



DIocese OF
SALFORD

SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

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The Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time (B)



"He felt sorry for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd."

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WELCOME TO SAINT VINCENT'S

If you are a visitor to Saint Vincent's this weekend, please feel welcome! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Here is some information to help you feel at home:

HARD OF HEARING? There is an Induction Loop System installed in this Church: if you wear a hearing aid, please turn it to the 'T' setting.

Refreshments after Mass: Everyone is very welcome to stay behind after Sunday morning Masses and share a cuppa! Tea and Coffee are served in the Parish Centre on the opposite side of the carpark after 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Toilets: The toilet is located near the side entrance: **children should not go out of Church unaccompanied.** Please use the disinfectant wipes to clean all surfaces after every use—dispose of them in the bin but do not flush them down the toilet. Thank you.

Saint Vincent's Parish Centre: The Parish Centre is available for parish use and outside bookings. Please contact Robert Allen on 0758 320 7810 for all enquiries.

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Requests for Masses & Prayers Recently Deceased: June Fitzgerald, Trevor Owen, Tom Morrison, Liam Wallis.

Anniversary: Thomas Ryan, Stephen Naden, Tony Vernon

National Cycle of Prayer: We pray for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

Holy Father's Intention (July)

For the pastoral care of the sick: We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Let us pray for the people of the parish of Saint Michael and Saint Bernadette, Whitefield, and for Canon Steven Parkinson, their parish priest. We pray for the parish primary schools.

AT SAINT VINCENT'S THIS WEEK ...

THE SIXTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 4

Monday 22nd July Saint Mary Magdalene [Feast]	Song of Songs 3:1-4; John 20:1-2.11-18 9.30 a.m. Word & Communion
Tuesday 23rd July Saint Bridget of Sweden Religious, Patron of Europe [Feast]	Galatians 2:19-20; John 15:1-8 10.00 a.m. Funeral MASS of June Fitzgerald
Wednesday 24th July Saint Sharbel Makhloof, Priest [Memorial]	Jeremiah 1:1.4-10; Matthew 13:1-9 12.45 p.m. Funeral MASS of Trevor Owen
Thursday 25th July Saint James, Apostle [Feast]	2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28 9.30 a.m. Funeral MASS of Thomas Morrison
Friday 26th July Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary [Memorial]	Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23 9.30 a.m. MASS Day of Abstinence
Saturday 27th July Weekday	Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30 11.00 a.m. MASS for Peace 6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday
Sunday 28th July The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	2 Kings 4:42-46; Ephesians 4:1-11; John 6:1-15 9.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre 11.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Sheep without a shepherd.” This is the simple theme of today's readings. It is interesting that Jesus' reaction to the crowd is one of pity – as he sees their great thirst for his teachings. This is, in a sense, a clear fulfilment of the prophecy we hear in the first reading, where God promises a true shepherd who will care for the people of Israel. Shepherding is a particularly suitable image of God's love and care. The dependency of the sheep on their shepherd, their wandering and drifting without someone to guide them, is also a suitable image of the people God loves. Our own age also displays sheep without shepherds - a great wandering crowd, seeking something, but not knowing what they are seeking. It is to this flock that the present-day followers of Jesus are sent as shepherds.

NEWS AND NOTES

Sea Sunday



STELLA MARIS

Just a reminder that there is a retiring collection for Stella Maris after Masses **this weekend**: you can also donate by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. Thank you.

August Bank Holiday “Do”

We're planning our annual family-funday-binge-party-do on the Bank Holiday weekend on **Sunday 25th August**. The last couple of years it's been a great success, mainly thanks to the generous support of volunteers and helpers. **There will be a meeting this Sunday 21st July for all volunteers at 2.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre to finalise details.**

Grandparents' Day!

Pope Francis has chosen a line from Psalm 71 - "Do not cast me off in my old age" - as the theme for the 2024 celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. In a note announcing the theme for the day, which will be celebrated next **Sunday 28th July**, the Vatican said the choice was "meant to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, so often the victims of the throwaway culture." Pope Francis celebrated the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021 and decreed that it be observed each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, Jesus' grandparents, which is this coming Friday. There will be a special blessing for grandparents at the end of Masses next weekend.

Weekly Mass for Peace

For some time now we have offered the Wednesday daily Mass each week for peace in the world. To avoid this being interrupted by funerals, from now on every week the **Saturday 11.00 a.m. Mass** will be offered for peace, especially in Ukraine.

A SAINT FOR EVERYTHING ...

13: The Patron Saint of Athletes:

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

(With the Olympics coming up ...) Just a note first on what "Blessed" means: before being 'canonised' as a saint, a person can be 'beatified' - declared 'Blessed': this means that the Church proclaims this person to be in heaven, and is recognised as having lived an outstandingly holy life: to become Blessed a miracle has to have been verified through their heavenly intercession (two are needed to be canonised). Blesseds are not celebrated throughout the whole Church, but only by places or institutions that have a special connection with them—what is sometimes called "limited liturgical veneration".

Pier Giorgio was an Italian layman born in 1901: he was an extremely athletic young man, given to what we would call "extreme sports" - rock climbing, mountain skiing, wild water swimming and the like. His holiness consists of his spiritual and charitable activity: he would attend Mass daily, and was remarkable in his help for those in need—finding doctors for the sick, homes for the homeless, employment for the unemployed. To further this



pier giorgio

work he became a member of the SVP in his native Turin. Tragically, he succumbed to a virulent form of polio and died at the age of 24. His funeral Mass was crowded with the poor he had helped. He has become something of a patron saint for young people, since he combined his faith and charitable practice with a very down-to-earth lifestyle! It was announced recently that he is to be canonised (become Saint Pier Giorgio) sometime in 2025.

Next week—the Patron Saints of Grandparents.

“A Passion for Evangelization”

Back in January 2023, Pope Francis began a series of Wednesday general audiences dedicated to the mission of the Church, talking about several "witnesses" of evangelisation. "We do not proclaim ourselves, we do not proclaim a political party, an ideology. No: we proclaim Jesus. We need to put Jesus in contact with the people, without convincing them but allowing the Lord to do the convincing. For as Pope Benedict taught us, "The Church does not engage in pros-

elytism. Instead, she grows by ‘attraction’” (*Homily at the Mass for the Inauguration of the Fifth General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean, Aparecida, 13 May 2007*). Do not forget this: when you see Christians proselytizing, making a list of people to come... these are not Christians; they are pagans disguised as Christians, but the heart is pagan. The Church grows not by proselytism, it grows by attraction. I remember once, in a hospital in Buenos Aires, the women religious who worked there left because they were too few, and they couldn’t run the hospital. And a community of sisters from Korea came. And they arrived, let’s say on a Monday for example (I don’t remember the day). They took possession of the sisters’ house in the hospital and on Tuesday they came down to visit the sick in the hospital, but they didn’t speak a word of Spanish. They only spoke Korean and the patients were happy, because they commented: “Well done! These nuns, bravo, bravo!” “But what did the sister say to you?” “Nothing, but with her gaze she spoke to me, they communicated Jesus”. Not to communicate ourselves but communicating Jesus, with a gaze, with gestures. This is attraction, the opposite of proselytism. This attractive witness, this joyful witness is the goal to which Jesus leads us with his loving gaze and with the outgoing movement that his Spirit raises up in our hearts. And we can consider whether our gaze resembles that of Jesus, to attract the people, to bring them closer to the Church. Let us think about that.”

Bank Donations

The account details for direct banking, for either one-off or regular giving are: Account Name: **The Salford Diocesan Trust St Vincent de Paul Norden** Account Number: **80492523** Sort Code: **20.55.34**.

DIOCESAN NOTES

Salford Lourdes Pre-Departure Mass

Join us this **Sunday 21st July** as we gather together in prayer for the Pre-Departure Mass of our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Whether you’re travelling to Lourdes or are looking to join in prayer at home, you are welcome to the Mass at 5.30 p.m. at Saint Patrick’s church, Collyhurst. Mass will be celebrated by Canon Michael Cooke along with clergy from the diocese, with music from our wonderful Lourdes Choir. There will be refreshments and a chance to catch up with friends after Mass.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimages

We are delighted to announce a number of pilgrimage opportunities in celebration of the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee. From Lourdes and Lindisfarne to Walsingham and Rome - and a wealth of opportunities on our very doorstep - there is something for everybody in this upcoming Year of Jubilee. Bookings

for Rome will open on Monday 5th August with bookings for our other pilgrimages opening soon. Please stay tuned for further information on how to book or find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>

Lourdes at Home

To celebrate the centenary of our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, our Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage Co-ordination Team is delighted to offer an opportunity for people across the diocese to join in prayer with our pilgrims in Lourdes. Join us at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church at 4.00 p.m. on **Sunday 28th July** as we pray the Stations of the Cross before Mass at 5.30 p.m. All are welcome!

Stay in the Know

Want the latest news from parishes and schools across the diocese? Would you like to keep up to speed with upcoming events and key projects and resources from the Diocese of Salford? Head to the Diocese of Salford's website at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk> or find us on Facebook, Instagram, and X!

Caritas Diocese of Salford Summer Appeal

Our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, has launched its summer appeal as new research reveals child poverty to be at an all-time high across Greater Manchester and Lancashire. To find out more about the appeal and how you can support families across our diocese, please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/child-poverty

Promoting and Supporting Integration and Wellbeing of Refugee Children

To mark World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Caritas in partnership with the Caritas Social Action Network, will be hosting a webinar aimed at equipping communities with the knowledge, skills and resources to support children who are refugees or seeking asylum. It is aimed at teachers, school leaders, school family support workers, social workers, counsellors, therapists and governors. The webinar will take place online on **Wednesday 25th September** at 4.00 p.m. To book your place and find out more, visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/welcoming-classrooms/>

SALFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD PRAYER

Loving Father, be with us as we seek new ways of being your people in our Diocese. May each new day bring us closer to your son, Jesus, as we follow his teaching and become disciples of love. As we continue our Synodal journey draw us closer to each other. May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us. Open our hearts, as we listen to each other and reach out in love to your people. Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?’ He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, ‘Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ‘There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Make the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, ‘Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.’ So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, ‘This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

THE SACRAMENTS

Home Communion

Brenda Robinson is our Parish Coordinator for Home Communion: if you or a relative find yourself housebound for a period of time, or know of a Catholic moving into one of our care homes, and would like to receive holy communion at home, please let Brenda know by phoning **0793 222 6981**.

Baptisms

are by appointment: please collect, fill in and return one of the Information forms from the porch. They provide details of what is required and the next steps in the process.

Marriage

is also by appointment. Please take an information leaflet from the porch and return the tear-off portion to arrange an interview. Please do not make bookings before this interview and note that six months’ notice is required.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Presbytery to ask for this Sacrament. It should not be left until the last minute, but the sick should celebrate this sacrament to receive God’s healing and comfort.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Children baptised in the Catholic Church celebrate First Holy Communion in **Year 3**, and registrations will occur in September. Confirmation is celebrated in **Year 8**, and registration also occurs from September to December.

CARE AND CONCERN

Our Parish S.V.P.

The S.V.P. Conference at Saint Vincent's support people in need in a variety of ways; visiting people at home or in care homes, responding to calls for practical help, providing home cooked meals for around twenty four residents of Leopold Court, a local homeless unit, one day every fortnight, providing food bags for local families. If you or anyone you know would like any kind of help please contact Joan Hamilton on **0773 990 8561** or send an email to PresidentD111410@svp.org.uk.

Please also remember that donations to the SVP can be made at any time through the donations slot on the back wall of Church, or by bank transfer online: Account Name **D111410 SVP ST VINCENT—ROCHDALE**; Account Number **4608 2506**; Sort Code **60-60-04**. Thank you for your support!

Rochdale Food Bank

Please place your donations in the boxes at the back of the Church. The Food Bank is currently short of everything, but in urgent need of **Coffee, Tinned Rice/Custard, Sugar, Tinned Potatoes, Fruit Juice and Jam**. More details at rochdalefoodbank.org.uk and a full “shopping list” is available by the donations box.

Donations

Please be aware that there are permanent donation boxes on the back wall of Church for **CAFOD, Caritas Diocese of Salford, Caritas Ukraine** and the **Parish S.V.P.** Thank you for your constant generosity!

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH

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✠ **STAY WITH US, LORD, ON OUR JOURNEY** ✠