

Twenty First Sunday 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, 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, Ivor Smith
Lately Dead: James Mulgrew, Anne Williams, Maureen Jubb, Fr Joe Kendall, Fr Paul Taylor, Eileen Bridge, Canon Mortimer Stanley, Ann McDonald

Anniversaries: Mary Carter (A), Hayley Warriner (A)

Mass Intentions: Mary Carter (A), Hayley Warriner (A), In thanksgiving to St Therese of the Child Jesus, Eileen Bridge

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. Joseph, Ramsbottom, and for Canon Peter Hopkinson, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school.

Congratulations: Freddie James Holliday who was baptised on Sunday 16th August. May he and his family continue to grow in faith.



Caritas Downham Hike: Our parishioner Stephen Langley is taking part in the Caritas Downham Hike on Saturday September 5th. If you would like to sponsor Stephen please click the link below. Alternatively, you can hand donations into the office. Please put any donations in an envelope marked with Stephen's name. Thank you.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/stephen-langley-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

23rd August 2026

**Twenty First Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Masses & Activities this week**

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 120 of Mass Book

Sunday 23rd August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11.00am Mass (SB)

Monday 24th August – Saint Bartholemew

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

Tuesday 25th August

10.00am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 26th August – Blessed Dominic Of The Mother Of God (Dominic Barber)

9.30am Mass (SJ) followed by SVP Coffee Morning

Thursday 27th August

10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 28th August

No Mass

Saturday 29th August – The Passion Of Saint John The Baptist

10.45am Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5.00pm Mass (SB)

Readers 30/31 August 2026

5pm Vigil (SB)

9.30am (SJ)

11am (SB)

Susan Mikolajewski

Julie Summerton

Ann Moore

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 31st August

Michael Kitchen/Pat Partington

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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 aletizia@cafod.org.uk.

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.

The parish of St Vincent De Paul in Bolton is also looking to fill a similar role.

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

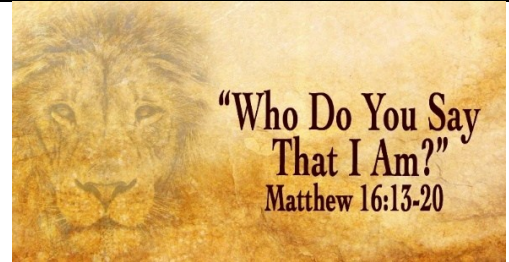
website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

Caritas – Love in Action: the latest newsletter is now available at the back of church. Please feel free to take a copy

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!

Coffee Morning: this will take place after Mass on Wednesday 26th August. Everyone is welcome



Most people are not born leaders; they tend to look for someone else to lead and make decisions; they are content to follow. This is part of human nature, after all, if you did not decide, then you cannot be blamed, and you can always criticise those who made the decision. In most situations people come forward to lead, sometimes reluctantly, sometimes hastily, but always with, hopefully, good intentions. However leadership can change people, some become roaring lions, others meek lambs, we should never take on leadership without considering the nature of the role required.

Peter was a fisherman; the impression given in the Gospels was that he was good at his job and he had the respect of his companions; when Andrew met Jesus and spent the day with Him, he went afterwards to Peter to tell him about Jesus so that he could meet him and make his own mind up. This indicates the respect that was given to Peter. On that first meeting Jesus singled out Peter; he calls him Cephas, which means rock, from which we take the word Petrus or Peter.

In today's first reading Isaiah speaks of the appointment of a leader, the master of the palace. He calls this new leader a servant, for leaders should serve, he gives him authority, entrusts him with the keys and the power to include or exclude others. A father figure, he should treat all as his sons and daughters, keeping them to the right path. He is there so that the Glory of God can be made manifest.

There is an echo here of the future role of Peter in the early church.

Paul reminds us that God's choice is not our choice; we cannot know the mind of God, never penetrate His motives or understand his methods. "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things".

The question "Who do people say I am?" is one that each of us must answer. Peter, taking on the mantle of leadership, is clear in his reply "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God". What inspired Peter to this outburst? Was it something that had been growing in his heart and understanding over the months spent with Jesus? We cannot know, but from this moment Peter is set firmly on the throne of leadership and for him there is no turning back.

David Frank