



## 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

### PARISH SCHEDULE

Sun 14th	Adoration & Confession 09:15 Quiet Prayer	
	Ordinary Time: 2nd Sunday 10:30 Mass & Choir	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
	Holy Hour 12:15 Rosary & Prayers	
Mon 15th	Ordinary Time: Week 2 08:00 Mass	
	Requiem Mass 12:00 Teresa Moloney	
Tue 16th	Ordinary Time: Week 2 09:15 School Mass	
Wed 17th	St. Antony	
Thu 18th	Ordinary Time: Week 2 12:00 Mass	
	Parish Community 12:30 Friendship Group	
	Seeking Sacraments 19:00 Meeting	
Fri 19th	Ordinary Time: Week 2 09:15 School Mass	
	Requiem Mass 11:30 Colin McGowen	
Sat 20th	Sacramental Programme 11:00 Session 4	
	Ordinary Time: Week 2 12:00 Mass	
	Adoration & Confession 17:00 Quiet Prayer	
	Ordinary Time: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 21st	Adoration & Confession 09:15 Quiet Prayer	
	Ordinary Time: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10:30 Mass & Choir	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
	Holy Hour 12:15 Rosary & Prayers	

### REMINDER!

Those seeking to **become** Catholic at Easter have a meeting in the presbytery this Thursday 18th at 7pm. Please also ensure that you are signing in at Mass at least 10 minutes prior to the start.

### CAN I ASK WHO IS CALLING?

Sometimes when we get a phone call in which someone asks us if we are the owner of the house, or who our energy provider is, or if we have considered getting double-glazing, it can be good to say, "Can I ask who is calling?" Sometimes it can be better to hang up.

In the first reading today, Samuel is called three times and thinks it is Eli, his teacher in the Temple who is calling. When at last Samuel realises that it is God who is calling him, he gives the perfect response: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."



Is it possible that we don't always recognise when God is calling us? I believe that God calls us all the time, at Mass, in prayer, through our consciences, in the beauty and goodness of the world around us, through other people and so many other channels of grace.

In the Gospel reading, John the Baptist helps us to recognise the one who calls us: "Look, there is the Lamb of God." The ultimate call to us comes from the fragile and vulnerable Lamb who offered himself for our salvation. That is surely a call we should recognise and answer.

God bless, Fr Kevin.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: SATURDAY 20 JANUARY, 11.00 A.M

All children on the Sacramental Programme for First Holy Communion are to attend the session (along with their parents or guardians) on **Saturday 20 January**. Please note that the session starts at **11.00 a.m.** but children need to be registered by **10.50 a.m.** so that we can make a prompt start.

### THE BIG LISTEN: THANK YOU

Thank you very much to Claire Jordan and Deacon Davie who conducted "The Big Listen" in both our churches last weekend. They led the sessions very well indeed. Thank you also to parishioners who turned out in large numbers to pray, listen and then speak about what they feel the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in these days. I look forward to hearing the outcome from our parish and then from across the diocese.



### SATURDAY MORNING CHURCH

Until last week two wonderful parishioners have been cleaning the church every week and doing an excellent job. For personal reasons, they have had to take a temporary break. This Saturday morning, another parishioner has kindly come forward to help and cleaned the church by herself. I am therefore asking if we could get a team of cleaners together who would come to church on **Saturday morning at 9.30 a.m.** and clean for an hour or so. Please let me know if you can help.



**Sunday 18th February 12-1:30pm**

*We would new/good-quality donations to sell to raise money for our parish Mary's Meals project.*

*Please give donations to Ann Todd, Wendy Scofield or Nancy Nalikata by February 11th so there is time to sort them for sale.*

**Sacred Heart Parish Centre M18 7WJ**

### ST FRANCIS SCHOOL: PLACES IN RECEPTION CLASS

Please note that applications for places for the Reception Class need to be submitted by **15 January 2024**.



### REDUCING HATE CRIME (DISABILITY)

Sunday February 11th, after Mass, there will be an event in the Parish Centre, increasing awareness of accessibility needs, disability experiences and inclusion with the view to reduce hate crime. There will be some short presentations by people with lived experience of disability, including a priest from Nigeria speaking about his experience as an amputee. Lunch will be available. More information at <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/reducing-hate-crime-disability/>

### CONTACT US

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### RIGHT TO LIFE UK



We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond **Lord hear us**

### FREE ENERGY ADVICE

As the cost-of-living crisis continues to hit our communities hard, Caritas Salford, has introduced a new service to support people with energy advice. The service includes advice on saving money on utility bills, as well as practical support such as insulation methods, support with damp and condensation, LED bulbs and draught excluders. For more information contact: [energyadvice@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:energyadvice@caritassalford.org.uk) or 0161 817 2250 /

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### 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.*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** MAUREEN MURPHY:

**BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY:** ALBERT KANARE

#### OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE UNWELL

AMBER McCOURT, ELIZABETH SENGHORE, LENNY, JOHN AND MARJORIE FISHER, MAGGIE JOYCE, SHEILA DOWNEY, TOMMY LOFTUS.

### PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Salford Diocese are now accepting bookings for their 2024 pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday May 4th, 2024. The trip will be led by Bishop John Arnold. For more information or to request a booking form, visit [contact walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or 07436 077509.






### CONFIRMATION IN 2025

The programme for our younger and older parishioners who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 will begin soon. You can register online by our website using this link: [www.sacredheartstfranciscorton.co.uk/sacraments](http://www.sacredheartstfranciscorton.co.uk/sacraments). The programme is open to young people in Year 8 and upwards and in fact there is no age limit: some adults have spoken to me about never having been confirmed. This programme is for you as well.



### OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND 6-7/1/24		
	<b>Basket</b>	£231.50
	<b>Basket</b>	£422.40
	<b>Online</b>	£100.00

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:

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**First reading: Samuel 3:3-10,19 ·**

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10**

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

**Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord

and he stooped down to me;

he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

**Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.

Instead, here am I.

**Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law

in the depth of my heart.

**Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

Your justice I have proclaimed

in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;

you know it, O Lord.

**Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

**Second reading: 1 Corinthians**

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute?

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Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel according to John

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.



One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**