goals, makes us rise above our trials and difficulties, and inspires us to keep pressing forward, never losing sight of the grandeur of the heavenly goal to which we have been called.

Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025-25

READINGS

Today:
Amos 6:1a, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Monday:
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
John 1:47-51

Tuesday:
Zechariah 8:20-23
Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday:
Nehemiah 2:1-8
Luke 9:57-62

Thursday:
Exodus 23:20-23a
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Friday:
Baruch 1:15-22
Luke 10:13-16

Saturday:
Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29
Luke 10:17-24

Next Sunday:
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus: to reach out and touch him and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Amen.

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 28th September 2025

The Word This Week

Following on from last week (“You cannot be the slave of both God and money”) we see a practical illustration of what this means. The division between rich and poor was very striking at the time of Jesus: popular understanding, however, said that to be rich was a blessing from God. Jesus reminds people that riches carry their own responsibility – the duty to notice the poor man, especially when he lies at your own gate. In this parable, Jesus is subtly attacking the people’s lack of acceptance of the teaching of the prophets – “They have Moses and the prophets...”, but they obviously haven’t listened to them. The twist in the last line is powerful: “...they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.” Since our world still sees a division between rich and poor, how true those words have become

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RICH

SORES

BOSOM

BROTHERS

PURPLE

ANGELS

FLAMES

WARNING

LINEN

TORMENT

AGONY

DEAD

Mass Times 28th September 2025		
Sunday 28th	Vigil - Saturday 23rd Sunday Morning	4pm - Parish 11am - Sick and infirm clergy
Monday 29th	Mass	9.30— Whelan, O’Sullivan and Nolan Families
Tuesday 30th	No Mass	
Wednesday 1st	Mass	9.30—Sick & Infirm Clergy
Thursday 2nd	Exposition Mass	6pm 6.30pm—Terence V Horan
Friday 3rd	Mass	9.30— Anthony Tucker (LD)
Saturday 4th Sunday 5th	Vigil Mass	4pm- Parish 11am –Tom Lally (B’day Mem)
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Parish Christmas Fair

We are hoping to hold a Christmas fair toward the end of November this year.

We need donations of Bottles (For the bottle tombola); books; new toys; toiletries and anything suitable for Tombola prizes.

All donations to be brought into church as soon as possible.

We are also looking for new volunteers to plan and organise the Christmas Fair, with guidance from previous volunteers, we need people to take the reins, to coordinate the planning and organise the set up before the event, during the event and after the event. If you would like to be involved, please give your name to Paula Ellis, or Margaret McDonald at the Weekend Mass or contact the Parish office.



Assisted Dying Bill—and A Community Event to Consider *Later Life Planning*
Thursday 2nd October at 7pm St Mary’s Parish Centre, Market Street, Denton. M34 2AN
The Assisted Dying Bill and life planning with respect to your wishes. Wills, Funeral Plans and Lasting Powers of Attorney : **SPEAKERS—Dr Fitton (Retired Senior Partner West Gorton Medical Centre, Lee Price and John Galvin.** Come along and find out what’s involved and why it would help you to make plans for Later Life. All Welcome. Free Refreshments.

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 28th September 2025	
The Sanctuary	Paul Scanlon
Sacred Heart	
Our Lady	Anthony Scanlon for a Successful
Mass Offerings Tom Lally (B'day Mem); Patrick Coriam (A) Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)	

Faith in Action Team Fundraiser—‘Sung, Strung, Supper’ Friday 17th October –7pm
Due to the success of the last event, The Parish Faith in action group will be hosting another sing-a-long concert hosted at **St Mary’s Primary School.**(£10 individual tickets each or £35 Family = 2 adults/2 children) Buy them from the Parish Office or after 11am Mass. **All are Welcome and we really need to support our young people who are organising this event! .Thank you for donating raffle prizes!** If you have anything you are able to donate it will be gratefully received. Please see Claire Cull or any of our Faith in Action young people after 11am Sunday Mass.

A pie supper, tea, coffee, soft drinks are included but please note it is BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE for any other drink.

Scripture Course

Due to the interest in the Scripture course last year. We are putting on a new course which will start in October.

It will be held on a Wednesday Evening from 6.30m in the Parish Hall. The dates are:

2025 15th October; 12th November; 3rd December

2026 28th January; 11th February; 4th March; 1st April (Holy Week); 6th May; 11th June

What’s coming up in your parish

Dates for the Diary:

October

Tuesday 14th October **Sacramental Programme** meeting (SJF Cohort) 3.30pm SJF School Hall

Tuesday 14th October **Sacramental Programme** meeting (StM Cohort) 6.30pm Parish Hall

Wednesday 15th October **Scripture Course** 6.30pm in Parish Hall

Friday 17th October **Strung Sung Supper.** 7pm, St Mary’s school Hall. (tickets on sale soon)

Wednesday 22nd October **Faith in Action** 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Parish Hall

November

Wednesday 12th November **Scripture Course** 6.30pm Parish Hall

Wednesday 19th November **Faith in Action** 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Parish Hall

December

Wednesday 3rd December **Scripture Course** 6.30pm in Parish Hall

Wednesday 17th December **Faith in Action** 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Parish Hall

Parish Administrator

Appointment Type: Permanent Working hours: 12 hours per week to be worked over three days a week, though some flexibility will be required and can be offered.

Location: St Joseph’s Presbytery, 23 Gorton Road, Reddish, SK5 6AZ

Salary & benefits: £13.23 per hour, 60 hours holidays (which equates to 5 weeks) plus statutory bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days (subject to pro-rata for part-time employees).

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on 1st October 2025

Please visit our website: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/> where you can find further information including our Privacy Notice and / or to download an application pack.

If you have any queries about the role or application process please contact HR: HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or on 0161 8172219

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



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 asfollows: 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

Potential opportunity for setting up a twinning scheme with a Parish in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem

We have an exciting opportunity to explore looking at how to develop links with a parish in the Latin Patriarchate. Bishop John is happy for us to explore the opportunity of links with another parish, if our parish wants to. If you have any objections to this please let me know in writing.

Also if you would like to be considered for part of any potential development team, please also let me know