



And so, goodbye



SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH 2026 - 29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing this last newsletter almost exactly seven years after I wrote the first one, in October 2019. Today I really just want to say a big thank you for all the faith and commitment you have shared in this time. It has been a remarkable period with the unprecedented pandemic which arrived after five months here.

I am so pleased that ours is a parish that bounced back from that adversity. Since then, the parish community has grown, financial giving has increased, the sacramental programmes have thrived and, by God's grace, we can rightly say that this is dynamic community of faith.

Of course, that doesn't all mean that there aren't significant ways in which the Lord is calling us to develop and grow. I am thrilled that three priests who are Xaverian Missionaries will be taking over. They have great experience, wisdom and faith and I am sure that they will bring about changes and much needed new initiatives.

I hope and pray that you will give them your full support. Perhaps this is a time for some of you to step forward and take on new roles. Please keep me in your prayers, just as I will keep the parish in mine.

I will be able to return to England quite frequently in my new role and I will keep my diocesan email address, so I really do intend to stay in touch and to visit the parish when possible.

Thank you so much for everything you have shared and for your good wishes and prayers.

God bless, Fr Kevin.

SCHEDULE		
SUN 18TH	Ordinary Time: 29th Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
MON 19TH	Ordinary Time Wk 29 08:00 Mass	
TUE 20TH	Ordinary Time Wk 29 09:15 Mass	
WED 21ST	Ordinary Time Wk 29 19:00 Mass with anointing of the sick	
THU 22ND	Community Garden Open 10:00-12:00	
	Ordinary Time Wk 28 08:00 Mass	
	Parish Community 12:30 Friendship Group	
FRI	Ordinary Time Wk 29	---
SAT 24TH	Community Garden Open 10:00-12:00	
	Ordinary Time Wk 29 11:00 Confession & Adoration 12:00 Mass	
	Ordinary Time: 30th Sunday 17:00 Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer 17:30 Vigil Mass	
SUN 25TH	Ordinary Time: 30th Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 12:00 Refreshments	

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Please note that there will be changes to some mass times next week. These will be the last masses I celebrate in the parish. On Monday and Tuesday, masses will be at the usual times. On Wednesday, there will be a special evening mass with Anointing of the Sick at 7.00 p.m. and on Thursday, mass will be at 8.00 a.m.

MASS OFFERINGS & PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like a mass offered for a specific intention, enclose an offering with a description, noting if it should be kept private. Add to the offertory or pass to Minna/Father.

Recently Deceased: Gordon Kuphal

Anniversary:

Please also pray for our brethren who are unwell: Janet McCarthy, Jennifer Hunter, Martin Brennan, Tommy Loftus.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK

This Thursday, we will celebrate the feast day of Pope St John Paul II, patron saint of the Pro-Life movement. We ask for his intercession as we the church seek to support all the vulnerable, especially those at the end of their lives, and that, like him, we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us.

REMEMBRANCE MASS

Caritas Diocese of Salford would like to invite you to their annual service where we remember and pray for anyone from our community who has died. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments and everyone is welcome. Please call 0161 817 2250 or email fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk to RSVP and confirm your attendance. Tuesday 10th November, 4PM. St Patrick's Catholic Church, Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 4FA.

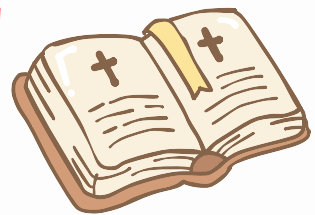
GIFT AID

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.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

As above, in my last week in the parish, I felt called to celebrate another "Mass with Anointing of the Sick." Please do make an effort to invite people who might usually struggle to get to mass and offer them a lift if you can.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ
1 Thessalonians 1:2-3



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