



Sixteenth Week of ordinary Time



We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends:

Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Jane Manuel, Rita Margiotta, Pauline Dobson, Winifred Goodwin, Josie Doyle, Delia Ariff, Gwen Monk, a sick friend, a sick baby, Shaun Smith, Stafford Sashoua, John Livesay, Martin Manning, Vera Broughton

Lately Dead: Ann Benton, Bernard Neyland, Peter Murphy

Anniversaries: Kathleen Brabin, James Coyne

Mass Intentions: Bernard Neyland (LD), James Coyne (A), Kathleen Brabin (A)

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your kind donation, the parish will benefit at no extra cost to yourselves.

Donations: We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to Corpus Christi. Thank you

This week we pray for the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Langley, Middleton and for Canon Tadgh Mullins, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and Cardinal Langley High School as well as for the Daughters of Divine Charity.

As our schools break for Summer, we wish all staff and children a relaxing break. We would like to thank all staff and volunteers who work in our schools, we are very grateful for all that you do.

Children's liturgy will now be taking a summer break and will resume in September. We would like to thank all our volunteers who helped, we are grateful for all that you do. During the break we have activity sheets, linked to the gospel, these are available at the back of church each week.

19th July 2026

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Masses & Activities this week**

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 105 of Mass Book

Sunday 19th July

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11.00am Mass (SB)

Monday 20th July

6.00pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 21st July

10.00am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 22nd July – Saint Mary Magdalene

9.00am Adoration

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 23rd July – Saint Bridget of Sweden

10.00am Mass (SB)

12.30pm Memorial service Ann Benton

Friday 24th July

12.00pm Mass (SB)

Saturday 25th July – Saint James

10.45am Adoration and confessions (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5.00pm Mass (SB)

Readers 25/26 July 2026

5pm Vigil (SB)

9.30am (SJ)

11am (SB)

Guy Drabble

Marie Roe

Cath Bridge

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 26th July

Mary Cropper/Ann Gracie

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The Book of Wisdom was written in the last century before the birth of Christ and it shows that, at this time, there was a debate among educated Jews about the nature of God and his relationship with humankind. We tend to believe that there was a great gap between the Old and the New Testaments, but this does not appear to be so. The people of the Old Testament were very like us in the way that they were seeking to know and love God and this book is part of that "seeking after God" that we continue today.

The reading itself is a very powerful examination of the forgiving nature of God and how that nature should affect our relationships with each other. If God is powerful and forgiving then we in our turn, even with our lack of power, have no real excuse when we fail to love and forgive each other. We are reminded that the compassion of God is there for us, for, "you have filled your sons with good hope because you give repentance for sins"

There are many ways to pray but often we cannot find the words. Familiar prayers cannot cover the great need that we feel and cannot always express these needs in our prayer to God. There is great consolation, therefore, in this passage from Paul's letter to the Romans. God knows what we need, He is all powerful, all seeing; all we need to do is to look for Him and He will listen. Paul sees in these intercessory prayers the hand of the Holy Spirit; there is a need in our prayer life for an open, honest expression of our needs and it is to the Holy Spirit that we look to guide us in our petitions.

The parables from Mathew's gospel continue and this week we hear three parables concerning the Kingdom of Heaven. Each one is different; there is teaching about the good and evil that live side by side in our world, another about how the kingdom can grow from a tiny seed into a mighty tree and a third about how different things come together to make something new. Each parable would have been explained by Jesus to his disciples; we need to accept that the good seed and the darnel grow side by side and come to understand that this world is not perfect but, in the end, good will triumph over evil.

David Frank

Parish Pilgrimage to Spain Mon19th- Sat 25th Oct 2026

Please could all those people who have shown an interest in the parish visit to Spain now complete booking forms to indicate your intention to join the group. Booking forms will be available in the Patmos room.

SVP: Tickets are now on sale for the Quiz night on Friday 18th September. They are available after each Mass or by emailing the Parish office.

Papal Knighthood: Congratulations to our parishioner Ed Nally on being made a knight of St Gregory the Great, in recognition for his many years' service to our diocese.

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>

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.

Salford Cathedral:

After more than 175 years at the heart of diocesan life, Salford Cathedral has now been fully restored. Over the last 3 years there has been a once-in-a-generation transformation, renewing the Cathedral's fabric, restoring its sacred character, and securing its future for generations to come.

The Cathedral stands reopened, revived, and ready to serve as a vibrant centre for worship, community, and encounter in the heart of the city.

Free Catholic Social Teaching webinar

Catholic Social Teaching has been referred to as 'the Catholic Church's best kept secret' (Mark Shea). Many people are unaware of the depth of the Church's teaching on social justice, which applies the Gospel to current social issues impacting our communities. With the by-election for the Mayor of Greater Manchester set to take place on Thursday 30 July, the time is right to raise our awareness of Catholic Social Teaching and reflect on how it can help to inform the decisions and choices we make in life. Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, is running a free webinar to introduce you to the basic principles in an accessible way. Book your free place now:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/cst-webinar