



The Sacred Heart &



St. Francis Parish, Gorton

Sep 12th 2026



24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

SCHEDULE

Sun 13th	Ordinary Time: 24th Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
Mon 14th	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 08:00 Mass	
Tue 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows 09:15 Mass	
Wed 16th	Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop	—
Thu 17th	Garden Open 10:00-12:00	
	Ordinary Time Wk 24 12:00 Mass	
	Parish Community 12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 18th	Ordinary Time Wk 24 09:15 Mass with SF school	
Sat 19th	Garden Open 10:00-12:00	
	Ordinary Time Wk 24 11:00 Confession & Adoration 12:00 Mass	
	Ordinary Time: 25th Sunday 17:00 Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 20th	Ordinary Time: 25th Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 12:00 Refreshments	

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 and it doesn't impact you in anyway.** 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.

"LORD, HOW OFTEN WILL MY BROTHER SIN AGAINST ME, AND I FORGIVE HIM?"

It has been said that when we have done something wrong, we want forgiveness and mercy, but when someone has done something wrong to us, we want justice and even vengeance. The readings at mass today direct us to a central truth of our faith: we are to forgive others.

If we are in any doubt about this, the first reading from the Book of Sirach makes things very clear. "The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance..." The writer continues, "Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray."

The psalm celebrates the mercy and forgiveness of God. "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy...It is the Lord who forgives all your sins, who heals every one of your ills..."

Finally, Jesus himself in the Gospel reading speaks very directly about forgiveness. Peter asks him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answers, "...not...seven times, but seventy times seven." And of course, he does not mean 490 by this. It is a way of saying an infinite number of times.

Then Jesus goes on to tell a parable in which a servant owes a king "ten thousand talents." A "talent" was equivalent to about 6,000 denarii, with a denarius being a day's wage for a labourer. Therefore, ten thousand talents equalled about 60 million denarii, almost impossible to imagine and certainly to pay back.

When this servant is released from his debt, instead of being grateful, he finds a fellow servant who owed him just one hundred denarii and even started to choke him in his demand for the debt to be repaid. This story by Jesus is certainly a dramatic and exaggerated illustration of our own lack of forgiveness in the sight of the forgiveness that God offers us.

So, as often, I remind you that the Confession is available before both the main weekend masses.

God bless, Fr Kevin.

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: GORTON MONASTERY, SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

Sunday 4 October is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi and this is a year in which the whole Church is celebrating the life of this great saint. On this date, there will be a special event at Gorton Monastery from **2.00 – 3.30 p.m.** which will feature readings, prayers, songs, hymns and reflections as well as a procession of our school children and a performance by our choir. If you would like to contribute something to the event, or do one of the readings, please let me know as soon as possible.



LGBT+

Saturday 26th September at 15:00 will be the next Salford Diocese Mass celebrated in fellowship with LGBT+ brethren. **Everyone is welcome.** Refreshments are to 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.



RIGHT TO LIFE UK

Let us pray for our society. That we would promote a culture that values life, and that we would seek the protection of all humans from conception to natural death. **Lord hear us.**

CARITAS CONFERENCE

Tackling poverty and injustice in the Diocese of Salford. A free day of learning and reflection on the social teaching of Pope Leo XIV including insights into *Dilexi te* and *Magnifica humanitas*, looking at what the documents mean for us when responding to injustice locally. **Guest speaker:** theologian Anna Rowlands*, as well as others. **Lunch will be provided.**

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/conference-2026/>

KEEPING IN TOUCH

We use an email-list, [website](#), [Facebook page](#) and a [parish What'sApp 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 What'sApp and printed.

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MARRIAGE HELP

Communication failure is a major cause of marital breakdown - 1,000's of couples have found Retrouvaille helped their relationship. Retrouvaille is not counselling but a programme to help married couples work through conflicts more effectively. We focus on helping restore trust and hope. Bookings close 18th Sept. www.Retrouvaille.org.uk 07887296983

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: KYLE HAND

PRIVATE INTENTION: AMANDA WALLBANK

RECENTLY DECEASED: AISLA SMITH

OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE UNWELL

JANET MCCARTHY, JENNIFER HUNTER, MARTIN BRENNAN, TOMMY LOFTUS

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 Elbaż and Gdańsk. There will be an 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.



TEACHING YOUNG ONES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

I have had a request from St Peter's R.C. High School. They are keen to promote the praying of the Rosary amongst the pupils and have asked if there are any parishioners who could visit the school and teach the pupils how to pray the Rosary. I have received a lot of free Rosaries from an organisation, along with many printed guides about the Rosary. Please let me know if you could assist with this valuable ministry.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND SEP 5-6TH		
	Basket	£116.00
	Basket	£355.00
	Digital	£170.00

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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