



19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

PARISH SCHEDULE

Sun 13th	Ordinary Time: 19th Sunday 10:30 Mass & Choir	
Sun 13th	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
Sun 13th	Holy Hour 12:00 Sacrament of Anointing	
Mon 14th	Maximillian Kolbe 08:00 Mass	
Mon 14th	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> 19:00 Vigil Mass	
Tue 14th	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> 09:15 Mass	
Wed 16th	Ordinary Time: Week 19	
Thu 17th	Ordinary Time: Week 19 12:00 Mass	
Thu 17th	Parish Community 12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 18th	Ordinary Time: Week 19 09:15 Mass	
Fri 18th	Parish Community 13:30 Flower Club	
Sat 19th	Adoration & Confession 11:00 Quiet Prayer	
Sat 19th	Adoration & Confession 17:00 Quiet Prayer	
Sat 19th	Ordinary Time: 20th Sunday 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 20th	Ordinary Time: 20th Sunday 10:30 Mass & Choir	
Sun 20th	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
Sun 20th	Holy Hour 12:00 Rosary	

THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF CALM

Last we celebrated the Feast of the Transfiguration. When Peter, James and John went up the mountain with Jesus, they experienced a dramatic vision of Moses and Elijah and they encountered Jesus himself in a transfigured way. Perhaps we would all like religious experiences of such power and magnitude.

However, this week, the first reading features the experience of Elijah himself. When he reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he experienced drama in the form of wind, earthquake and fire. But the Lord was not to be found in these elements. The Lord was found in the gentle breeze.



a still small voice
1 Kings 19:11-13

What might this teach us about our day to day lives of faith? Perhaps we go in search of God wanting drama and spectacle. Yet, most often, the Lord is with us in less obvious and more gentle ways. To use the words of a

hymn, he comes to us in the “still small voice of calm.”

In the week ahead, if we start our days with proper prayer and invite the Lord into our lives, he will reveal himself to us in countless small ways. He wants to share in our lives but does not force himself on us. Let us invite the Lord to be with us.

God bless, Fr Kevin.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday 15 August is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. The Church specifies that the Faithful (that’s you and I) should attend Mass. I will therefore celebrate a Vigil Mass of the Solemnity on **Monday 14 August at 19.00** and at **09.15 on Tuesday 15 August**. Please make every effort to attend one of these Masses.



DO YOU KNOW IGBO?

A former parishioner has contacted me asking if any parishioners who have knowledge of the Igbo language could assist him by filling in a questionnaire. I have sent the details by email but there are also some paper copies of the project which can be collected from the back of church. I am sure that this is a worthy piece of educational research so please do help if you can.



RIGHT TO LIFE UK

"As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary this coming Tuesday, let us pray to imitate Our Lady's spirit of welcome and charity, especially at the announcement of a new pregnancy. **Lord hear us.**

WOMEN SAINTS AND SPIRITUALITY: ST CLARE OF ASSISI

Wardley Hall, Worsley, M28 2ND
Friday 18th August 2023
10am. A talk exploring the life and spirituality of women in the Church throughout history. This session is focusing on St. Clare. It will help you discover more about an inspirational woman, her relevance for us today, and builds in time for prayer and discussion. Contact Sister Joan Kerley by emailing joankfmsj@gmail.com or 07934 816 796 to reserve a place (up to 25 participants) They would be grateful for donations to cover tea/coffee.

After Sunday morning mass please do feel free to use and enjoy the Parish Community Garden. The garden is also open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 10-12pm or by appointment. Its there to enjoy! Also volunteers are welcome to join the team.



YOUNG ADULT PRAYER

In the noise of the city, bring us peace.
When things don't make sense,
give us meaning.
When we've lost our way,
point us in the right direction.
When it's tough to be Christian,
shine your light in our lives.
When we're alone,
give us courage to make friends.
When careers take over,
help bring perspective to our lives.
When we meet injustice,
inspire us to do what we should.
When life is full,
help us focus on what's important.
When love is difficult,
break our hearts of stone.
When we ask,
give us hearts for love alone.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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MARY'S MEALS PROJECT

Thank you for the great response so far. Many people have already paid to sponsor a child and I am hoping a lot more will do so soon. The Parish Centre has also generated some support of the project so that already, about £3,000.00 has been raised. Please remember to pray for the child you have sponsored and to keep the whole project in prayer.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The Salford Diocese vocations team is eager to invite all to join and strengthen our community of prayer, support, and discussion about vocations. The next mass will take place **Thursday 14th September 7pm** at St Monica's, Woodsend Road South, Flixton, M41 6QB All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



OUR FAITH, OUR PLANET, OUR COMMITMENTS

An annual conference around climate change to identify ways of taking action to reduce our carbon footprint, with workshops, food and networking. The event is free. The event is on **September 14th starting at 6.30pm** at Manchester Museum, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL. To register <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/our-faith-our-planet-our-commitments/>

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS:

The greatest prayer we can offer is the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. If you would like a mass to be offered for a specific intention, detail this and enclose an offering of £10 or more in an envelope (noting if it should be kept private). Pass this to Fr. Kevin or place in the offertory basket.

- ✠ **THANKSGIVING: SPECIAL INTENTION**
- ✠ **RECENTLY DECEASED: EMMANUEL**

OUR BROTHERN WHO ARE UNWELL

AMBER McCOURT, ELIZABETH SENGHORE, LENNY, MAGGIE JOYCE, SHEILA DOWNEY, TOMMY LOFTUS.

There are currently four jobs advertised at Caritas:

- SENIOR FINANCE MANAGER (MANCHESTER)
- PROJECT WORKER (BOLTON)
- BANK NIGHT SUPPORT WORKER (MANCHESTER)
- NIGHT SUPPORT WORKERS (MANCHESTER)






For information please see: www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers

HOLY COMMUNION

Since the Feast of Corpus Christi, Holy Communion in the parish has been available again under both kinds. A good number of people have chosen to receive the Precious Blood as well as the Body of Christ in the host. It is not permitted to dip the host into the Precious Blood, so if you wish to receive Holy Communion under both kinds, please consume the host first and then proceed to a minister to drink the Precious Blood from the chalice. It is essential that we observe the correct practice.



PARISH OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday: 6th August		
	Basket	£129.60
	Basket	£459.00
	Online	£225

Please consider switching to making your offertory contributions by **Standing Order**. Forms are available at the back of each church, or you can set up with your bank directly using these details:

**TSDT SACRED HEART & ST FRANCIS
GORTON,
20-55-34
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First reading: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 84(85):9-14

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

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I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Second reading: Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

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Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered.

'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.'

'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink.

'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.

'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?'

And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



MASS READINGS



The Universalis app, contains the **daily** Mass readings—follow the QR CODE. You can download the app - it is well worth the one-off cost of £9.99. We have self-produced *Sunday Order of Service* leaflets (found at the entrance of both churches) to support parishioners during Mass Celebrations. Email the office if you have any feedback about these too.