



**Diocese  
of Salford**

## SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

10th August 2025  
The Nineteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time [C]



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### 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.

## At Saint Vincent's This Week ...

### The Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time

PSALTER WEEK 3

**Monday 11th August**  
Saint Clare, Virgin [Memorial]

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27  
**9.30 a.m. Word & Communion**

**Tuesday 12th August**  
Saint Jane Francis de Chantal,  
Religious [Optional Memorial]

Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5.10.12-14  
**9.30 a.m. MASS**  
**1.00 p.m. Funeral Service of Mary Kavanagh** (at Rochdale Cemetery Chapel)

**Wednesday 13th August**  
Saint Pontian, Pope and Saint Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs [Optional Memorial]

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20  
**9.30 a.m. MASS**

**Thursday 14th August**  
Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe,  
Priest and Martyr [Memorial]

Joshua 3:7-11.13-17; Matthew 18:21—19:1  
**9.30 a.m. MASS**

**Friday 15th August**  
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
[Solemnity] Holy Day of Obliga-  
tion

Rev 11:19a.12:1-6a.10; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56  
**9.30 a.m. MASS**  
**6.30 p.m. MASS**

*No Fasting and Abstinence today!*

**Saturday 16th August**  
Saint Stephen of Hungary  
[Optional Memorial]

Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15  
**11.00 a.m. MASS for Peace**  
**6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)**  
**6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday**

**Sunday 17th August**  
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME [C]

Jeremiah 38:4-6.8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53  
**9.00 a.m. MASS** Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre  
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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:

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

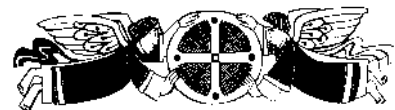
**HARD OF HEARING?** There is an Induction Loop System installed in this Church: if you wear a hearing aid, please turn it to the "T" setting.

**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:** Mary Kavanagh, Shirley Lundergan, Norma Tucker.

**Anniversaries:** Maureen Donnelly, Ruth Lavalley, Desi Byrne, Muriel Byrne Erikson.

### National Cycle of Prayer

During Ordinary Time (Summer) 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 (August) For mutual coexistence:

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

**Vigilance: we wait for glory or ruin, salvation or disaster. This is the choice that faces the Christian each and every day, as we wait for the Lord to return, as he promised he would. We often live our lives leaving such things to a distant, shadowy future - like the person who is going to fix that faulty lock or window-frame, but in the end doesn't get round to it before the burglar comes. The lamps of our lives should be lit and shining, filled to the brim with the oil of prayer and charity, "singing the hymns of the fathers" as we wait for the Master to return.**

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Money Matters ...

Last week I announced that our bank account had been emptied by some sudden bills—namely fuel bills and the annual water bill, and I asked that for the next few weeks people could give a little more in the Sunday collection to try and build up our balance. You will be aware that bills have increased for all of us: here we have much larger spaces to heat and light than a domestic home, and so our bills are proportionately larger! For example, in the first half of this year our fuel bills came to £10,850.58. Also this year our insurers have demanded a lot of new compliance certificates, each of which has taken a big bite out of our maintenance budget: add all these various non-negotiable expenses, such as Insurance, Diocesan Levies and Council Tax (£10,957.40), Wages and Salaries (£9,272.26) and Repairs and Maintenance (£10,080.77) and our outgoings are already **£41,161.01**. Compare this with our income for the same period which is **£34,322.79** and you can see the problem! This isn't cause for panic, because things average out over the course of a year—for example Summer fuel bills are much lower, and we get our GiftAid refund in one lump sum later in the year. Nevertheless, at the moment we need to build up our balance a wee bit, so please, if you can, give a little extra for the next couple of weeks! Thank you! *As promised there will be more about general fundraising in September—watch this space!*

### Holy Day of Obligation

A reminder that this Friday is a Holy Day of Obligation—the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: there are Masses here at 9.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Friday. This feast is

not just about Mary—celebrating how, at the end of her life she shared in the physical resurrection of her Son, being “assumed” body and soul into heaven—it is also about us, because the same promise of physical resurrection is made to us, that one day we will be remade and join Jesus and Mary in a new heaven and a new earth.

### August Fun Day

This year it will be taking place on the afternoon of **Sunday 31st August** in our Parish Centre (and grounds if weather allows!) from 2.00—5.00 p.m. There will be the usual mix of fun and games for old and young, with a licensed bar, barbecue, teas and coffees, Irish coffees, cake stall, children's tuck shop, pottery stall, ice cream and bouncy castle! Tickets are £1.00 per person, which includes entry to the Grand Raffle and ten “tokens” for games (note food and drink are not included), and are now available from the Piety Stall in the porch.

### While on the subject ...

Please have a think about baking some cakes for the Fun Day—these can be dropped off on Saturday 30th or the Sunday morning: the more the merrier! Also if anyone would like to donate a substantial raffle prize—we already have as a prize a luxury executive gaming chair worth £150, but any other big prizes would be gratefully received!

### Summer Holidays

If you are away in the UK you can find Mass times by having a quick look at [www.catholicdirectory.org/Catholic-Mass.asp](http://www.catholicdirectory.org/Catholic-Mass.asp). If travelling overseas it may be more challenging, but it can be amazing to experience the universality of the Church by participating in Sunday Mass in a different language and culture! *(Please note that if you are travelling to a part of the world where there are no Catholic churches or Masses you are not bound by the Sunday obligation to attend Mass, but should still do something to keep the Lord's Day holy"!)*

### Getting to Know Pope Leo

*You may have seen on the news images of Pope Leo's Mass with over a million young people during the “Jubilee for Youth” at Tor Vergata outside Rome last Sunday—including our bishop and young pilgrims from Salford! In his address Pope Leo said:*

*“We need to lift our eyes, to look upwards, to the “things that are above” (Col 3:2), to realize that everything in the world has meaning only*

insofar as it serves to unite us to God and to our brothers and sisters in charity, helping us to grow in “compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience” (Col 3:12), forgiveness (cf. *ibid.*, v. 13) and peace (cf. Jn 14:27), all in imitation of Christ (cf. Phil 2:5). And in this way we will grow in an ever deeper understanding of what it means that hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us (cf. Rom 5:5). Dear young people, Jesus is our hope. It is he, as Saint John Paul II said, “*who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives [...] to commit... to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.*” Let us remain united to him, let us remain in his friendship, always, cultivating it through prayer, adoration, Eucharistic Communion, frequent Confession, and generous charity, following the examples of Blessed Piergiorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis who will soon be declared saints. Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. You will then see the light of the Gospel growing every day, in you and around you. I entrust you to the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope. With her help, as you return to your countries in the coming days, in every part of the world, continue to walk joyfully in the footsteps of the Saviour, and spread your enthusiasm and the witness of your faith to everyone you meet! Have a good trip home!”

## WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

### 5: Rachel

Sadly, Rachel does not seem to be a very likeable character! She hates and constantly belittles her older sister Leah, she badgers and berates her husband, Jacob, and almost causes a family war by stealing her father’s “household gods” when they move back to Canaan! Her story, however, begins beautifully, when the young Jacob, visiting her father, waters her livestock and the two fall in love. Jacob is willing to work for Laban for seven years to win her hand in marriage—only to be deceived by Laban who substitutes Leah. But then Jacob works another seven years in order to marry Rachel too! A definite love story! But then things start to go wrong: Rachel is childless, which deepens her resentment of Leah, who has already had four children. Eventually Rachel has two sons with Jacob: Joseph, who became Jacob’s favourite, and Benjamin, whose difficult birth ended Rachel’s life. As we have said before with these Old Testament

stories of rather dysfunctional families, perhaps the point is that God works through ordinary, fallible human beings: Jacob’s love for Rachel was continued in his favouritism of her son Joseph, which led to his brothers selling him into slavery in Egypt, where he would eventually save his whole family in time of famine.

*Next week: Dinah.*

## DIOCESAN NOTES

### Summer Organ Recital

People across Manchester can enjoy a wonderful evening of live music this summer with a free organ recital. Organist Stephen Mann will be performing at Saint Patrick’s Church, Livesey Street, Manchester, on **Friday 22nd August** at 7.00 p.m. The venue is fully accessible and admission is free. *There will be a retiring collection for the organ restoration fund.*

### Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Salford’s Laudato Si’ Centre is teaming up with the Columban Missionaries in Britain for a special pilgrimage to celebrate the Season of Creation in this Year of Jubilee on **Thursday 25th September**. This prayerful experience offers opportunities for everyone: our nine-mile pilgrimage walk, our liturgies throughout the day, or our virtual pilgrimage pack to explore in your own time. To find out more and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/hope-for-our-common-home/>

### Cemetery Mass at Wardley

A Mass to remember loved ones who have died will be taking place at 11.00 a.m. on **Monday 25th August** (Bank Holiday) at Saint Mary’s Cemetery, Wardley. All are welcome to join as we come together in faith to remember our loved ones.

### MINISTERS NEXT WEEKEND

#### Ministers of God’s Word

6.30	Caroline Dunne
9.00	Elizabeth Ramsden
11.00	Mark Thompson

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.30	Susan Adams, Marjorie Barker, Martin Griffin
9.00	Peter Kopczyk, Monica Oliver, Anne McKewn
11.00	Carol Dodgson, Briege Sivills, Penelope Stanford

## NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

**Luke 12:49-53**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided: three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'



## 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 will be contacted in September, otherwise please speak to Father James. Confirmation is in Year 8—again children in Catholic High School will 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](mailto: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](http://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** ✠