

True discipleship

SUNDAY *Plus*

25 JANUARY 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week III** Year A

Sunday of the Word of God

Launch out into the deep

Simon and his partners spent a fruitless night... They cast awhile with the small circular nets that sometimes yielded enough fish for the personal use of the fishermen and their families, but this morning not even these yielded a catch. Depressed from the wasting of a night's work, Simon and his partners set about washing the nets and putting them on the rocks to dry. It was while thus engaged that Simon saw Jesus of Nazareth walking along the shore,

followed as usual by a crowd of people...

As he taught, Simon and the others continued to wash the nets and spread them upon the rocks. But they had performed these tasks so often that little attention was required and they were able to listen intently to what was being said.

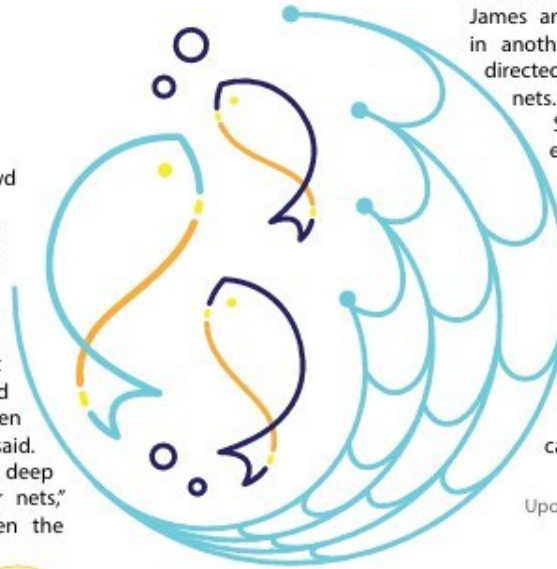
"Launch out into the deep water and let down your nets," Jesus said to Simon when the

sermon was over... With Jesus still in the boat, he and Andrew finished piling the nets and rode a little farther offshore, followed by John, James and their father Zebedee, in another boat. Then, as Jesus directed them, they let down the nets...

Simon was holding the end of the net when he felt the strain upon the cords against his powerful hands... and at the same moment... he heard John cry out in wonder at the size of the catch...

"Fear not," Jesus said quietly. "From henceforth you shall catch men."

Frank G. Slaughter, Upon This Rock: a novel of Simon Peter, Prince of the Apostles



May I put the word of God at the centre of my life. May I listen to that word, pray with it, and put it into practice.  Amen.



St Peter: newness

By Sr Thérèse Garman OLP

For Peter, Jesus' resurrection changed everything. He was restored, commissioned and empowered by the Holy Spirit. He who disassociated himself from Jesus, afterwards stood before a huge crowd at Pentecost calling them to repentance. Something dramatic had happened inside him and he communicated this change in his first letter. Christ's resurrection transformed Peter from his status before God to his responsibility to others. Easter is a good opportunity to discover what changes we need to make in the light of the resurrection. Jesus asks us, like Peter, to look back, see where we have come from, what we have done, accept his healing and forgiveness, and embrace his future. The darkness of Peter's threefold denial is transformed by the light of the resurrection, giving him and us the chance of a new beginning. In acknowledging all that has hindered us, we can look forward to becoming who we really are – healed and whole.

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Regardless of personal cost

Very sick, and hospitalised elsewhere himself, [Fr Maximilian Kolbe] was a true Samaritan. Whenever I called him, he always came right away... Many times, this was in the depths of the night or during snowstorms, and he himself might have a fever. In the case of the dying, I noticed he frequently came running without having taken the time to dress adequately against the cold. I remember one night there was a violent rainstorm when I telephoned that there was no time to lose. He came with Communion for a dying girl, not at all concerned about the rain or the mud and left happy.

Anna Wojtaniowa Gibas, quoted in A Man for Others: Maximilian Kolbe, Saint of Auschwitz, in the words of those who knew him

It is up to us to be docile listeners to his voice and faithful ministers of his plan of salvation, mindful that God loves to communicate himself, not in the roar of thunder and earthquakes, but in the "whisper of a gentle breeze".

Pope Leo

READINGS

Today:
Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23

Monday:
2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday:
2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday:
2 Samuel 7:4-17
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday:
2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29
Mark 4:21-25

Friday:
2 Samuel 11:1-4, 5-10, 13-17
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday:
2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17
Mark 4:35-41

Next Sunday:
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12



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The Word This Week

We will spend most of the Sundays of the coming year in the company of Saint Matthew. His Gospel (like the others) has its own characteristics. He is writing for a Jewish audience, and so is always at pains to stress one thing: that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah. He does this by reference to Jesus' teaching and miracles, and very often by quoting the prophecies of the Old Testament to show that Jesus was their fulfilment. Today is a perfect example. "Zebulun and Naphthali" was an old name for the area round Capernaum by the side of the Lake of Galilee, a busy fishing and trading area, with many Gentile towns and settlements: it is here, rather than in the dangerous town of Nazareth, that Jesus "settles" and begins his ministry. This is where the proclamation of the Kingdom of God begins, as was foretold, and the first followers are invited to join Jesus.



Mass Times 25th January 2026		
Sunday 25th	Vigil - Saturday24th Sunday Morning	4pm - Ella Krool 11am - Parish
Monday 26th	Mass	9.30– Mary Angela James (A)
Tuesday 27th	No Mass	
Wednesday 28th	Mass	9.30—William Kavanagh (A) Scripture Course 6.30. Parish Hall
Thursday 29th	Mass	6pm Exposition 6.30pm– Patricia Reeves (A)
Friday 30th	No Mass	
Saturday 31st Sunday 1st	Vigil Mass	4pm— Parish 11am – Sick & Infirm Clergy
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings :-
Paddy Corbett (LD); Joan Berry (birthday memories);

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 25th January 2026	
The Sanctuary	
Sacred Heart	
Our Lady	Anthony Scanlon

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

What’s coming up in our parish
Scripture Course
Wednesday Evening from 6.30m in the Parish Hall. The dates are:
2026 28th January; 11th February; 4th March; 1st April (Holy Week); 6th May; 11th June

DBS Clinic (Safeguarding)
There will be a Safeguarding clinic on Sunday 8th March from 12 noon in the Parish Hall. This is for all volunteers who attended the last clinic (3 years ago) and are still in active ministers in the Parish. You will need to bring 3 forms of ID . If you are unsure of what ID to bring, please contact the parish office.

Food Bank Donations
Please donate something for the food bank at this time of heavy demand. There is a box at the back of church.
Suggested items needed:
Tinned Vegetables; corned Beef; Curry; stew’ spaghetti; soup; etc
Other Items:
Long life milk; tea; coffee; sugar Jars of Pasta or Curry sauces; Rice; Savoury Rice; Noodles; Smash; Baked Beans’ Jam; Cordial; etc
Thank you for your continued support

Luncheon Club
Luncheon Club for January 29th and February 26th, last Thursday of the month, at Victoria Park Community Centre, Market Street, Denton.
Cllr Denise Ward will be serving up a two-course hot meal for anyone who needs it, completely FREE. We start at 11.30 till 1, with Tea and Coffee.

Relics of St Carlo Acutis to Visit Diocese of Salford
This month, the relics of St Carlo Acutis will be hosted at two of our churches over five days, during which time the Diocese will welcome schools, parishioners and people from all over for veneration.

Carlo is the first millennial saint, and is celebrated for his profound faith and his use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukaemia at the age of 15.

The relics will be presented at St Mary’s Church, Burnley from 28-29 January 2026 before they travel to St Patrick’s Church, Collyhurst from 30 January to 1 February 2026. For more information and to view the schedule for the visits, please visit: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/relics-of-st-carlo-acutis-to-visit-diocesan-churches/>

Mass for Engaged Couples to be celebrated by Bishop John Arnold

On Saturday 14 February, Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass for engaged couples across the diocese. The Mass provides couples with an opportunity to seek God’s blessing to guide and strengthen them during this time of preparation. Newly-married couples are also invited to receive a blessing in their first year of marriage. The Mass will take place at St Patrick’s Church in Collyhurst on Saturday 14 February 2026 at 1:30pm.

New Monthly youth Group for Yr4,5 & 6

As part of our young people’s Faith in Action programme, **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: 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.



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