

Sunday 8th February 2026

Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

Newsletter No 6

Sunday cycle A

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Psalter week 1

Opening Times of the Church this week

Sunday: 8.30am—6.30pm

Monday to Friday: 7.30am—4.30pm

Saturday: 9.00am—6.30pm

Times of Holy Mass

Sunday: 9.15am, 11.00am and 5.30pm

Monday to Friday: 8.00am and 12.10pm

Saturday: 10.00am & 5.30pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Holy Days of Obligation

8.00am, 10am (Term time only), 12.10pm and 7.30pm

Times of Confession

Monday to Friday: 11.30am—11.55am

Saturday: 10.30am—11.25am and 4.45pm—5.15pm

Times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday: 11.30am—12.00noon

Saturday: 10.30am—11.30am

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www.salfordcathedral.co.uk

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 8th Feb
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary time

9.15am

David Burslem (BA)

11.00am

People of the Parish

2.00pm Chinese Mass

Priest's Intention

5.30pm

Joan Heslop (B)

Monday 9th Feb
Weekday

8.00am

John Fielden (A)

12.10pm

Pat Matthews

Tuesday 10th Feb
St Scholastica

8.00am

Joan (Betty) Fielden (B)

12.10pm

Joan Heslop (B)

Wednesday 11th Feb
Our Lady of Lourdes

8.00am

John Fielden (B)

12.10pm

Pat Matthews

Thursday 12th Feb
Weekday

8.00am

Pat Matthews

12.10pm

Wilf Morris (A)

Friday 13th Feb
Weekday

8.00am

Giovanazzi Maria (SI)

12.10pm

Jack & Mary Fairclough (A) RIP

Saturday 14th Feb
Ss Cyril and Methodius

10.00am

Catalina (BA)

5.30pm Vigil Mass

Sheila Gannon (A) RIP

Sunday 15th Feb
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary time

9.15am

People of the Parish

11.00am

Thomas & Martha Morris & Family

2.00pm Filippino Mass

Priest's Intention

5.30pm

Special Intention



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Welcome to our parish!

Please register with us via the website: www.salfordcathedral.co.uk or collect a form from the back of the cathedral.



The Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage

All enquiries for the sacraments of Baptism and Marriage must be made directly through the parish office.

A minimum of 6 months notice must be given for Marriage and a minimum of 2 months notice must be given for Baptisms.

Please contact the parish secretary via email at enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk or on 0161 817 2210 during office hours: Monday to Friday, from 8.30am - 4.30pm.

Offertory collection

1st February 2026 £ 1045.86

Thank you for your continued generosity

Donating Online

If you would like to make your offertory donation online, you may scan the QR code below.

You may also download a standing order form from the QR code if you would prefer to make your donation that way going forward.



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Mass Intentions received this week

Jack Fairclough, Sheila Collins, Giovanazzi Maria, Catalina, Thomas & Martha Morris & Family and Wilf Morris

Please pray for all those who are sick and for those who have died recently.

Arranging a Mass to be celebrated for your intentions

If you would like a Mass to be offered for your intentions or for those you love, please complete the Mass Intention envelope at the back of Church and place your donation within.

Alternatively, you can arrange a Mass to be celebrated online by scanning the QR code.



CATHEDRAL PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Roman Catholic community, which welcomes everyone. As members of the Family of God, strengthened by the sacraments and guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive

to build a safe and loving parish. We nourish our community through the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, by the Word of God and catholic social teaching, following the commission of Our Lord Jesus Christ to "go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news." Mark 16:15

Project Thanksgiving

Please be aware The statues of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Sacred Heart have now been sent to Ormsbys of Scarisbrick for restoration.

The newly restored statues of Our Lady and St Anthony have replaced Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Sacred Heart and will remain in the temporary church until we move back into the Cathedral.

There is still an opportunity to donate towards Project Thanksgiving - please visit [Restoration of the Statues - Salford Cathedral](#)

Thank for your generosity and support

First Holy Communion programme

The next First Holy Communion Programme meeting will take place **after the Spring Term break**, on Saturday 25th February, starting at 11.00am in the Assembly Room, Cathedral House.

We look forward to seeing you.

Session 5: Love and forgiveness
The loving heart of Jesus welcome home

The RCIA Course

Our Journey in Faith

The next RCIA session will take place next **Thursday 12th February** from 7.30pm-8.50pm Meeting in the Assembly Room, Cathedral House.

Parking is available at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, M3 6DP.



Parish Cake Bake Sale
will take place this weekend after
the 9.15am & 11.00am Masses

All proceeds will go towards fresh flowers for our temporary church for Easter 2026.



PARISH NOTICES

Safeguarding training for Parish Volunteers

21st February 2026 from 11.00am—12.30pm
Assembly Room, Cathedral House.

For those requiring Safeguarding training, volunteers will be contacted directly by the Parish safeguarding representatives with further information.

Thank you

Sing for Project Thanksgiving

The Cathedral parish choirs are putting together a video reflecting on the last three years of our journey as a Cathedral Parish with the music as a backdrop and we would like parishioners to be involved.

We are inviting members of the Cathedral congregation to join our Cathedral Choirs and Music Group to sing a new piece of music written by our Director of Music, Alex Patterson, as part of Project Thanksgiving. The new piece is a setting of the hymn 'Through the night of dark and sorrow' and includes Martin Barry's 'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'.

The recording will take place on Sunday 1 March from 1.30pm - 3.30pm in the Temporary Church.

To be involved, please email alex.patterson@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or speak to him after Mass.

A rehearsal video of the music will be available online - it's very easy to pick up!

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Racial Justice Sunday—8th February 2026

What is Racial Justice Sunday?

Racial Justice Sunday is an annual event observed across Christian churches in the UK to promote awareness of racial inequality and celebrate the dignity of all people.

Racial Justice Sunday was initiated originally by the Methodist Church following the tragic racially motivated murder of Stephen Lawrence in 1993. The Lawrence family, members of a local Methodist Church, received support from the Church in their campaign for justice.

Later, the Churches' Commission for Racial Justice (CCRJ), a programme of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, expanded Racial Justice Sunday for wider Christian engagement and it is now widely valued as a collaborative ecumenical effort to promote racial justice.

Racial justice is not an optional concern but flows directly from Catholic Social Teaching – particularly the principles of human dignity, solidarity, and the common good. Racism undermines each of these, distorting relationships and denying the truth that every person is made in the image of God.

For more information, please visit

[Racial-Justice-Sunday-resource-2026.pdf](https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/Racial-Justice-Sunday-resource-2026.pdf)

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Talk from Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP

On 17 February, Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP will be giving a talk as part of a series of guest lectures from Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy. The theme will be 'How we can keep our hope alive today.'

The talk will begin at 6.00pm at the Catholic Chaplaincy Church of the Holy Name, 339 Oxford Rd, Manchester M13 9PG. British Sign Language interpretation will be available.

For more information please contact mucc@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Exploring God's Creation within Catholic Theology

Dr Finlay Malcolm from the University of Manchester will be delivering an interactive teaching session exploring how creation and the environment are integral to Catholic faith and theology.

The session will involve theological and environmental teaching, spiritual reflection and discussion of how we can be part of God's work through the Church, in redeeming God's creation.

The event will take place on 25 February 2026, 7-9pm, at Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Church in Bury.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information and to sign up for the event, please use the following link: [Exploring God's Creation within Catholic Theology - Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford](https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/Exploring-Gods-Creation-within-Catholic-Theology---Roman-Catholic-Diocese-of-Salford)

Caritas Salford Call for Volunteers

Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, is looking for parish volunteers to help with a range of activities. These are flexible roles that can be tailored in line with your availability, skills or interests. If you're able to give even a few hours to help, they would be hugely grateful.

You can find out more at: www.caritassalford.org.uk/service/in-your-parish/

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection Friday 27th February 2026

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table.

Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought.

Please collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://www.cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030.

Text **CAFODLENT** to **70085** to donate £10.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Mass for Engaged Couples to be celebrated by Bishop John Arnold

Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass for engaged couples across the diocese.

The Mass provides couples with an opportunity to seek God's blessing to guide and strengthen them during this time of preparation.

Newly-married couples are also invited to receive a blessing in their first year of marriage.

The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst on Saturday 14 February at 1:30pm.



Lenten Talks: School of Prayer

During Lent, a series of talks and prayerful reflections will be taking place every Tuesday from 10:30am to 12:30pm, led by Mgr Paul Smith, Sr Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd.

These will be held at Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church, Little Hulton, from 17 February to 24 March, and light refreshments will be served.

For more information on how to book your place, please visit the diocesan website by clicking the following link: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lenten-talks-school-of-prayer/>

Catholic Family Retreat at Castlerigg Manor March 27-29th £160-230 per family

For the first time since Covid, Castlerigg Manor are bringing back their popular family retreats. There will be streams for different ages and fun activities for everybody including Mass in the evening and time to explore Keswick.

Castlerigg Manor May Half Term B&B Stays

In May half-term, Castlerigg Manor (Catholic retreat centre in Keswick, Cumbria) will once again be opening their doors for B&B stays.

A great way for families, groups of friends, and individuals to get an affordable stay in Keswick. Mass will be provided on site.

For more information please visit: www.castleriggmanor.com/stay with us

Online Gospel Readings During Lent

During the Lenten period, there will be a series of gospel readings taking place every Tuesday and delivered online by various speakers including Fr Michael Deas, with the final reading to be given by Bishop John Arnold ahead of Palm Sunday.

The first reading will be given by Fr Michael Deas on Tuesday 17 February:

First Sunday of Lent (Feb 22): Matthew 4:1-11
(The temptation of Jesus)

For more information, please visit the diocesan website:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-readings-for-lent/>

'Neurodiversity and Our Faith' Research

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into neurodiversity and our faith. If you are an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, they would like to hear from you. Your experiences will help them to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs.

To find out more and to complete the short surveys,

please visit: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/

Early Career Teachers Primary Pool Applications

The Diocese of Salford Education Team is inviting applications from ECTs to be added to their Primary Pool for 2026. The Primary Pool will identify and recommend high quality candidates who will gain Qualified Teacher Status in summer 2026 for interview to Catholic schools with vacancies for September 2026.

The Application Form, Person Specification and Job Description may be found in Vacancies on the Diocesan website by following this link: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/vacancies/>

If you require further information, please contact the Education Team by emailing education@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Hope in the Future Cycle of Prayer

7th – 8th February

We pray for the people of the parish of St. Chad's and for Fr. Richard and the Manchester Oratory.

We pray for their parish primary school and for the Chaplaincy to HMP Manchester.