

Have faith!

SUNDAY *Plus*

16 AUGUST 2026

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Divine Office Week IV** Year A

The Mother of the Son



She who embraced Jesus as a vulnerable child also embraced him as the man who had fulfilled his mission through suffering.

The death of Jesus plunged Mary into the most intense anguish that has ever been lived by a human being, except for Jesus himself. She is truly the compassionate mother. Her heart is pierced by the suffering and death of her son in and through whom all human anguish is lived. The purity that made Mary the mother of the child Jesus also made her the mother of the man of sorrows. She who could not wound her son was most sensitive to his wounds. Therefore she, whose peace was deepest, also lived in the deepest anguish. Her anguish and the anguish of Jesus are as intimately connected as her peace was connected with

the peace of Jesus. Peace and anguish are both part of her motherhood...

Mary calls me back to where I'm most want to be: to the heart of God which, as you know, is also the heart of the world. She calls me to let the passion of Jesus become my passion and his glory become my glory. She calls me to move beyond the dos and don'ts of the morally correct life into an intimacy with God where I can live the sadness, pain and anguish of this world while already tasting the gladness, joy and peace of the glorified Lord... She will teach us at every moment of our lives how to choose the narrow road and so become more and more disciples with a heart [which is] broken for the world.

Henri Nouwen, *Jesus and Mary: finding our sacred centre*

God of joy and mercy, lift those who feel forgotten and downtrodden, hungry and hopeless. May we celebrate your love.  Amen.

God's Mother – and ours

"It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles... it was fitting that God's Mother should possess what belongs to her Son and that she should be honoured by every creature as the Mother and the Handmaid of God."

St John Damascene (675-749)

In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together.

Pope Leo XIV

Feast of the week
Wednesday 19 August

Blessed Hugh Green
(c. 1584-1642)

Blessed Hugh Green was a courageous English priest and martyr, whose life bore witness to steadfast faith amid persecution. Born in London and raised Anglican, he converted to Catholicism and studied at Douai College, France, where he was ordained in 1612. Returning to England, he served covertly as chaplain at Chideock Castle, ministering to Catholics in Dorset during a time of intense repression. In 1642, while attempting to obey a royal edict banishing priests, he was arrested and condemned for his priesthood. His execution in Dorchester was brutal, yet he remained serene, offering absolution to fellow prisoners before death. Beatified by Pope Pius XI in 1929, Hugh Green is remembered as a symbol of fidelity, mercy and pastoral courage. His example calls us to stand firm in faith, even when the cost is great, and to serve with compassion in the face of injustice.

READINGS

Today:
Apocalypse 11:19;
12:1-6, 10
1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Luke 1:39-56

Monday:
Ezekiel 24:15-24
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday:
Ezekiel 28:1-10
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday:
Ezekiel 34:1-11
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday:
Ezekiel 36:23-28
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday:
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday:
Ezekiel 43:1-7
Matthew 23:1-12

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 22:15, 19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20



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The Assumption
Sunday 16th August 2026

The Word This Week

Today is one of those occasions when, even though the second reading is not chosen to correspond to the theme of the Gospel and first reading, it does in fact fit very well. Indeed, much of the letter to the Romans is explained in this Sunday's Liturgy of the Word: the whole theme is summed up in this: the Messiah came first of all to the people of Israel, to whom the promises were made in the past - but it could not remain there. The good news had to be taken to the ends of the earth, so that all peoples, indeed the whole of creation could welcome the Messiah and take a place in the Kingdom of God. All nations are welcome on God's holy mountain: "Let all the peoples praise you, O God!"



Mass Times 16th August 2026		
Sunday 16th August	Vigil - Saturday 6th Sunday Morning	4pm - Parish 11am - Tom Fleming (A)
Monday 17th	No Mass	
Tuesday 18th	No Mass	
Wednesday 19th	No Mass	
Thursday 20th	No Mass	
Friday 21st	No Mass	
Saturday 22nd	Vigil Mass	4pm- Margaret McGlen (90th Birthday)
Sunday 23rd		11am - Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings :- Tom Lally (RIP); Winnie Jones (A); Margaret Quinn (A) Mary Brannelly (A)

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

Please pray for the intentions this week. Seven Day Candles have been lit at St Mary’s at these altars. 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.

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 **Lydia Caldwell**. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and friends. Lydia’s Funeral Service will be held on Monday 24th August at 11am. May she rest in peace



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

Cemetery Mass at St Mary’s, Wardley

A Mass to remember loved ones who have died will be taking place at 11am on Monday 24th August (Bank Holiday) at St Mary’s Cemetery, Wardley. All are welcome to join as we come together in faith to remember our loved ones.

Love Knitting, Crocheting, Sewing or Making?

Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, is looking for creative parishioners who might be able to help them raise funds to help support people in our parish communities who are experiencing poverty and homelessness. They’re looking for people who can either make items to sell in aid of the charity, or groups of people from our parishes who can be paired with local schools to help knit hats and scarves for pupils to wear in their Big Sleep Out fundraisers. If you can help, please get in touch with the team at fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2250.

Jubilee of Youth

Our Jubilee of Jubilee series continues this August by following the journey of young adults of our diocese who travelled to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth. From radio broadcasts, to video reflections, and written articles, this month’s resources invite you to journey with our young pilgrims as they learn more about discovering and sharing the hope of Christ throughout our pilgrimage of life. Begin reflecting with us today at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>

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://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

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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DAUGHTER DEVIL LOST
SHEEP WOMAN HOUSEDOGS
SCRAPS TABLE WELL

