



The Sacred Heart &



St. Francis Parish, Gorton

Aug 16th 2026



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (A)

SCHEDULE

Sun 16th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
Mon 17th	Requiem Mass 11:15 Ailsa Smith	
Tue 18th	Ordinary Time Wk 20 09:15 Mass	
Wed	Ordinary Time Wk 20	—
Thu 20th	Garden Open 10:00-12:00	
	St Bernard 12:00 Mass	
	Parish Community 12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 21st	St Pius X 09:15 Mass	
Sat 22nd	Garden Open 10:00-12:00	
	Our Lady, Mother and Queen 11:00 Confession & Adoration 12:00 Mass	
	Ordinary Time: 21st Sunday 17:00 Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 23rd	Ordinary Time: 21st Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 12:00 Refreshments	

"AND A GREAT SIGN APPEARED IN HEAVEN: A WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN"

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates our Catholic belief that Mary, at death, did not experience physical decay in her body, but was taken directly to heaven. However, this event is not contained in the Bible.

It should be noted that though Catholics treasure the Bible, and though the Mass is two equal liturgies of Word and Eucharist, the Bible is not the starting point of our doctrine. Catholic faith has also been formed by "tradition", the reliable handing on of its truths from one generation to the next.

Catholics celebrated Mass for hundreds of years before the present version of our Bible was formulated in the late fourth century. Across these years, the oral accounts of witnesses were passed on.

It is clear from early Christian writings as well as what was passed on by word of mouth that the Church has believed in the Assumption from the outset. The early Church Fathers wrote about it very clearly and identified Mary as "the new Eve."

Mary was mysteriously prefigured in the Old Testament and her Assumption even hinted at in the New: "And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars."

In the Catholic Church, we have always believed that the Assumption of Mary took place. The real issue for us is what this means. In the homily I will be talking about the way that the Mary, Our Mother and Intercessor is leading the way home for us on our journey of faith.

God bless, Fr Kevin.

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

HEALTH: EVAN NALIKATA, MICHELLE

PRIVATE INTENTION: NEMIA AND KAZANDRA

OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE UNWELL

JANET MCCARTHY, JENNIFER HUNTER, MARTIN BRENNAN, TOMMY LOFTUS



Caritas Diocese of Salford

On September 5th, starting at 10am,. Join our diocesan charity, for a 6-mile sponsored hike on the Downham Trail in Lancashire - This walk is for over 18's only. Funds that are raised from this sponsored walk are to support people in our parishes who dealing with poverty, homelessness, and/or isolation. contact Rachel: 07739044060.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK

As we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us pray to imitate Our Lady's spirit of welcome and charity, especially at the announcement of a new pregnancy. **Lord hear us.**

WE ARE MISSING OUT ON ££!

When you donate money to the church, if you are a tax payer, we can claim an additional 25% from HMRC. It won't cost you anything! We just need your permission to claim this in your name (as a tax payer). If you have paid online—we can back-date this **FOUR YEARS!** Minna just needs your name address and signature and we will sort out the rest.

Please see  Minna.

*"Beneath thy compassion,
We take refuge, O Theotokos:
do not despise our petitions in
time of trouble:
but rescue us from dangers,
only pure one, only blessed one.
(discovered on an papyrus dated to
250AD)*

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BECOME A CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

Do you have a passion for faith, justice, and inspiring young people? CAFOD is seeking volunteers to visit local Catholic schools to lead assemblies and workshops about our work and mission. Help children and young people learn how they can make a positive difference in the world. Full training and support provided. For further information, please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk.

FREE AFTERNOON AT THE LALLEY COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

Caritas Salford invite you to join them for a relaxed afternoon, which will include garden games, allotment tours, harvesting, live music, fresh food, and the chance to make your own pizza in the team's special oven! The event is free, though donations to the charity are always welcomed. Contact the team at lalleycentre@caritassalford.org.uk for more information or simply come along - **Tuesday 18th August 2026. 12:00-15:30.** Caritas Lallely Community Allotment, St Malachy's RC Primary School, Eggington Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, M40 7RG.

PILGRIMAGE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR LADY OF GIETRWALD AND ST JOHN

In June 1877, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to 2 young girls in the small village of Gietrzwałd, north Poland. Over the next three months, Mary appeared 160 times.

On September 11, 1977 the apparitions were officially recognised by the Vatican, the only such in Poland. This pilgrimage visits the Gietrzwałd Sanctuary at the site of the apparitions (including the stream that Mary blessed where water can be collected), the Jesuit Marian sanctuary at Święta Lipka as well as tours the towns of Elbag and Gdańsk. There will be a information evening about this pilgrimage on Thursday September 3rd at St Anne's, Crumpsall and online. If you would like more information - please speak to Minna.



ONLINE TALK ON FRANCISCAN PRAYER

Thursday 17th September 7PM to 8.30PM. In this Year of St Francis, we would like to invite you to an online talk on the 'Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer'. The talk will be presented by Sr Joan Kerley FMSJ and will include the 'Heart of St Francis: Exploring his Prayers'. Register: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/talk-on-franciscan-prayer/>

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND AUG 8TH-9TH		
	Basket	£129.00
	Basket	£402.00
	Digital	£193.66

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