



# Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 October 2020



Everyone on this earth belongs to God. All are made in his image. Therefore it is right that all men and women, "from the rising to the setting of the sun", should know the God to whom they belong. The only desire of our God is that all should know and love him, and find in him the fulfilment that they seek. Even a pagan king like Cyrus is used to further this knowledge of God - just as Jesus uses Caesar's head to make the point again: all belong to God, and the mission of all who acknowledge that belonging is to help others to find it. This is exactly what we see Paul, Silvanus and Timothy doing, as they write to the people of Thessalonica to whom they carried the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Marriage Matters: *We all need each other:*** The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus: He told them to give to Caesar what belongs to him, "and to God what belongs to God". The world tells us to look after ourselves and not to need others. As married couples, we know that we are made by God for one another, not needy but needing to give of ourselves entirely.

**Think Vocation:** "Give to God what belongs to God." Our very lives belong to the Lord. Let us be open, with the Blessed Virgin, for them to be disposed to His will: "Be it done to me according to thy word".

This Week	Masses / Services
Sunday - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Mission Sunday - Collection for Missio	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our churches have now re-opened and parishioners are welcome to join us for the following services:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>St Luke</b>            Sunday Masses: Sat 6.30pm &amp; Sun 9.30am            Tuesday 6.30pm Mass            Wednesday &amp; Friday 9.30am Mass  <i>All Masses from St Luke are live-streamed</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul</b>            Sunday Masses: 8am &amp; 11am            Thursday 6.30pm Mass            Saturday 12noon Mass</p> <p><b>Government guidelines require people attending places of worship to wear a face mask (unless exempt for some reason)</b></p>
Monday – Weekday or St John de Brebeuf, St Isaac Jogues and Companions or St Paul of the Cross	
Tuesday – Weekday	
Wednesday – Weekday	
Thursday – Weekday or St John Paul II	
Friday – Weekday or St John Capistrano	
Saturday – Weekday or St Anthony Mary Claret	
Sunday - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	

**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; Patrica Elvidge, Michael Wood, Laura Walsh, Mary Manning, Pat Ditchfield, Julie Webster, Michael Kelly, Eileen Maguire, Doris Twiss, Vera Gedvilas, Stan Ollieuz, Barry Welsh, Viv Thompson, Patrick Rice, Pauline Cleary, Christopher Walsh.

**Anniversaries:** Chris Roberts, Peter Reid, Ellen Scott.

**Masses Received:** Julie Webster (Lately Dead), Chris Roberts (Anniversary), Michael Kelly (Lately Dead), Viv Thompson (Lately Dead), Sheelagh Byrne, Patrick Rice (Lately Dead), Peter Reid (Anniversary), Ellen Scott (Anniversary), Vera Gedvilas (Lately Dead), The Ainscough family, Tess Argile (Birthday).

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Francis of Assisi, Oldham, and for Fr Derek Woodhead, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for the chaplaincy to the Royal Oldham Hospital and for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph.

### 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 by email [priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto:priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk) or phone on 0161 736 2696 and they will explain the necessary preparation and assist you in your

### New Weekday Mass Times

With Fr David's departure, we need to establish a new pattern of weekday Mass times that Fr Michael and Fr Mark can sustain whilst also fulfilling the other responsibilities they both have within and beyond the parish. From this week onwards, the usual pattern will be:

Monday - No Mass in either church  
Tuesday - 6.30pm Mass (St Luke)  
Wednesday - 9.30am Mass (St Luke)  
Thursday - 6.30pm Mass (Ss Peter & Paul)  
Friday - 9.30am Mass (St Luke)  
Saturday - 12noon Mass (Ss Peter & Paul)

**World Mission Sunday: 'Here I am, send me!'**: Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday which supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to our very important special collection for MISSIO to help sustain the future of our Church, especially in areas of the world where it would otherwise be struggling.

**CAFOD**: Thank you for the £259.25 given in the special collection last weekend, following on from the recent Harvest Fast Day, for CAFOD's particular appeal to help those in other parts of the world who are affected by the coronavirus: Survive, Rebuild, Heal. You can also continue to donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give) and there is a way of paying by text message.

**First Communion**: The final group of children who were part of our Sacramental Programme 2019-2020 are celebrating their First Communion this weekend. Please remember all the children and their families in your prayers as they finally celebrate this special occasion some months later than it should have been.

**Hope in the Future**: A reminder that the Stage 3 celebration booklet is electronic rather than printed. Please click the link below to take a look. <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/Stage-3-CelebrationBooklet.pdf>. [ansley@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:ansley@caritassalford.org.uk)

**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](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk)

**Loaves and Fishes**: One of our parishioners, Paul Ashton, has recently become Chair of the Board of Trustees for this local charity which helps homeless, isolated and vulnerable adults across Salford. He is replacing Jane Murphy (a parishioner of The Parish of the Three Martyrs) who has been Chair for the past 11 years and will remain on the board and concentrate on fundraising. We thank both Paul and Jane for this service and leadership, as well as many other volunteers and supporters who sustain this work. Our parish is pledged to supporting this charity both financially and through donating goods to distribute to those in need.

**St Luke's 500 Club**: The draws which have been missed during the past few months (March to October) will be drawn next Sunday morning (27 October) after the 9.30am Mass. Unfortunately, due to the membership of the club having fallen to only 106 members (as opposed to 171 the previous year) we have to reduce the level of the prizes from £100 a month to £50 a month. So, for these 8 months, there will be three prizes per month - £25, £15 & £10. We will need to look seriously at what we do about this club after this year. Thank you to those who support it and those who run it. Good luck everyone!

**Mental Health Support**: During this difficult time it is important we look after our own mental health and support those around us with acts of kindness. Here are some links you may find helpful. Mental Health Foundation - *Kindness Matters Guide. Every Mind Matters. Mind-For better mental health. Premier Christian Helpline* (to speak or for prayer) or call 0300 111 0101. Please reach out to support anyone you know who is struggling.

**Next Week's Newsletter: Jan McIntyre**  
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before Wednesday