



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 October 2020



Today we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned, cared for if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heartbreaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending then and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce?

Marriage Matters: *Loving and honouring each other and the Lord:* When you married you took each other for better, for worse. God experienced the 'worse' when his 'bride', the Jewish people, rejected him by worshipping other gods. The 'worse' for you may be when your spouse mocks your beliefs. Have you shared your hurt, let them know your pain? Remember, though, that God has loved the 'worst' in you.

Think Vocation: St Paul tells us that if there is anything that we need we should pray for it. Quite often we confuse asking for what we need with what we want. Let us always make sure that we pray for other people not just ourselves and that we always pray for what is needed. May God's will be done and not our own.

This Week	Masses / Services
Sunday - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Collection for Peter's Pence</i>	<p>Our churches have now re-opened and parishioners are welcome to join us for the following services:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St Luke</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Masses: Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Monday to Friday 9.30am Mass Also Wednesday 6.30pm Mass <i>All Masses from St Luke are live-streamed</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ss Peter & Paul</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Masses: 8am & 11am Monday to Saturday 11.30-11.55am Private Prayer & Adoration 12noon Mass</p> <p>Government guidelines require people attending places of worship to wear a face mask (unless exempt for some reason)</p>
Monday – Weekday	
Tuesday – Weekday or St Bruno	
Wednesday – Our Lady of the Rosary	
Thursday – Weekday	
Friday – Weekday or St John Henry Newman	
Saturday – Weekday or St Paulinus of York	
Sunday - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families - Collection for CAFOD (Harvest Fast Day)</i>	

Prayer During the Pandemic: O God, our refuge and our shield, even when we walk in the shadow of death you are there at our side. Be with your people in this time of danger: bring strength to the afflicted and protection to those untouched by disease. Give us love and courage that we may trust in your power to save and reach out to all who need our care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

Sick: All those who are suffering from the coronavirus and others who are sick at this time, including, Robert Livesey, Nuala Corridan, Tomas Cusack, John Ainsworth, Emily Martin (a sick child), Marie Campbell, David Pickup, Sue Remmer.

Lately Dead: All who have died of the coronavirus and others who have died recently; Margaret Greer, Eugene Rafferty, Dana Baniel, Sister Alphonsus, Patricia Elvidge, Michael Wood, Laura Walsh, Mary Manning, Pat Ditchfield, Julie Webster, Michael Kelly, Eileen Maguire

Anniversaries: John McKiernon, Nicholas Raymond, Alice Bickley

Masses Received: John McKiernon (Anniversary), Nicholas Raymond (Anniversary), Alice Bickley (Anniversary), Mary Manning (Lately Dead), Alan Roberts, Deceased Priests, Mary Rita Brodie (Sick), Jim McCormick & Family, Pat Ditchfield (Lately Dead), Julie Webster (Lately Dead), Eileen Maguire (Lately Dead).

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of Ss Aidan and Oswald, Royton, and for Fr Stephen Doyle, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

Canon David Ryder

It was announced on Thursday that Fr David will be leaving our parish to take up a new appointment as the Hospital Chaplain in Blackburn. You may recall that, prior to lockdown in March, he had begun helping out there for a few days each week. This will now be his full-time appointment and he will be leaving us on 12/13 October.

We will of course miss him and, when circumstances allow, we will find a suitable way to thank him communally for the contribution he has made here over these past two years, especially in helping us to establish our new parish of Our Lady of Hope. We know that hospital ministry is very close to his heart and we wish him well as he returns to that ministry in a full-time capacity.

Churches Reopened for Public Worship

There is absolutely no pressure on anyone to begin coming to church until they feel comfortable doing so. Please remember that **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is currently suspended**, so there are plenty of Masses spread right across the week for those who wish to come, as well as opportunities for private prayer. Please observe **social distancing of 2 metres** and **wear a face mask** (unless exempt for some reason).

Baptisms at the Present Time

If you are hoping to arrange a baptism, please contact the priests at St Luke by email priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk or phone on 0161 736 2696 or at Ss Peter and Paul by phone on 0161 789 4555. The priests will explain the necessary preparation and assist you in your planning.

Diocesan Holy Hour – Hope in Difficult Times

Sunday 4th October the day we would usually launch the new stage of Hope in the Future, Bishop John will lead a Holy Hour from Salford Cathedral which will be livestreamed on ChurchServices.TV at 3pm (www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral)

Special Collections: Today we are collecting money for Peter's Pence, the annual worldwide collection for the Pope's charitable works. Next weekend we will collect in money for CAFOD, following on from last Friday's Harvest Fast Day, with a particular appeal to help those in other parts of the world who are affected by the coronavirus..

PACT: The parish leadership team will be meeting (virtually) this Tuesday evening. Amongst other things, we will be discussing the changes we will need to make in the light of Fr David's new appointment, particularly the frequency and timing of weekday Masses which will need to fit with the other responsibilities that Fr Michael and Fr Mark have.

Confirmation Programme 2020-21: If your child is in year 8 at one of the three Catholic High Schools in the Salford Deanery you should have received a letter via the school from the Dean of Salford inviting you to register them for the Deanery Confirmation Programme 2020-21 led by Sr Anna Yeo, FDC. If you did not receive the letter or your child is in year 8 or above at a different school and you would like your child to be included in the programme, please contact Father Michael by email at priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk or phone 0161 736 2696 as soon as possible to obtain a registration form.

Young Adults Mass: All Catholic students and young adults are invited to a Young Adults Mass led by the Salford University Catholic Society on Sunday nights at 5.30pm at St James & All Souls R.C. Church (Heywood Way, Salford, M6 5UJ) during term time. By honouring our invitation, you would be joining other young Catholic adults in faith, solidarity and encouragement as we inspire one another with the power and love of the Gospel to help make a difference in our time. To remain connected pls follow us on: Instagram- [salford_uni_catholic_society](https://www.instagram.com/salford_uni_catholic_society) Twitter- [@SalfordCathSoc](https://twitter.com/SalfordCathSoc) SU website- www.salfordstudents.com/groups/catholic-society-50c3

Online Talk - Wednesday 7 October at 7pm: *The God who speaks in Letters* by Father James Crampsey, SJ, Jesuit priest at the Holy Name Church. To book a place please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Virtual Marian Procession: This year a virtual Marian Procession will take place on 10th October from 10am. The virtual procession will be livestreamed via Facebook and Youtube. Further details can be found by clicking here.

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Caritas: Our diocesan outreach charity is making a Harvest Appeal for the goods needed (or money to purchase them) to continue to offer food and welfare packs to those who are most in need. The charity is also now able to offer bereavement support to individuals or families who have experienced the death of a loved one due to Covid-19. For further information on both of these initiatives please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk

Bookshop Manager: The Diocese of Salford has a vacancy for a manager for the Catholic Truth Society bookshop at Cathedral Centre. This is a full-time permanent role. Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 16 October 2020. Find out more and download an application pack on our website: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

Next Week's Newsletter: Liz Connolly

Please email newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk before Wednesday

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