

A home for all

SUNDAY *Plus*

5 OCTOBER 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week III Year C**

Jubilee of the Missions | Jubilee of Migrants



From fear to faith

I was set down from the carrier's cart at the age of three; and there, with a sense of bewilderment and terror, my life in the village began.

The June grass, amongst which I stood, was taller than I was and I wept. I had never been so close to grass before. It towered above me and all around me, each blade tattooed with tiger-skins of sunlight. It was knife-edged, dark, and a wicked green, thick as a forest and alive with grasshoppers that chirped and chattered and leapt through the air like monkeys.

I was lost and didn't know where to move... For the first time in my life, I was out of the sight of humans. For the first time in my life, I was alone in a world whose behaviour I could neither predict nor fathom...

I was lost and I did not expect to be found again. I put back my head and howled, and the sun hit me smartly on the face, like a bully.

From this daylight nightmare, I was awakened, as from many another, by the appearance of my sisters. They came scrambling and calling up the steep rough bank, and parting the long grass, found me...

And Marjorie, the eldest, lifted me into her long brown hair, and ran me jogging down the path and through the steep rose-filled garden, and set me down on the cottage doorstep, which was our home, though I couldn't believe it... I didn't know where I lived before then.

Laurie Lee, Cider with Rosie

Take all the lost home

Take all the lost home.
Remember their names all.
Their journey is yours, friend.
Their faces are grey 'til you call.

Walk close by the children
And learn their refrains
And leave your umbrellas
While you learn to walk in the rain...
The bread that is broken
Won't be one again
Unless in your healing
You gather each one and each grain.

Joe Wise, Music for the Spirit, vol. 1

We have to
know how
to listen -
not to judge,
not to shut
doors as if
we hold all
the truth
and no one
else has
anything to
offer.

Pope Leo XIV

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee of Migrants Signs of hope

Signs of hope should also be present for migrants who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families. Their expectations must not be frustrated by prejudice and rejection. A spirit of welcome, which embraces everyone with respect for his or her dignity, should be accompanied by a sense of responsibility, lest anyone be denied the right to a dignified existence. Exiles, displaced persons and refugees, whom international tensions force to emigrate in order to avoid war, violence and discrimination, ought to be guaranteed security and access to employment and education, the means they need to find their place in a new social context.

Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025:13



READINGS

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

Monday:
Jonah 1:1 - 2:1, 11
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday:
Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday:
Jonah 4:1-11
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday:
Malachi 3:13-20b
Luke 11:5-13

Friday:
Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday:
Joel 4:12-21
Luke 11:27-28

Next Sunday:
2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19



Live in me, my
Lord, and I'll
live in you. 
Amen.



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**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 5th October 2025**

The Word This Week

Faithfulness, faith and trust. These most invisible and difficult things are what God asks of us – just as we, in our own way, ask them of those who love us. “Trust me”, we say, “all will be well.” And if someone does trust us, the reward is simply that trust was well-placed. We have done our duty. Sometimes when we talk about “faith” we put the emphasis on “believe and accept”. Today's readings (especially the passage from Habakkuk) invite us to think in terms of “trust”. The request of the Apostles is interesting: “Increase our faith” could

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Mass Times 28th September 2025		
Sunday 5th	Vigil - Saturday 4th Sunday Morning	4pm - Parish 11am - Tom Lally (birthday memories)
Monday 6th	Mass	9.30 — Patrick Coriam
Tuesday 7th	No Mass	
Wednesday 8th	Mass	9.30 —Sick & Infirm Clergy
Thursday 9th	Funeral mass for Mary Whittan Exposition Mass	10am 6pm 6.30pm —Anne Fleming (birthday memories)
Friday 10th	Mass	9.30 —
Saturday 11th Sunday 12th	Vigil Mass	4pm - Parish 11am –
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

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

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!

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 28th September 2025

The Sanctuary	Paul Scanlon
Sacred Heart	George Brown 10 year anniversary
Our Lady	Arrival of Maria Elizabeth. A sister for Grace Mary

Mass Offerings

Tom Lally (RIP); Irene Miller x2; Angelo (A); Alan Vann (A); Florence Appleton (A); Katherine Duchess of Kent (LD); Anne Fleming (Birthday Memories); Patrick Delaney (Birthday Memories); Forgotten Souls.

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

Recent deaths in our Parish

The deaths have occurred of Mary Whittan. Mary’s Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 9th October at 10am. Our prayers and condolences go to their family and friends. May she rest in peace.



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.

What’s coming up in your parish



October

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

Tuesday 14th October **Sacramental Programme** meet- ing (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 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

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 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

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