St. Mary's Parish Horwich
Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 28th June 2026 (Ss Peter and Paul)

Mass this Week

Tuesday 30th June - **10am Mass *with Exposition from 9:30am***
Wednesday 1st July - **9:30am Mass** *(St Oliver Plunket)*
Thursday 2nd July - **9:30am Mass**
Friday 3rd July - **10am Mass *with Exposition from 9:30am (St Thomas, Apostle)***
Saturday 4th July - **11am Mass followed by Exposition, Rosary & Confessions**
Sunday 5th July (14th Sunday in OT) - **6:30pm Saturday Vigil; 10:30am Mass**

Prayer List

Our sick and housebound: Theresa Jean Molyneux, Kevin Lawman, Anne Aldred, Derren Harrison, Madeline Bell, Anthony Michael Woods, Stan Ellison, Simon Taylor, Paul Davis, Tim Travis, Steven Welch. **Lately Dead:** Lynda Makin, Peter Hilton, Eileen Keating. **Anniversaries:** Joan McHugh.

Today: Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul

On this special feast, the Church asks us to hold another Second Collection for the Holy Father's own charity; Peter's Pence. The charity supports numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development. Many thanks for your support.

First Holy Communion

Today the first group of our Sacramental Programme children make their First Holy Communion. Having successfully completed their journey of learning about the Holy Eucharist, the children are now ready to receive Jesus in this special way. We offer them our Congratulations! Thanks to everyone who has supported the children at School, in the Parish and at home.

Friday Coffee Morning

The next monthly Coffee morning in the Rosary Room is this Friday 3rd July from 10:30am, which features a talk from the Horwich Fire Service. All welcome.

Fr Richard 10th Anniversary Social

Fr Richard is celebrating 10 years of priestly ministry this year on Thursday 16th July starting with the celebration of Holy Mass at St. Mary's Horwich at 6pm followed by a buffet and Ceili at Rivington Barn from 7pm. Tickets for the Barn are available from the volunteers selling tickets after Mass: Adults £20 Children £10. If you have any dietary requirements or require transport, please email: social.stmaryshorwich@gmail.com NB there will be transport offered for those who need it to the Barn after the Mass, and for return home at 10pm.

Parish Summer Fair

The recent Summer Fair in the Rosary Room raised £617.40. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make it a success and thanks to everyone for their generous donations.

Team St Mary's Parish Kit

Once again, Team St Mary's kit is available: T-shirts in navy/yellow and white/pink from last year and a newly added light blue and navy t-shirt in adult and children's sizes. There is a lightweight tracksuit top with a hood in light/navy blue, with the Parish logo in adult sizes, plus baseball caps and bucket hats, in both adult and children's sizes available in the new light blue. Lorraine is available after Mass to take orders and answer any questions. As ever, enquires can also be emailed to: stmarysteamkit@gmail.com

St Mary's Parish Garden
We are looking for more volunteers to help with the care and maintenance of the church garden. Please contact Mary Durkan on 07786 033449 if you would like to help or want more information about what is involved.

Opportunities to support children at St Mary's RC Primary School
St Mary's RC Primary School would like to welcome volunteers to help in different ways at school. We are passionate about reading and would love to have more volunteers to help hear the children read. We are also trying to improve our careers education so we would like people to come into school to share their career path and love of their chosen job. We also need help with our adult to children ratios whilst walking in the local area or to go on school trips. If you can spare any time to support us we would be very thankful. Please contact school on 01204 333625 or email at office@st-marys-horwich.bolton.sch.uk

St. Mary's Volunteers
We recently made an appeal for new volunteers in the parish. Volunteering makes a huge positive contribution to the life of the parish, and we are always looking for new helpers. All volunteers will go through the Diocesan 'Safe Recruitment' process. If you would like to volunteer or ask for more information, please send an email to stmaryshelpers@yahoo.com

Parish Flower donations
As announced recently, we are launching a new fundraising initiative whereby parishioners can sponsor the altar flowers for a particular date e.g. for a special feast day, or for the anniversary of a loved one etc. We are grateful that one of our parishioners, Liz Gillies is overseeing this project and you are welcome to speak with Liz for more information: e-mail: lizgillies274@gmail.com or phone: 07510332291. Full details are available on the blue sheet at the back of church.

Parish Art Club
The Art Club meets in the Rosary Room on Monday mornings 10am-12noon. This is a friendly self-help group for beginners to the more experienced in Watercolours, Acrylics and Drawing. If you are interested, please come along and join us in the next few weeks and see what we do. All are welcome (not restricted just to Parish members). The cost is £5.00 per week, which includes refreshments and is only required when you attend. Enquiries to Anne-Marie Davies, Tel:01204 695210.

Donations made to Charities by Cheque
You can make a donation to a particular charity at any time by putting it in the Parish Collection (e.g. CAFOD, Caritas Diocese of Salford etc.). If you do this by cheque, please make it payable to: '**St Mary's RC Horwich**' and write the name of the charity you wish to support on the back. Thank you.

Hope in the Future Cycle of Prayer
Over the coming weeks, we will be praying for the parishes of the Deanery of St Therese of Lisieux, for its parishioners and clergy in our latest Hope in the Future Cycle of Prayer. Please click here to download the latest cycle now.

St Mary's RC Cemetery Bank Holiday Mass (Amendment)
This annual Mass will take place on Monday **31 August** at 11AM at St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley. It will be held outside the Chapel and there will be limited seating. Please note, if you would like a poster for this Mass please email communications@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Marian Procession 2026 Madonna Del Rosario Procession
The annual Madonna Del Rosario procession, organised by the Manchester Italian Association, will take place on Sunday **5 July.** The procession will begin at 1:15pm but we ask that if you are taking part to please meet by the Parish banner at The Halle, St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats. It will continue through Manchester City Centre to St Peter's Square. All are welcome.

A Night of Music and Fun

The African Priests and Religious of the Diocese of Salford are inviting you to a concert in celebration of African Liturgical and folk music. This is to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Failsworth, M35 0NN on **31 July** 2026 at 7PM. This promises to be a night of good music (by the invited choir) and laughter (by the priests and religious who also try to sing!). Any priest(s) interested in also giving a solo (or band) performance on the night should email Michael.job@dioceseofsalford.org.uk before 30 June 2026. Above all else, let us come with our parishioners to have a fun evening.

ADOREMUS 2026

The 2026 National Eucharistic Congress will be held on Saturday **10th October 2026**, at St George's Cathedral, London. We hope to attend as a diocesan group and have a limited number of places available. The event is being offered free of charge but you must register by completing an online form Click here to register If you have any queries please contact Helen Carey at formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk You can find out more here. Adoremus is a day organised by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and is an invitation to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord. The day focuses on deepening our devotion to the Eucharist and encouraging Eucharistic adoration. **For the travel:** Please indicate on the registration form whether you would be interested in travelling to the event by coach as part of a diocesan group. A small charge will apply for this. The coach would depart early to arrive for Mass at 12 noon and will depart from Westminster Cathedral after Solemn Benediction at 6 pm. A decision will be taken based on the number of enquirers.

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 lots of different ways you and your parish can get involved. Please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/endchildpoverty to find out more.

New Volunteering Role at Caritas Salford

Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford has a team of almost 200 amazing volunteers, all of whom support their work with people in our parishes who are experiencing poverty, homelessness and discrimination. The team is looking for suitable volunteers who would be interested in giving a little time to work alongside families at their young parent accommodation in Blackburn - supporting and facilitating activities with the babies and their parents. All roles will be subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring check. To find out more about this or other volunteering opportunities with the charity, visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer or contact Matt Yates: m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk

Fancy a walk?

Caritas Salford is organising a 6-mile scenic, circular sponsored hike in Lancashire, along the delightful Downham Trail. Taking place on **5 September**, the walk is an undulating route with the potential for expansive views from the summit of Beacon Fell. Visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/LancsWalk for more information or to register for your free place.

Cause for the Beatification of Pedro Ballester

The Diocese of Salford has formally opened the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation of Pedro Ballester, a young man from Manchester who died in 2018 aged just 21. Pedro was known for his warmth, generosity and strong faith. After being diagnosed with cancer while at university, he faced his illness with remarkable courage, offering his suffering in prayer and trusting deeply in God. As part of this process, the Diocese is inviting anyone who knew Pedro, or who has memories, testimonies or writings relating to him, to come forward to help build a fuller picture of his life and character. For more information or to contribute, please contact the Diocesan Tribunal:
Email: tribunal@dioceseofsalford.org.uk Post: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP.

Marriage Preparation Course - Love for a Lifetime
This course will be held on Saturday **5th September and Saturday 12th September** 2026 from 2PM to 5PM at St John Fisher's Presbytery, Manchester Road, Kearsley. Attendance is required on both dates. For more information and to register please email Fr Bryan Cunningham at fr.bryan@schoenstatt.org.uk or Fr Herbert Opara at fr.herbert@schoenstatt.org.uk

Hope in the Future Cycle of Prayer
Over the coming weeks, we will be praying for the parishes of Mount Carmel Deanery, for its parishioners and clergy in our latest Hope in the Future Cycle of Prayer. Please click here to download the latest cycle now.

Manchester Chinese Catholic Community (MCCC)
MCCC would like to invite you to their monthly Mass. This takes place on the second Sunday of the month at 2PM and is held in Salford's temporary Cathedral on Great George Street, M3 6EH.

Young Adults Hub
The diocesan Youth Team are delighted to share news of the Young Adults Hub, created especially for those aged 18–35 across the Diocese of Salford. The Hub offers a welcoming space for young adults to deepen their faith, build authentic friendships, and grow together through prayer, formation, and social gatherings. If you would like more information, please reach out to Mikey hub.president@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk and Edward hub.chair@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Newsletter from Diocesan Vocations Team
The Diocese of Salford's vocations team is delighted to share its latest newsletter exploring updates on vocations to diocesan ministry, which includes the priesthood and permanent diaconate. For the latest on ordinations, inspiring vocation stories, and the latest update by numbers, please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/vocations/

Diocesan 2026 Pilgrimage to Lourdes
The 92nd Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop John Arnold, will take place from **29th July to 6th August**. For young people and young adults there is a special opportunity to take part if you are not going with an existing Parish or School group. Why not join us in the Diocesan Youth & Young Adults group? Travel is by overland Express Coach (£695 per person sharing). Price Includes: Travel (Overland Express Coach Option); 6 nights' hotel accommodation (Hotel Astoria); Breakfast, lunch & dinner each day in Lourdes; Packed lunch for the return journey. To register your interest or if you have any questions, please contact the youth office on; 0161 817 2214/07436157005. Email: youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Volunteering at the Laudato Si' Centre
The Diocese of Salford's environment hub - the Laudato Si' Centre - is looking for new recruits to join its team of volunteers. This flexible, rewarding opportunity can be on a regular or ad hoc basis as the team works to develop the Centre's beautiful walled garden and woodland areas, set within the grounds of Wardley Hall. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more!

Laudato Si' Centre Website and Brochure
We're delighted to share details of a brand-new brochure and updated website for our Laudato Si' Centre. Packed full of information on our beautiful spaces, engaging activities, and opportunities for parishes and schools, our updated resources are a great way to find out more about the Centre and how your parish can get involved. The brochure is available online now at https://tinyurl.com/brochure-lsc You can visit our website at https://laudatosicentre.org.uk / For more information or to discuss a visit to the Centre, please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Free energy bill advice from Caritas
If you are worried about rising energy costs, our diocesan charity Caritas Salford runs a range of free drop-in advice sessions to help with everything from energy debt to making your home more energy efficient. You can find out more about these and other ways the team can help people across

Greater Manchester and Lancashire on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport

Caritas Salford E-newsletter

Did you know that Caritas, our diocesan charity, now has a monthly e-newsletter providing updates, free resources, news and event details, plus much more? To begin to receive it, visit: https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/newsletter/

Vacancies - Teaching and Learning Delivery Support

The Diocese of Salford is looking for a friendly, enthusiastic and organised person to support the delivery of environmental learning activities at the Laudato Si' Centre, based at Wardley Hall. This is a rewarding opportunity to help pupils, school groups, parishes and community visitors connect with nature, explore creation and take part in meaningful outdoor activities. Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Tuesday **30th June** 2026. For more information please see https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Reach Befriending Service

Reach is a charity which matches volunteers with isolated and elderly people across Bolton for weekly visits, friendship, and a listening ear. If you would like to volunteer or for more information, contact: Hello@reachfamilyproject.co.uk