

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, Shaun Smith, Stafford Sashoua, John Livesay, Martin Manning, Vera Broughton, Mary Hayler, Teresa Hall, Anne Magee, Fr Alf

Lately Dead: Alison Bateson, Tom Duckworth, Denis Downey, Noah Woods (3)

Anniversaries: Barbara Polak, David McNulty, Mark Coughlin, Esther Thomas, Mary Mealey, Maryellen Gilmartin, Margaret Settle, Mary Ainscough, Dominic Newbery, Julie Nally, Barbara Grimes, Maisie Rebello

Mass Intentions: Esther Thomas, Maryellen Gilmartin, Margaret Settle, Mary Ainscough, Dominic Newbery, Julie Nally, Denis Downey, Birthday Remembrance for: Dorothy Tudhope, David Greenhalgh, Betty Carolan and Bernadette Dargan

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

Home Mission Sunday: This Sunday 20th September, there will be a second collection at all Masses.

CAFOD: Harvest Family Fast Day on Friday 2nd October 2026. Please see envelopes attached to the newsletter.

This week we pray for the parish of Pope St John XXIII and for Father Robert Lasia, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for the chaplaincies to the Rochdale Infirmary and Buckley Hall Prison.

Christian meditation:

The next session will take place on Tuesday 29th September at 7.30pm at St John's. All are welcome.

20th September 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Home Mission Sunday

Masses & Activities this week

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 131 of Mass Book

Sunday 20th September

9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy

11.00am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Monday 21st September – St Matthew

12 noon Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 22nd September

10.00am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 23rd September

9.30am Mass followed by SVP Coffee morning

Thursday 24th September – Our Lady Of Walsingham

10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 25th September

12.00 noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 26th September

10.45 Confessions and Adoration

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5.00pm Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

27th September 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses & Activities this week

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 134 of Mass Book

Sunday 27th September

9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy

11.00am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Monday 28th September

12 noon Mass

Tuesday 29th September

10.00am Mass (SB) Year 5 children attending

Wednesday 30th September

9.30am *Seeds and Gardeners* whole School Mass (SJ)

Thursday 1st October

10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 2nd October

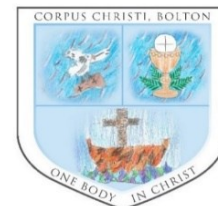
12.00 noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 3rd October

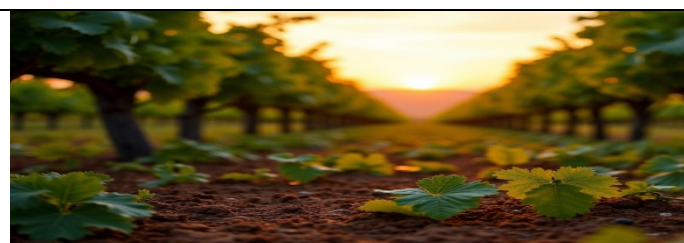
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Readers 26/27 September		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Alyson Grundy	Anne Hayes	Cath Bridge
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 27th September		
Michael Kitchen/Pat Partington		
Readers 3/4 October		
5 pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Chris Molyneux	Steve May	Maria Day
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 4th October		
Pat McArdle/Julie Summerton		
SVP News:		
Coffee morning: Please note the date of the next coffee morning will be Wednesday 23 rd September, after the 9.30am Mass.		
Annual sponsored walk: This will take place on Sunday 11 th October. Walkers can start from St John's Bromley Cross any time between 11.00am and 12.30pm. Route maps will be available at the church if required. The purpose of the walk is to raise funds to provide support for individuals and families in need at Christmas time.		
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Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham		
Bishop John Arnold will celebrate Mass in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham on Thursday 24 September 2026 at The Church of St. John the Evangelist, Salford Cathedral, 250 Chapel Street, Salford M3 5LE. Mass will start at 7PM and will be followed by refreshments.		
Big Sleep Out		
Caritas Salford invite you to join people from across our diocese in 'The Big Sleep Out' to raise funds for hundreds of people in our area currently experiencing homelessness. So, dust off your sleeping bag and get ready to wrap up warm whilst we spend the night in the great outdoors for a great cause.		
For more information and to register please click the following link: www.caritassalford.org.uk/BSO		



Have you ever thought about the great responsibility of being a member of the Church of God? In these days, when so many of our family, friends and neighbours seem to have no religious beliefs, there is a sense that we are considered by others to be examples of moral behaviour in the world. Our actions, words and example are faces of Christ; those around us look to us as people who, by our behaviour, bring goodness into our homes and neighbourhoods. When we fail to reach the standards expected of us by others then the message of Christ becomes tarnished and great damage can be done to His church.

The words of Isaiah, in today's first reading, remind us that God is always there for us, but we must actively turn to Him for His help. He is a compassionate God, "for he will abundantly pardon" but He cannot be measured in human terms. Isaiah reminds us that the Lord says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways". When we look for Him, we must rely on the eyes of faith.

At first, when reading the Gospel passage, we may judge the actions of the landowner as being unreasonable. How can he pay the man who has worked one hour the same as one who has worked all day? It seems unjust. But if we consider the first reading and apply the image of a God who does not judge through human eyes but with the eyes of God then we can begin to see a certain understanding of the story.

For example; if you are a cradle catholic who has spent your whole life trying to be a good Christian you would hope that your reward would be eternal life, after all you have worked for it. Then you see others who have spent their lives outside the church, who come searching for God, and finally after they have found Him they become part of the Christian community; could you deny that person eternal life too? It is not always the journey you take or the time you spend, but the destination that you arrive at. There are many good people who have never heard of God; are they too denied eternal life? Nobody can know the mind of God; we each find a way to serve Him and hope that in that service we are recognised as his sons and daughters.

David Frank



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Home Mission Sunday

Season of Creation:

We are pleased to share with you details of an online event organised by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, which is to be chaired by Bishop John Arnold and will take place on 1st October from 6-7pm. Held to celebrate the Season of Creation, this webinar will explore the theme chosen by the World Council of Churches, "Immersion in Living Water," through the lens of education.

The event is aimed at educators in schools, students, parents, parishioners and all those who wish to respond to the Church's call to care for creation.

Find out more and book your free place here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation-a-journey-of-education-and-ecological-conversion/>

Praise Night

St Stephen's, Droylsden, warmly invites clergy, nuns, and parishioners from across the Diocese to a special Praise Night on Friday 16 October. The event will take place from 7:00-8:30pm and will be followed by a meal.

For more information and to reserve your place please click here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-stephens-praise-night-tickets-1995684815004?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Latest Vacancies Within the Diocese

Cathedral Receptionist and Administrator

Cathedral Business Manager

Choral Director: Schools Singing Programme

Please find more information about these jobs and how to apply on the Diocese

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

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School Open Days

**Visits to our schools are welcome on
the following days.**

**St. Brendan's - Thursday 8th October
2026 4.00pm - 6.30pm**

**St. Columba's - Wednesday
23rd September 2026 1.30pm -
2.30pm**

**Monday 16th November 3.45pm -
4.30pm**

**St. John's - Wednesday 7th October
2026 2.00pm - 3.15pm
and - Thursday 15th October 2026
5.00pm - 6.30pm**

**In addition to this our schools are
holding Macmillan Coffee
mornings/afternoons on the
following dates.**

**St Brendan's Friday 25th September
from 9am**

**St Columba's Wednesday 23rd
September 1.30pm – 2.30pm**

**St John's Friday 25th September
9.30am – 10.45am**

**You are welcome to join the schools
at any of these events.**