

Come together

SUNDAY *Plus*

6 SEPTEMBER 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week III** Year A

Season of Creation

Give thanks

St Francis lifted up his eyes... and entering into the field, he began to preach to the birds which were on the ground, and suddenly all those also on the trees came round him, and all listened while St Francis preached to them, and did not fly away until he had given them his blessing... Now the substance of the sermon was this: "My little sisters the birds, you owe much to God, your Creator, and you ought to sing his praise at all times and in all places, because he has given you liberty to fly about into all places; and though you neither spin nor sew, he has given you a twofold and a threefold clothing for yourselves and for your offspring. Two of all your species he sent into the Ark with Noah

that you might not be lost to the world; besides which, he feeds you, though you neither sow nor reap. He has given you fountains and rivers to quench your thirst, mountains and valleys in which to take refuge, and trees in which to build your nests; so that your Creator loves you much, having thus favoured you with such bounties. Beware, my little sisters, of the sin of ingratitude, and study always to give praise to God." As he said these words, all the birds began to open their beaks, to stretch their necks, to spread their wings and reverently to bow their heads to the ground, endeavouring by their motions and by their songs to manifest their joy to St Francis.

Brother Ugalino (c. 1262 – c. 1348),
Little Flowers of St Francis



Coming together as friends, as brothers and sisters, in community, in a parish, in an experience of living our faith together, we can find that the Lord's grace... can give us the strength that we need.

Pope Leo XIV

A parish reminder

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

Attributed to St Teresa of Avila

Lord, bring us together in love and thankfulness. May our hearts be open to your Holy Spirit, guiding our steps towards peace, compassion, and shared hope.  Amen.

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Sunday 6th September 2026

The Word This Week

No man is an island..." How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our 'debt of mutual love'. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is 'the answer to every one of the commandments.'



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Mass Times 6th September 2026		
Sunday 6th September	Vigil - Saturday 26th Sunday Morning	4pm - Parish 11am - Nora Ladley (LD)
Monday 7th	Mass	9.30-- John --Kwong Kwan (A)
Tuesday 8th	No Mass	
Wednesday 9th	Mass	9.30 - Teresa-Lai Wah ho Kwan (A)
Thursday 10th	Funeral Service Exposition Mass	10.30am-Anita Jamieson 6 pm 6.30pm - Kyle Hand
Friday 11th	Mass	9.30am - Jack Howley
Saturday 12th Sunday 13th	Vigil Mass	4pm-- Yvonne Moss (LD) 11am -- Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings : Anita Jamieson (LD); Tom Lally (RIP); Martin Coriam Mitchell (BM);

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

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 6th September 2026	
The Sanctuary	Darren Buckley (LD)
Sacred Heart	Tom Lally (RIP)
Our Lady	Sharon Buckley (LD)

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

Caritas Fundraising Concert

Friday 18th September, 7pm

Mercy Brothers Concert with string Quartet for Caritas at St Ambrose Barlow High School Swinton M27 6QP

This event will include Solanus string quartet, the Mercy Brothers band performing music to sign and dance to, as well as the school’s steel band and their rock band. It will certainly be a night to enjoy and remember!

Solanus members include newly ordained diocesan priest Fr Theo, Fr Chris, and Hannah and Holly who work in roles across the diocese.

The Mercy Brothers, formed in the Year of Mercy 2013, now includes Fr Mark as lead singer and rhythm guitar, Fr Joe on lead guitar, Fr Nick on bass guitar, Fr Chris on keyboard, and Tom the drummer.

For tickets please visit: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/fr-gorton-silver/>

Recent deaths in our Parish

The death has occurred of Anita Jamieson. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and friends. Anita’s Funeral Service will be held on Thursday 10th September at 10.30am. May she rest in peace.

The death has occurred of Mary Flavell. Our condolences go to her family and friends. Mary’s Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday 16th September at 1pm. May she rest in peace.

Back To School

Please pray for all our children and all staff as they start the new school year. We wish them every success in their endeavours as they settle back in or are starting at a new school.

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,

Food Bank Donations

Demand is high at our local food bank at the moment. 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

Red Mission Boxes

Any parishioners who have Red Mission Boxes, please bring them 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.

Thank you, Paula & Dorothy

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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