

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, 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, Shaun Smith, Stafford Sashoua, John Livesay, Martin Manning, Vera Broughton, Mary Hayler

Lately Dead: Bernard Neyland, Peter Murphy, Fr Michael O'Leary, Michael Unsworth, Brendan Holland

Anniversaries: Joyce Strickleton, Pat Margiotta

Mass Intentions: Michael Unsworth (LD), a special intention, Brendan Holland (LD)

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 St Vincent, Norden, Rochdale and for Father James Manock, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school.

8/9 August

We pray for the parish of Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich and for Father Gerard Byrne, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for the chaplaincy to Prestwich Hospital and for the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion.

SVP News:

Quiz Night: 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.

Coffee morning: Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning this week. The total raised was £277 which will be used to support families in need.

2nd August 2026

**Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time
Masses & Activities this week**

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 111 of Mass Book

Sunday 2nd August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11.00am Mass (SB)

Monday 3rd August

12.15pm Requiem Mass for Bernard Neyland

Tuesday 4th August – Saint John Vianney

10.00am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 5th August

9.00am Adoration

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 6th August – The Transfiguration Of The Lord

10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 7th August

12.00pm Mass (SB)

Saturday 8th August

5.00pm Mass (SB)

9th August 2026

**Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time
Masses & Activities this week**

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 114 of Mass Book

Sunday 9th August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11.00am Mass (SB)

Monday 10th August – Saint Lawrence

No Mass

Tuesday 11th August – Saint Clare

10.00am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 12th August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 13th August

10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 14th August – Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

12.00pm Mass (SB)

Saturday 15th August – Saint Alphonsus Mary De'Liguori

10.45am Adoration and confessions (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

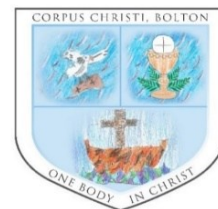
5.00pm Mass (SB)

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Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Readers 8/9 August 2026		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Chris Molyneux	Peter Barnes	Fely Dolorosso
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 9th August John Carroll/Steve May		
Readers 15/16 August 2026		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Gerard Kearns	Nicola Bunting	Frank Evans
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 16th August Veronica Rawlinson/Arthur Rawlinson		
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Harbour Room Book Club. The Club makes two Charity donations a year. One is at Christmas for a chosen charity (this year Bolton Hospice) and the other is to Parish funds. This year we have managed to donate £100 each. Thank you to all members. Have a lovely Summer and hope to see you all in September.		
200 Club: July Winners £50 F Smith £25 P McDowell £15 M Cropper		
Lourdes at Home The 102nd Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop John, will take place from Thursday 30 July - Wednesday 5 August. If you are not able to join us in Lourdes, please be assured of our prayers for all in the diocese during our time on pilgrimage. You can still participate in our celebrations of Mass via 'Lourdes at Home' . This year we will be live-streaming extra Masses in the programme so that those not with us in person can still join in our Masses and processions. All live streaming links, liturgy sheets and the programme for the week can be found on the 'Lourdes at Home' page of our website - www.salfordlourdes.co.uk . We hope you can join us.		



18th and 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

During the last two weeks the Gospel passages have been based on Chapter 13 of Matthew's Gospel, sometimes called "The Sermon of Parables". We now move into Chapter 14 of the Gospel and the theme changes because we begin a period when we come to know more closely the human side of Our Lord. Chapter 14 begins when Jesus hears of the death of His cousin, John the Baptist. The nature of John's violent death must have greatly affected Our Lord because it was a reminder that He too must suffer and die for the people. Jesus sought privacy in His grief, and He withdrew in a boat to a desolate place to pray and mourn John's death. The crowds, however, would deny Him His peace, and they followed Him and, in His compassion, He turned to them and healed their sick.

As evening came the crowds were far from civilisation and were tired and hungry. The Apostles suggested that they be sent away but Jesus knew that they needed food so with just five loaves and two fish he began to feed over five thousand people. Each Sunday we are guests at the Feast of the Eucharist. We gather, often in small groups, sometimes in large numbers and we are fed with the Body and Blood of Christ. We hear Isaiah's cry to "Come" and "eat what is good"; and know once again the promise of Paul nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus Our Lord".

On the 19th Sunday we find Jesus once again seeking the solitude of prayer but finding that human events break into his peace. How many times do we seek a quiet place to pray with the Lord but find that our peace is shattered by other calls on our time. Jesus goes up a high mountain while his apostles set out across the lake. They are caught out by a sudden storm and cry out to God to save them. Jesus comes to them walking on the lake and they are terrified. He calms their fears "Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid" and Peter, in his bravado, decides his faith in Jesus is sufficient for Him and he steps onto the lake and promptly sinks. Jesus raises him up and rebukes his lack of faith. How strong is our faith in Christ, are we prepared to walk on water or do we know our lack of faith and fail to even try. Elijah waited on the Lord and knew Him in the whisper of the breeze, when we need Him all we need to do is turn to Him in prayer, He is always listening

David Frank