



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Home Mission Sunday

20 September 2020

We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thought are not our thoughts. "Why be envious, because I am generous?"

Marriage Matters: 'My thoughts are not your thoughts': God can put thoughts into our minds, but how can we ensure these make a difference to our lives? St Paul says, "Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ": for example, the need to measure what we contribute within the relationship. Our Sacrament isn't a 50/50 arrangement but a 100%/100% unconditional commitment.

Think Vocation: The Lord rewards those who follow vocations faithfully from a point later in life with the same reward as those who began in youth. May those who do not have the courage to respond to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life be given fulfilment and peace in whatever way they live their lives.

This Week	Masses / Services
Sunday - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Home Mission Sunday</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 Sunday Masses: Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Monday to Friday 9.30am Mass No Wednesday 6.30pm Mass this week <i>All Masses from St Luke are live-streamed</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ss Peter & Paul Sunday Masses: 8am & 11am Monday to Saturday (except Wednesday this week) 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 - St Matthew (Feast)	
Tuesday – Weekday	
Wednesday – St Pius of Pietrelcina	
Thursday - Our Lady of Walsingham	
Friday - Weekday	
Saturday – Weekday or St Cosmos and St Damian	
Sunday - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Harvest Sunday</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, Michael Kelly, 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 Arnold, Florence Walshe, Alfie Sweeney, Mary Pickup, Ann McVeigh, Fr John McKeown, Betty Galvin, Denis Joseph, Brenda Boardman, Elaine Hess, Winifred Wood, Peter Lea, Amy Dionson

Anniversaries: Molly Franco

Masses Received: Julie Webster, Margaret Greer (Lately Dead), Elizabeth Galvin (Lately Dead), Eugene Rafferty (Lately Dead), Peter Lea (Lately Dead)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady and St. Patrick, Oldham, Philip Sumner, their parish priest, and their parish primary school.



Churches Reopened for Public Worship

A **paramount principle** in everything we do must be the minimising of risk to the health and life of others. This is everybody's responsibility. It means staying away if you (or a member of your household) have any symptoms or have had contact with those that have. It also means observing all the regular aspects of hygiene, especially the use of hand sanitiser. Another important aspect is **social distancing of 2 metres** and there is a requirement for people attending places of worship to **wear a face mask** (unless exempt for some reason). Once you leave church, the advice is to make your way home as quickly as possible and avoid mixing with people from different households.

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.

Baptisms at the Present Time

If you are hoping to arrange a baptism, please contact the priests at St Luke by email at: 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.

stream <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/> Full details are available on the website, including the programme for the day: <https://www.prolifepilgrimage.org/>

Grant and Bid Writer: The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit a suitably experienced individual to support and develop bid writing within the Diocese. They will take a lead role in coordinating applications to grant makers and trusts to secure funding for capital and revenue projects. They will be a highly motivated individual, enthusiastic about the charity sector and able to bring their knowledge and application of grant and bid writing to support and sustain the ongoing mission of the Diocese. Based at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP but some travel around the diocese will be required. Salary Range: £27,000 - £30,000 per annum, depending upon experience, for 35 hours per week on a 2 years fixed term contract. Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Tuesday 6 October 2020. To find out more, visit the diocesan website or contact HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Next Week's Newsletter: Beryl Wakefield
Please email newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk
before Wednesday

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Shrines of Palestine: Thank you for the £338.32 raised in our special collection last weekend.

Online Talk - Wednesday 23 September at 7pm: *The God who speaks*
at Mass by Father Eamon Mulcahy, CSSp, Spiritan missionary, theology lecturer, priest in East Manchester and from Levenshulme. To book a place please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Family is Sacred: The first session will take place on Wednesday 23 September (7.30pm-9pm) and will run every other Wednesday for 14 weeks. All Welcome! Register your free place before Tuesday 22 September by emailing formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Walsingham: On 27 September there will be a virtual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham. It can be accessed via YouTube on Walsingham Catholic TV https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=__0aJG5juz0 or at the Basilica live

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