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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A. 18TH October 2026.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Mass Readings are on Page 143 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: Theme: The missionary Church

Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe today as the 98th *World Mission Sunday*. Pope Pius XI instituted this annual observance in 1926 by Papal decree. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on, and prayer for, the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. Of the 3000 dioceses in the world, about 1000 are missionary dioceses—they need assistance from more established dioceses to build catechetical programs, seminaries, Religious Communities, Chapels, Churches, orphanages, hospitals, and schools. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be. The greatest missionary challenge that we face at home is a secular, materialistic, consumerist culture in which God is either absent or unimportant, Truth and moral values are relative, and institutional religions are deemed unnecessary.

The Church, according to Vatican Council II, is “missionary” in her very nature because her founder, Jesus Christ, was the first missionary. God the Father sent God the Son into the world incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth, His Christ, with a message. This message, called the Gospel or the *Good News*, is explicitly stated in Jn 3:16: “*For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die, but have eternal life.*” John further clarifies Jesus’ message in his epistle: “*God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.*” (I Jn 4:9). St. Paul writes to Timothy about the Church’s mission: “*God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth.*” (I Tm 2:4). Thus, the evangelizing mission of the Church is essentially the announcement of God’s love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation, as these are revealed to mankind through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Gospels show us how Jesus demonstrated this all-embracing and unconditional love of God by his life, suffering, death, and Resurrection.

We Pray for the sick and housebound. John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Anne Leavy. Margaret McAteer. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Jean Angus. Irene Rice, Karen Rice. Paul and Kath McInenny. Keith and Linda Marshall, Jim McGlynn. James Nally, Vincent Foy, Bernadette McLaughlin.

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently: Kevin and Neil Milmo, Paddy O’Brien, Elen Power.

Memorial Anniversary: Betty Keane (30th), Jim Ward

Special Intention: For God’s healing for the Pope. Private Special Intention, and Amanda & Michael on their wedding

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. October is the month of the Holy Rosary so 25 minutes before Mass we will pray the Rosary, please try to be in Church to join in the Rosary. On the last 2 Wednesdays of October at 6:30pm the Rosary will be recited in St Mary's Church please try to attend. **Sr Lucia of Fatima said "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the holy Rosary"**
2. Thank you to everyone who attended the Parish AGM last Wednesday evening. The turn out was not that encouraging but hopefully we will do better next time.
3. Congratulations to Amanda and Michael who were married in St Marys last Saturday. Please pray for them as they start their married life together.
4. **Registration to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion is open for any child who is not attending a Catholic School. Application forms are available from the Sacristy.**
5. It is the wish and expectation of Bishop John that all Roman Catholic schools in Salford Diocese will convert to become an academy in a strong Catholic Academy Trust (CAT). St Richard's RC Primary School is currently in the process of converting to become a primary academy in the Emmaus CAT. This is not likely to make any significant difference to the day-to-day operation of our school from the perspective of parents, pupils or the parish community. More information is currently available on the Diocese of Salford's website at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/academy-trusts-strategy/>. If you do have any comments or questions, please use the email address
6. **Message from CAFOD.**
Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents.
To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit:
cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou
7. If you know someone who cannot attend Mass due to illness, inability to leave their home or they live in a Nursing Home and would like Fr Kris to visit, please contact the office with the necessary details and Fr will include them on his visits.
8. **This weekend we will have a second collection for World Missions. There are envelopes at the back of Church if you prefer to use an envelope.** The new autumn booklet from Missio is available at the back of Church. Please take one and read it.
9. **You can now pay your donations to Church by using the card machine at the back of Church or by scanning this QR code on your phone. You then follow the simple instructions.**



Parish Usual Weekend/Weekday Masses'

Check the points in the newsletter for any changes to Mass times.

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00pm @ St. Richard's 6:30pm @ St. Mary's

Sunday Masses: 9:30am @ St. Richard's 11:00am @ St. Mary's

Baptism: 12:30pm First and Third Sunday of the month @ St. Mary's

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Weekday Masses: St. Mary's 9:30am – Tuesday & Thursday

St. Richard's 9:15am – Wednesday & Friday

EXPOSITION/ADORATION: SATURDAYS @ St. Mary's 10:00am Mass: 11:00am Sacrament of reconciliation: @ St. Mary's on Saturdays between 10:15am – 10:40am