



**Diocese
of Salford**

SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

5th October 2025
The Twenty Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time [C]



"If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, this tree would obey you!"

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At Saint Vincent's This Week ...

The Twenty Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

PSALTER WEEK 3

Monday 6th October

Saint Bruno, Priest [Optional Memorial]

Jonah 1:1-17; Luke 10:25-37
9.30 a.m. Word & Communion

Tuesday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary [Memorial]

Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42
9.30 a.m. MASS

Wednesday 8th October

Weekday

Jonah 4:5-11; Luke 11:1-4
9.30 a.m. MASS

Thursday 9th October

Saint John Henry Newman, Priest and Doctor of the Church [Feast]

2 Timothy 4:1-5; John 15:9-17
9.30 a.m. MASS

Friday 10th October

Saint Paulinus of York, Bishop [Optional Memorial]

Joel 1:13-15; Luke 11:15-26
9.30 a.m. MASS

Day of Abstinence

Saturday 11th October

Saint John the Twenty Third, Pope [Optional Memorial]

Joel 3:12-21; Luke 11:27-28
11.00 a.m. MASS for Peace
6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)
6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday

Sunday 12th October

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]

2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19
9.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass
11.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass

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:

Parking: please try to give priority to places nearest Church for people with restricted mobility. Thank you.

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 ...

Masses & Prayer Requests:

Recently Deceased: Ann Bradley, Peter Pessagno, Pat O'Shea.

Anniversaries: Margaret McKenna, William Dodgson, John Gillingham, Charles Magee.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

This week let us pray for the people of the parishes of Saint Kentigern, Fallowfield, and the English Martyrs, Whalley Range, and for Canon Michael Cleary, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for Saint Bede's College.

National Cycle of Prayer

During Ordinary Time (Autumn) We pray especially for: the spread of the



gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work and the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners and their families.

Holy Father's Intention (October)
For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Faithfulness, faith and trust. These most invisible and difficult things are what God asks of us - just as we, in our own way, ask them of those who love us. "Trust me," we say, "all will be well." And if someone does trust us, the reward is simply that trust was well-placed. We have done our duty. Sometimes when we talk about 'faith' we put the emphasis on 'believe and accept'. Today's readings (especially the passage from Habakkuk) invite us to think in terms of 'trust'. The request of the Apostles is interesting: "Increase our faith" could also mean "Make it easier for us," or "Prove that you are who you say you are." Jesus replies that he can't do that - you can't make someone trust you. It has to be a gift, freely given.

NEWS AND NOTES

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Part of the message from Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, Bishop Paul McAleenan: *"This year, 2025, the annual World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on the 4th and 5th October. In Rome, in this year of Jubilee, Pope Leo will preside over two days of celebrations and festivities. The World Day of Migrants and Refugees is not a new event – it has been marked in the Catholic Church since 1914 – an indication that the movement of people from their homeland is not a recent phenomenon. Throughout history, people have migrated in search for a better life for themselves and their families. However, the number of displaced people is growing due to war, persecution, poverty and the climate emergency which is robbing many people of the opportunity to build a sustainable life in their place of origin. Everyone loves their country, including those who are forced to leave their homeland. As we move through the streets of our towns and cities today, we see a proliferation of flags and insignia flying from lamp posts. For many, these represent love of country and patriotism. Yet, unfortunately, such displays are also often associated with sentiments opposed to immigration and migrants. Love of country is honourable and so is love of neighbour. In speeches, demonstrations and rallies, which have taken place in recent months and weeks, those two virtues – love of country and love of neighbour – have not come together. "Who is my neighbour?", Jesus was asked. In answer, Jesus gave the Parable of the Good Samaritan – my neighbour is anyone in need."*

Our own Bishop John Arnold has also written to remind us that migrants and refugees are messengers of hope, bringing resilience, faith, and cultural richness to our communities. In the face of rising hostility, we are called to respond with compassion, truth, and practical support, affirming the dignity of every person. You can read Bishop John's full statement at: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/migrants-and-refugees-25/> and copies are available in the porch. Please take one home and read think and pray!

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day

The retiring collection this weekend is for the CAFOD Fast Day last Friday, when we were encouraged to "go without" in order to give! Know that your donations are making a difference to the lives so many people facing hunger or disease throughout our world. Thank you for your generosity.

"Getting Together"

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 7th October** from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre, with the usual hospitality, refreshments and Raffle. This week we are having light entertainment from Maria. Everyone is very welcome!

Fairtrade Market

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Fairtrade Marketplace last weekend. Over the weekend we traded an amazing £1,003.35 worth of Fairtrade goods! A huge thank you to everyone who visited the stalls and bought goods. Together we have supported projects that help people feed and educate their children and we have contributed in small but significant ways to help make our world a fairer place for all.

Money Matters

A very big thank you for the generosity you showed after our sudden "financial crisis" in August! Your donations allowed us to weather that storm, and our account is building up nicely again. Thank you! I mentioned at the time that we would have to talk more about parish finances later in the year. Two things which will be happening soon are:

1: We need to restart our **GiftAid programme**: our current records are vastly out of date, listing over 300 GiftAid donors, most of whom are no longer in the parish or have passed away. The Diocese is implementing a new system for GiftAid, where we will receive tax back quarterly rather than annually. This is therefore the ideal time to relaunch GiftAid. Everyone who already has a GiftAid declaration will have to sign a new declaration—this is whether you give directly through the bank or with envelopes on a Sunday. Also, anyone who is a taxpayer but does not currently have a GiftAid declaration is strongly encouraged to sign one. There will be more information about this in coming weeks.

2. We will soon be taking possession of a **"Dona" machine**: this is a card reader which will live somewhere in or near the porch, and will allow people to make cashless donations, whether at Sunday Mass, Baptism or other celebrations. It will also allow GiftAid donations to be made, even as a one-off. The machine will not be replacing cash, so anyone who still wishes to contribute to the parish or our other charities with cash will be able to do so. More information about this when it arrives!

A Missed Anniversary!

Monday, 29th September 2025 marked an important anniversary for the Catholic Church in our country.

On that day 175 years ago, Pope Pius IX, through the Papal Bull *Universalis Ecclesiae*, restored the Catholic hierarchy in England and Wales creating thirteen new dioceses—there having been no Catholic Bishops in England since the sixteenth century. There was still strong anti-Catholic sentiment in the country at the time, and to avoid contention the name of Westminster was chosen for the new Metropolitan See rather than the ancient title of London; similarly Salford was chosen rather than the name Manchester for our new Diocese. On 29th September 1850, Nicholas Wiseman was appointed as the first Archbishop of Westminster and elevated to the rank of cardinal the following day. He was the first English cardinal since the Reformation. Catholic emancipation was a long-running movement in the 19th century spearheaded by Daniel O’Connell, an Irish barrister and MP who set up the Catholic Association in 1823 to bring an end to religious discrimination against Catholics in the UK. The so-called “Catholic Emancipation Act”, the Roman Catholic Relief Act of 1829, allowed Catholics to sit as MPs and hold most public offices. It was then twenty-one years later, in 1850, that Pope Pius IX restored the hierarchy in England and Wales.

October Rosary

This month is traditional devoted to the recitation of the Rosary. We will be praying five mysteries of the Rosary after Mass on weekdays (Monday to Friday): if you would like to lead, please sign up on the list in the porch.

First Holy Communion 2026

Baptised Year Three pupils will soon be starting their Journey to First Holy Communion in 2020—information and registration forms have been sent to children at School: if you have a baptised child starting Year Three or above who is not at a Catholic School and who would like to join the First Communion programme this year, please see Father James for a registration form.

WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

14: Ruth

After the violence and scandal of recent weeks, today we meet someone very different—an example of fidelity, love and true beauty: Ruth. We are at the very end of the period of the Judges. Ruth is not an Israelite—she is from the kingdom of Moab. She comes into the story because a woman called Naomi with her husband Elimelech and two sons moved from Israel to escape famine: she settled in Moab and her sons married Moabite woman—one of them Ruth. In time, both boys died, leaving their wives as widows: Naomi, having lost her husband, was going to move back to Israel, and Ruth promised to stay with her, rather than returning to her own family. Together they travelled to a familiar town—Bethlehem. There Ruth met a wealthy man, Boaz: they fell in love and married. This is where the story

of Ruth takes on a new significance: their marriage in Bethlehem was the beginning of an important genealogy: they had a son, Obed, who then went on to have Jesse, who was the father of King David. Thus, we believe that Ruth is a many-times great-grandmother of Jesus himself! How wonderful that this family tree begins with someone who shows such selfless, loving devotion to her mother-in-law as Ruth did!

Next week: Hannah.

DIOCESAN NOTES

Celebration of Human Dignity

Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford is holding a free event on **Sunday 26th October** from 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church and Parish Centre, Gorton, Manchester, M18 7WJ. The 'Celebration of Human Dignity' event, which is aligned with the memorial of Saint Pope John Paul II who championed human dignity and the value of human life in his many works, will include music, thought-provoking sessions and Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop John Arnold. To find out more and book your free place at the event, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/humandignity/

Laudato Si' Centre Gardening Club

As we head into autumn, the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre invites you to join its regular Friday gardening club to learn more about how to care for our common home over the coming months. For top tips on seasonal gardening, sustainable techniques, and how to care for the land and biodiversity during the winter months, sign up to our friendly sessions by emailing laudato-si@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Walsingham 2026

We are delighted to announce the date for our 2026 diocesan pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham. Next year's pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday 2nd May**, with the option to extend your pilgrimage with an overnight stay on Friday 1st May. You can now register your interest by calling our pilgrimage office on **0161 817 2209** or emailing walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

MINISTERS NEXT WEEKEND

Ministers of God's Word

6.30	Annette Deacy
9.00	Fiona Dunn
11.00	Pat Hoyle
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	
6.30	Bore Monka, Terence Moore, Monica Power
9.00	Peer Kopczyk, Monica Oliver, Ann McKewn
11.00	Carol Dodgson, Briege Sivills, Penelope Stanford

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

'No one was found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner.'

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'



THE SACRAMENTS

Home Communion

Brenda Robinson is our 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 communion at home, please let Brenda know on **0785 559 8016**.

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 by appointment. Please take an information leaflet from the porch and return the tear-off portion to arrange an interview. Do not make bookings before the interview. 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

First Holy Communion is normally in Year 3: families of children in Saint Vincent's Primary School have been contacted; otherwise please speak to Father James.

Confirmation is in Year 8—again children in Catholic High School will soon be invited directly, otherwise please have a word!

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 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 ✠