



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Education Sunday



We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends:

Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Jane Manuel, Rita Margiotta, Pauline Dobson, Winifred Goodwin, Josie Doyle, Delia Ariff, Shaun Smith, Stafford Sashoua, John Livesay, Martin Manning, Vera Broughton, Mary Hayler, Teresa Hall, Anne Magee

Lately Dead: Alison Bateson, Tom Duckworth

Anniversaries: Barbara Polak, David McNulty, Mark Coughlin, Esther Thomas, Mary Mealey

Mass Intentions: Teresa Hall (sick), David McNulty (A), Alison Bateson (LD), Mark Coughlin, Tom Duckworth (LD)

Fr Alf: Please continue to keep Fr Alf in your prayers. He has had his operation and will be recuperating over the next two weeks, as advised by his surgeon. Please check the newsletter as Mass times may alter slightly during this time.

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your kind donation, the parish will benefit at no extra cost to yourselves.

Donations: We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to Corpus Christi. Thank you

Education Sunday: This Sunday is Education Sunday. There will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service after all Masses this weekend.

Home Mission Sunday: This is next Sunday 20th September, there will be a second collection at all Masses.

This week we pray for the parish of Pope St John XXIII and for Father Robert Lasia, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for the chaplaincies to the Rochdale Infirmary and Buckley Hall Prison.

Christian Meditation: The next session will take place on Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm at St John's, all are welcome.

13th September 2026

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Masses & Activities this week

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 128 of Mass Book

Sunday 13th September

9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy

11.00am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

**Monday 14th September – The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross
No Mass**

Tuesday 15th September

10.00am Mass (SB) Year 6 children attending

Wednesday 16th September

12.00 noon Mass (SJ) **Please note the time change**

Thursday 17th September

10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 18th September

12.00 noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 19th September

No Morning Mass

5.00pm Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Readers 19/20 September 2026

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Guy Drabble	Alyson Grundy	Paul Brennan

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 20th September

Mary Cropper/Ann Gracie

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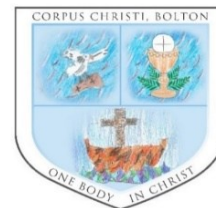
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Please find more information about these jobs and how to apply on the Diocese

website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

SVP News:

Quiz Night: There are still a few tickets remaining for the Quiz night on Friday 18th September. If you have purchased tickets and wish to have vegan or vegetarian option, please could you let a member of the SVP know, or alternatively you can email the office.

We are also looking for donations for the raffle, anything you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated.

Coffee morning: Please note the date of the next coffee morning will be Wednesday 23rd September, proceeds will go to the SVP

Annual sponsored walk: this will take place on Sunday 11th October. Walkers can start from St John's Bromley Cross any time between 11.00am and 12.30pm. Route maps will be available at the church if required. The purpose of the walk is to raise funds to provide support for individuals and families in need at Christmas time.

Appeal for new choir members and musicians:

The choir at 9 30 mass is in need of singers and instrumentalists.

Singers of any age would be welcome: There is no need to be available each week: just join us when you are able.

If you play an instrument there would be opportunities to practice after mass or at a mutually agreed time. Playing with a group is an extremely good way of developing confidence in your playing.

Interested? Please have a chat with any choir members after 9 30 mass or contact Martin on 07929 777864.

Caritas Fundraising Concert

Friday 18th September, 7pm

Mercy Brothers Concert with string Quartet for Caritas at St Ambrose Barlow High School Swinton M27 6QP

This event will include Solanus string quartet, the Mercy Brothers band performing music to sign and dance to, as well as the school's steel band and their rock band. It will certainly be a night to enjoy and remember!

Solanus members include newly ordained diocesan priest Fr Theo, Fr Chris, and Hannah and Holly who work in roles across the diocese.

The Mercy Brothers, formed in the Year of Mercy 2013, now includes Fr Mark as lead singer and rhythm guitar, Fr Joe on lead guitar, Fr Nick on bass guitar, Fr Chris on keyboard, and Tom the drummer.

For tickets please visit: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/fr-gorton-silver/>



Can we ever understand the depth of the forgiveness of God. We struggle to forgive; sometimes even the most minor of incidents cause us resentment which can spoil our day. How then can we forgive as God asks us; how do we allow the compassionate forgiveness of God to flow through us and towards the person who has caused us injury. We say sorry, we hear the word from another but is true sorrow at the heart of the message.

One of the dilemmas at the heart of forgiveness is the effect on your own wellbeing. To forgive or not to forgive is your choice. The wise person who wrote the Book of Sirach sets before us today the very heart of the problem. If we do not forgive another, then we suffer from resentment and anger. They may seem justified at the time, but they affect our lives, and the lives of those around us, in so many ways. We cannot find peace through anger. We cannot begin to heal if we harbour resentment. Worst of all, if our hurt turns to retaliation, then we hurt God, our families and ourselves, for retaliation is a road to further anger and cannot lead to peace. If you forgive then you will be forgiven – your God is a God of love, leave your anger and resentment in His hands and when you cause another an injury then God will forgive you.

Paul reminds us in a clear message that each of us is part of the love of Christ. As He preached forgiveness and love of neighbour then it is only right that we follow His example and forgive each other.

Perhaps Peter knew someone that was always falling out with him. A fellow fisherman who was trying to fish his favourite fishing hole or one of those irritating people who was always causing an argument. He probably thought Jesus would offer him sympathy. After all, he was generous, offering to forgive his neighbour SEVEN times. Jesus saw an opportunity to teach, and He took that opportunity to remind us that forgiveness is a two-way street. We cannot expect forgiveness if we ourselves do not forgive and the number is irrelevant. We must immerse ourselves in a culture of forgiveness which becomes second nature to us and then, in God's time we can find God's peace living in our hearts.

David Frank