



The Sacred Heart &



St. Francis Parish, Gorton

July 12th 2026



15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

SCHEDULE

Sun 12th	Ordinary Time: 15th Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
	Parish Leadership Team 12:00 Meeting	
Mon 13th	Ordinary Time Wk 15 09:15 Mass with SF School	
Tue 14th	Ordinary Time Wk 15 09:15 Mass	
Wed 15th	St Bonaventure	
Thu 16th	Garden Open 10:00-12:00	
	Our Lady of Mount Carmel <i>Diocese Patron Feast</i> 08:00 Mass	
	Parish Community 12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 17th	Ordinary Time Wk 15 09:15 Mass	
Sat 18th	Garden Open 10:00-12:00	
	Ordinary Time Wk 15 11:00 Confession & Adoration 12:00 Parish Mass	
	Ordinary Time: 16th Sunday 17:00 Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 19th	Ordinary Time: 16th Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 12:00 Parish Fair	

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

Please note that weekday mass times have changed quite significantly next week. On **Monday** the parish mass is at St Francis Church for the Year 6 Leavers. On **Wednesday** there will be mass at 8.00 a.m. On **Thursday**, mass will also be at 8.00 a.m. because priests are attending the reopening of the Cathedral in a midday mass there.

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

The Gospel reading this Sunday features "The Parable of the Sower." In recent years, an elderly priest advised that all Parish Priests should read this parable frequently. I am sure that he was speaking from much experience of knowing that not all the seeds that have been scattered will bear fruit. That is not a reason not to persevere.

In fact this is a parable for all of us who try to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, build up his Kingdom and follow in his ways. We may indeed feel uncertain and even discouraged at times because so much of the seed we sow appears to go to waste.

Remember: Jesus himself did not have 100% success rate in his sowing of the Word! He was despised, rejected and ridiculed by many. Today there are 1.4 billion Catholics in the world and God's Kingdom abides.

A recent UK survey claimed that there has been a resurgence of attendance at church in the different dominations in recent years, though this was later retracted. Nevertheless, there are always signs of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church. In Western Europe and the U.S.A., we do indeed live in challenging times, even times of contraction.

But the overall picture of the spreading of faith around the world continues to bring hope. In Asia and Africa there is much expansion. I often recall the words of the old liturgy: "From age to age you gather a people to yourself..."

Besides, the People of God were sometimes referred to in the Old Testament as "The Remnant" and they kept faith despite oppression, persecution and reduction in numbers. Today's parable encourages us that there will always be some seed landing in rich soil and that the Kingdom of God will always spring forth.

God bless, Fr Kevin.

PARISH FAIR AND PICNIC

The fair will be on **Sunday 19 July** after Mass. Please come to the Parish Centre and gardens. Bring your own food for a picnic and/or bring and share with friends. There will be music, a raffle, games and activities. Come along and enjoy the garden. Drinks are available. Please bring cash.



THE DIVINE OFFICE

We are now joining together to pray the Divine Office (the prayer of the Church) on both **Saturday evenings (SF 17:00)** and **Sunday mornings (SH 10:00)**. Prayer sheets are available so please do come to the front of church and join in.



LGBT+

Saturday 25th July at 17:00 will be the next Salford Diocese Mass celebrated in fellowship with LGBT+ brethren. **Everyone is welcome.** Refreshments will be provided after mass. Allow time to park in the local university area. St. Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Street, M15 6BW—The church is accessible by stairs or lift.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The next meeting of the Parish Leadership Team will be on **Sunday 12 July** after the morning mass. Please come to the Presbytery for **12.00 p.m.**

RIGHT TO LIFE UK

Let us pray for the ears to hear God's call to help the vulnerable in our midst, including people with disabilities, people in hospital, those in nursing homes, the housebound, and the unborn. **Lord hear us.**

KEEPING IN TOUCH

To keep you up-to-date, we use email-list, our [website](#) and our [Facebook page](#). We have a parish [WhatsApp group](#) (over 18s only). If you would like to be added, please [email the parish office](#). The newsletter is published online as well as being emailed, added to WhatsApp and printed.

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MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE – LOVE FOR A LIFETIME

This course has the subtitle: 'We Build the House of Our Marriage' and is made up of four units: Foundations that can Carry for a Lifetime, A Wedding of the Stories of two Families, Our Vision of Marriage, God in our Married Life. Please note – this course is run on Saturday 5th and Saturday 12th September 2026 at 2pm until 5pm. Attendance is required on both dates. For more information and to register please contact Fr Herbert Opara at fr.herbert@schoenstatt.org.uk or Fr Bryan Cunningham at fr.bryan@schoenstatt.org.uk. St John Fisher RC Presbytery, Manchester Road, Kearsley, BL4 8QQ.

PARISH PRAYERS

If you would like a mass offered for a specific intention, pass an envelope with an offering of £10 or more to Fr Kevin, noting if it should be kept private.

MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY: PAUL MCCORMICK (90TH)

BIRTHDAY: OGHENETEGA

WELLBEING: ISABELLA

OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE UNWELL

AILSAS SMITH, JANET MCCARTHY, JENNIFER HUNTER, MARTIN BRENNAN, TOMMY LOFTUS



A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND FUN

The African Priests and Religious of the Diocese of Salford in conjunction with the F.I.L.M TRIUMPHANTS UK would like to invite you to a concert in celebration of African Liturgical and folk music at St. Mary's RC Church, Failsworth, M35 0NN. Friday 31st July 2026 7PM. The evening promises to be a night of good music, led by the choir and laughter (by the priests and religious who also try to sing!). Any priest interested in giving a solo (or band) performance on the night should email Michael.job@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

HELP END CHILD POVERTY IN OUR PARISHES

Child poverty is increasing in our area, with latest statistics from the government showing almost one in three children are growing up in poverty. Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford supports local families facing crisis and is asking us to join them in taking action to help. There are many ways to get involved. Please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/endchildpoverty to find out more.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND JULY 4-5TH		
	Basket	£134.20
	Basket	£353
	Digital	£196.00

Please consider making offertory contributions **by Standing Order**. If required, forms are available at each church, use the QR code, or **transfer** directly from your bank:



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