

Be touched and challenged

SUNDAY *Plus*

14 JUNE 2026

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week III** Year A

The power of touch



Helen Keller became both deaf and blind when nineteen months old.

I have just touched my dog. He was rolling on the grass, with pleasure in every muscle and limb. I wanted to catch a picture of him in my fingers, and I touched him as lightly as I would cobwebs; but lo, his fat body revolved, stiffened and solidified into an upright position, and his tongue gave my hand a lick! He pressed close to me, as if he were fain to crowd himself into my hand. He loved it with his tail, with his paw, with his

tongue. If he could speak, I believe he would say with me that paradise is attained by touch; for in touch is all love and intelligence...

You are so accustomed to light, I fear you will stumble when I try to guide you through the land of darkness and silence. The blind are not supposed to be the best of guides...

My hand is to me what your hearing and sight together are to you. In large measure we travel the same highways, read the same books, speak the same language, yet our

experiences are different. All my comings and goings turn on the hand as on a pivot. It is the hand that binds me to the world of men and women. The hand is my feeler with which I reach through isolation and darkness and seize every pleasure, every activity that my fingers encounter. With the dropping of a little word from another's hand into mine, a slight flutter of the fingers, began the intelligence, the joy, the fullness of my life.

Helen Keller, The World I Live In

Lord of compassion, send us as labourers into your harvest. Help us to heal, proclaim peace and bring hope to those who are harassed and helpless.  Amen.

Christ has no body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

There is a kind of seeing that is superficial, distracted and hasty, a way of seeing while pretending not to see. We can see without being touched or challenged by the sight. Then too, there is seeing with the eyes of the heart, looking more closely, empathising with the other, sharing his or her experience, letting ourselves be touched and challenged.

Pope Leo XIV

Feast of the week Saturday 20 June

St Alban (died c.300)

What does courage look like in an ordinary life? St Alban, Britain's first-recorded Christian martyr, was not a priest, scholar, or leader when he opened his door and sheltered a priest who was in danger during a time of anti-Christian persecution. Moved by the man's faith, he became a Christian himself. When soldiers arrived to arrest the priest, Alban exchanged cloaks with him and presented himself in his place. He was executed at what is now St Albans.

When the moment of testing came, Alban chose truth over fear, compassion over self-preservation. He stepped forward in another's place, not because he sought glory, but because he recognised the dignity of a fellow human being and the call of a God who asks us to love without counting the cost. The site of his martyrdom became one of the most important pilgrimage centres in medieval England.

READINGS

Today:
Exodus 19:2-6
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

Monday:
1 Kings 21:1-16
Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday:
1 Kings 21:17-29
Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday:
2 Kings 2:1, 6-14
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:
Ecclesiasticus
48:1-14
Matthew 6:7-15

Friday:
2 Kings 11:1-4,
9-18, 20
Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday:
2 Chronicles 24:17-25
Matthew 6:24-34

Next Sunday:
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33



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The Word This Week

The people of Israel were chosen by God, to be his own people. This Moses proclaims in the first reading. And having chosen a people, God does not abandon them: they may be like sheep without a shepherd, but God sends them the Good Shepherd, who feels sorry for them, and entrusts his disciples with the task of giving them new heart. The same God has chosen us, and gives us the same Shepherd. But we must be careful to take to ourselves the call of Jesus: we must pray for labourers to give new heart to the lost sheep of our society. We must also remember our own responsibility - as a kingdom of priests and a consecrated nation those of us in the Church have a mission to fulfil: to live out the Covenant, and truly to be a consecrated nation.



Mass Times 14th June 2026		
Sunday 14th June	Vigil - Saturday 13th Sunday Morning	4pm - <i>Parish</i> 11am - <i>Mary Patricia Murray</i>
Monday 15th	Requiem Mass	10am - <i>Bernadette Mulligan</i>
Tuesday 16th	No Mass	
Wednesday 17th	Requiem Mass	10am - <i>Ann Fadden</i> <i>Faith In Action meeting 6.30pm in the Parish Hall</i>
Thursday 18th	Exposition Mass	6pm 6.30pm— <i>Wendy Jean Wilde</i>
Friday 19th	Mass	9.30— <i>Brendan Mullaney</i>
Saturday 20th Sunday 21st	Vigil Mass	4pm— <i>Tom Fleming</i> 11am – <i>Parish</i>
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings :- Thomas Josef Green (RIP); Tom lally (RIP); Forgotten Souls; Graham Stierl (A); Ian John Stierl;

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

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 14th June 2026	
The Sanctuary	Patty Clancy
Sacred Heart	Basilicio Uanan
Our Lady	Tom Lally

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

Dates for the Diary:

Faith in Action (held in the Parish Hall)

Wednesday 17th June 2026 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Recent deaths in our Parish

The death has occurred of **Bernadette Mulligan**. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and friends. Bernadette’s Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 15th June at 10am. May she rest in peace.

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Red Mission Boxes

Any Parishioner who have **Red Mission Boxes** 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 appreciate your support and generosity. The red boxes are emptied every quarter—March, June, September and December.

Confirmation

Congratulations to all our Parishioners who received the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop John on Wednesday. Please remember them in your prayers.



Pastoral Visits to Hospitals and Care Homes.

If you have a relative or friend who has been taken into hospital or has moved into a Care home, and requires a visit from a Catholic Priest/Chaplin for Pastoral support, please ask the Nursing staff to contact the local Hospital Catholic Chaplin or Parish Priest in that area.

For Care home visits, this would have to be carried out by the Parish Priest local to the home itself and may be outside of our parish boundaries. Homes that are in Stockport; Dukinfield and Hyde, are located in the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and unfortunately Priests from our Diocese have no authorisation in these areas.

Mass Intentions.

All the Masses up to the end of June have now been allocated. All Mass intentions received now until the end of June will be forwarded to Fr Laurence Gambella, to be said on our behalf. We will start allocating Masses again from the 1st July.



Lost Property:

We have recently found an item of Jewellery after one of the weekend Masses, if you have lost something, please contact the parish office, with a description of your lost Item. We would like to return this to the rightful owner

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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; ; 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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