



The Sacred Heart &



St. Francis Parish, Gorton

Sep 6th 2026



23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

SCHEDULE

Sun 6th	Ordinary Time: 23rd Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
Mon 7th	Requiem Mass 10:00 Stephen Murphy	
Tue 8th	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:15 Mass	
Wed	Ordinary Time Wk 23	—
Thu 10th	Garden Open 10:00-12:00	
	St Ambrose Barlow 12:00 Mass	
	Parish Community 12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 11th	Ordinary Time Wk 23 09:15 Mass with SF school	
Sat 12th	Garden Open 10:00-12:00	
	Ordinary Time Wk 23 11:00 Confession & Adoration 12:00 Mass	
	Ordinary Time: 24th Sunday 17:00 Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 13th	Ordinary Time: 24th Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:30 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 12:00 Refreshments	

"O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE"

Three of the main readings this week concern the ideas of *speaking, hearing* and *listening*. The prophet Ezekiel is told by God, "Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me." Ezekiel is called to listen and to act and to speak. But what was the experience of the prophets in general? So often they spoke the word of God, but the people paid no notice.

In the psalm we had the response, "O that today you would listen to his voice!" And in the Gospel reading Jesus says, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault...If he listens to you, you have gained your brother."

People often comment that despite all the advances in technology that should make communication easier, we actually live in an age where the breakdown of communication is rife. Many of us spend too much time on our phones, tablets, laptops and other devices that take us away from real contact and communication with people.

Though our relationships with each other are crucial in our lives, the most important aspect of today's readings is what they have to say about our relationship with God. God wishes to speak to us. He wishes us to listen. Is it possible that in our busy lives, we block him out or simply don't give him the time of day?

Likewise, God wishes us to speak to him in prayer. If we are honest, we can often find time against all the odds to get to a football match, or concert or social event, but may not make the same effort with prayer. Prayer is our lifeline. "O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts."

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.



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.



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 Members of Parliament, that their ability to support the most vulnerable in society would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life. **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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

ANNIVERSARY: TONY BRACHER
HEALTH: AGNUS BRACHER

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 Elbag 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.

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 29-30TH		
	Basket	£93.00
	Basket	£383.20
	Digital	£95.00

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