

Lord, save me!

SUNDAY *Plus*

9 AUGUST 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week III** Year A

Trust in God!

Although I know well, Margaret, that because of my past wickedness I deserve to be abandoned by God, I cannot but trust in his merciful goodness. His grace has strengthened me until now and made me content to lose goods, land, and life as well, rather than to swear against my conscience...

I cannot, therefore, mistrust the grace of God...

I will not mistrust him, Meg, though I shall feel myself weakening and on the verge of being overcome with fear. I shall remember how Saint Peter at a blast of wind began to sink because of his lack of faith, and I shall do as he did: call upon Christ and pray to him for help. And then I trust he shall place his holy hand on me and in the stormy seas hold me up from drowning.

And finally, Margaret, I know this well: that without my fault he will not let me be lost. I shall, therefore, with good hope commit myself wholly to him. And if he permits me to perish for my faults, then I shall serve as praise for his justice. But in good faith, Meg, I trust that his tender pity shall keep my poor soul safe and make me commend his mercy.

And, therefore, my own good daughter, do not let your mind be troubled over anything that shall happen to me in this world. Nothing can come but what God wills. And I am very sure that whatever that be, however bad it may seem, it shall indeed be the best.

From St Thomas More's last letter to his daughter, Meg



Hans Holbein, the Younger - Sir Thomas More © Wikipedia

Never before has it been more urgent than it is now for us to become peacemakers working for the common good, for what is good for all and not just for the few, who are always the same.

Pope Leo XIV

Love grows!

The one who loves makes others love!
The symphony needs each note.
The book needs each word.
The house needs each brick.
The ocean needs each drop of water.
The harvest needs each grain of wheat.
The whole of humanity needs you as and where you are.

You are unique.
No one can take your place.
Begin now! Why are you waiting?

Michel Quoist, *The Breath of Love*

Faithful God, when I feel overwhelmed by life, let me reach out to take your hand. Hold me close. Keep me safe. Be with anybody who has lost sight of hope.  Amen.

Feast of the week Tuesday 11 August

St Clare of Assisi (1194-1253)

St Clare of Assisi was a radiant witness to Gospel poverty and spiritual courage. Inspired by St Francis, she renounced wealth and status to embrace a life of prayer, simplicity and service. Foundress of the Poor Clares, she wrote the first monastic rule by a woman, insisting on radical poverty as a path to holiness. Her convent at San Damiano became a beacon of light, where she nurtured her sisters with humility and love. Clare's deep devotion to the Eucharist and her unwavering trust in Christ were legendary: she once held the Blessed Sacrament aloft to repel invaders, praying for divine protection – which is why she is often portrayed holding a monstrance. Her final years were marked by illness, yet she remained a spiritual guide to popes and pilgrims alike. St Clare invites us to live with open hands and hearts, trusting that Christ is enough. Her legacy is one of luminous faith and fierce compassion.

READINGS

Today:
Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35,37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

Monday:
2 Corinthians 9:6-10
John 12:24-26

Tuesday:
Ezekiel 2:8 – 3:4
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:
Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday:
Ezekiel 12:1-12
Matthew 18:21 – 19:1

Friday:
Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday:
Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13, 30-32
Matthew 19:13-15

Next Sunday:
Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10
1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Luke 1:39-56



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The Word This Week

How does God reveal himself to us? Most of the time, in precisely the way we do not expect! This is what happened to Elijah: we expect God - all-powerful, almighty - to appear in dramatic effects of nature; but no, God is in a gentle breeze. Similarly in the Gospel: the disciples do not expect Jesus to come towards them walking on the lake - but he does. And when God is revealed in the unexpected, he gives courage and strength: Elijah was afraid when he went to Horeb, but was strengthened by his encounter with God to continue his mission; in the same way the disciples are given courage and faith by the Lord who walks to them on the waters.



Mass Times 9th August 2026		
Sunday 9th August	Vigil - Saturday 6th Sunday Morning	4pm - Tom Lally (RIP) 11am - Parish
Monday	Requiem Mass	10.30am—Kevin Tippetts
Tuesday 11th	No Mass	
Wednesday 12th	Mass	9.30am—Alan Vann (BM)
Thursday 13th	Exposition Mass	6pm. 6.30pm—Alan Appleton
Friday 14th	Mass	9.30am - Derek Griffin
Saturday 15th Sunday 16th	Vigil Mass	4pm— Parish 11am – Tom Fleming (A)
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings :- Sharon Buckley (LD); Darren Buckley (LD); Tom Lally (RIP); Forgotten Souls

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

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 9th August 2026	
The Sanctuary	Lito Uanan
Sacred Heart	A Safe Journey
Our Lady	Donata Uanan

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

Parish Sacramental Programme 2026/2027

If you would like your child to be prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion through the Parish Sacramental Programme, commencing September 2026, there will be a meeting for all parents whose children are

- **Baptised Roman Catholics (evidence of Baptism will be required)**
- **Aged 7 or above**

On Thursday 17th September 2026 at 6.30pm in St Mary’s Parish Hall,

Recent deaths in our Parish

The death has occurred of **Kevin Tippetts**. Our prayers and condolences go to his family and friends. Kevin’s Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 10th August at 10.30am. May he rest in peace



Mass Intentions.

Any Mass intentions received from now until the end of August, will be forwarded to Fr Laurence Gambella, to be said on behalf of the Parish. Due to holidays and limited Masses in the Parish, all Masses have now been allocated up to the end of August.

Join the Catholic Medical Association

Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional – if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information & upcoming events visit <https://>

Altar Prayer Candles

Our Seven Day Candles can be lit next to the Sanctuary, Our Lady’s Altar and The Sacred Heart Statue at St Mary’s. To dedicate a candle for your own intentions please pick up a green form at the back of church and return in an envelope with your donation. This is another way for your special intentions to be remembered and prayed for in the Parish.

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.

Food Bank Donations

Demand is high at our local food bank at the moment. Especially with the start of school holidays, Some families are struggling, if you are able to donate a little to the Food banks, this will go a long way to ease the pressure on some families day to day lives. There is a box at the back of church.

Suggested items needed:

Tinned Vegetables; corned Beef; Curry; stew’ spaghetti; soup; Long life milk; tea; coffee; sugar Jars of Pasta or Curry sauces; Rice; Savoury Rice; Noodles; Smash; Jam; Cordial; Dried food; cereal; etc

Thank you for your continued support

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.

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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