



The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary



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

Latently Dead: James Mulgrew, Anne Williams, Maureen Jubb, Fr Joe Kendall, Fr Paul Taylor

Anniversaries: Rinaldi Villas, Thomas Rudd, Tony Kosecki, Andrew Hayes, Denis Coughlan, Robert (Bob) Whaley, Denis O'Kane. Hugh O'Gara

Mass Intentions: Rinaldi Villas (A), Maureen Jubb (LD), Thomas Rudd (A), Tony Kosecki (A), Andrew Hayes (A), Denis Coughlan (A), Robert (Bob) Whaley (A), Denis O'Kane (A), James Mulgrew (LD), Hugh O'Gara (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 St. Mary and St. Philip Neri, Radcliffe and for Father Philip Brady, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools.

SVP News:

Quiz Night: Tickets are selling fast for the Quiz night on Friday 18th September. They are available after each Mass or by emailing the Parish office. Make sure you get yours before they sell out!

A Talk on the Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer

Sr Joan Kerley FMSJ will be giving an online talk on the Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer on Thursday 17 September from 7pm.

Please visit the diocesan website to register your place: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/talk-on-franciscan-prayer/>

16th August 2026

**The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time
Masses & Activities this week**

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 178 of Mass Book

Sunday 16th August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11.00am Mass (SB)

Monday 17th August

12.00pm Mass (SJ) **Please note the time change!**

Tuesday 18th August

10.00am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 19th August

9.00am Adoration

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 20th August – Saint Bernard

10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 21st August

11.00pm Mass (SB) **Please note the time change!**

12.30pm Funeral service for Anne Williams (SB)

Saturday 22nd August – The Queenship Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

5.00pm Mass (SB)

Readers 22/23 August 2026

5pm Vigil (SB)

9.30am (SJ)

11am (SB)

Lisa Lamoury

Sheila Copley

Paul Brennan

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 23rd August

Pat McArdle/Julie Summerton

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Catholic bibles for prisoners

The Catholic chaplain at Manchester HM Prison has received requests from several of the men he ministers to there for a personal Catholic bible.

If you would like to sponsor one to support these men in their faith journey, please pass on your name and contact number to a member of the SVP or phone Michael Wright on 07849478874.

The bible is a hardback edition to be kept by the individual and taken with them upon eventual release and you will have the opportunity to write a personal message in the one you sponsor at a cost of £13.

Become a CAFOD School Volunteer

Do you have a passion for faith, justice, and inspiring young people?

CAFOD is seeking volunteers to visit local Catholic schools to lead assemblies and workshops about our work and mission.

Help children and young people learn how they can make a positive difference in the world.

Full training and support provided.

For further information, please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email alletizia@cafod.org.uk.

Open Afternoon at the Lalley Centre

There will be a special open afternoon at the Lalley Community Allotment run by our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, on Tuesday 18 August from 12:00-3:30PM.

For more information please contact the team at lalleycentre@caritassalford.org.uk or simply pop along on the day to Caritas Lalley Community Allotment, St Malachy's RC Primary School, Eggington Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, M40 7RG

Parish Administrator Role

The parish of Our Lady & St Alphonsus Moss Side are looking for a Parish Administrator to provide a broad range of support to the parish including communications, coordinating the liturgical calendar and parish events, parish administrative tasks and liaising with volunteer and community groups.

To find out more about the role and how to apply, please visit the diocesan

website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

Services to Support Local People

Caritas Salford runs a wide range of community and outreach services to help people in our diocesan communities who are experiencing poverty, homelessness, isolation and discrimination. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from their support, you can find details on their website: www.caritassalford.org.uk/services



We have a great affection and devotion to Our Blessed Lady but how much do we know about her. Most of our information comes from the incarnation passages from the Gospel of Luke but there is a great deal in the New Testament about Our Lady that needs to be found and reflected upon. We are privileged to have the gift of the great prayer "Our Lady" and this is a great source of meditation on the life of the mother of Christ. It must be read slowly, and the words need to resonate in our hearts, for this will lead us to a new understanding each time we say this prayer.

One of the sources of information about our Blessed Mother comes from the Book of Revelation and today's passage which speaks of "a great sign appeared in Heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet." Our thoughts immediately associate this vision with Our Blessed Lady and as the narrative continues, we have a image of a woman giving birth and God saving the child from the devil whilst the woman escapes into wilderness. The Book was written in a time of persecution, and the words give us a glimpse of how the events throughout the New Testament, from the escape into Egypt to the martyrdom of the apostles tell the story of the birth of the church.

A more human passage giving a picture of Our Lady is the Gospel passage which presents us with both a loving meeting of Mary and Elizabeth and the prophetic message of the powerful "Magnificat", there are echoes in the prayer of the sermon on the mount with the power of the mighty being defeated by the exaltation of "those of humble estate". Amid these two hymns of praise and glory to our Blessed Lady comes a passage from Paul. Perhaps this can be looked upon as the culmination of Mary's support for her son which is found throughout the scriptures. Paul speaks of the Resurrection, "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" and goes on to remind us that "in Christ shall all be made alive", all in their proper order. It is the culmination of the Song of the Magnificat and reminds us that "The last enemy to be destroyed is death" and the promise of resurrection from the dead will be fulfilled.

David Frank