Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gregory the Great

news

Sunday 11th October 2026 – 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The readings for this Sunday extend a beautiful yet challenging invitation to enter a deep relationship with God.

In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah promises a lavish banquet on Mount Zion, where God will destroy death and wipe away every tear. This prophecy finds its fulfilment in the Gospel from Matthew, where Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a wedding feast. God invites everyone—the good and the bad alike—to share in His divine life through the Eucharist.

However, accepting this invitation requires active transformation. We cannot remain indifferent or distracted by worldly cares. Like the guest missing the wedding garment, we must clothe ourselves in conversion, mercy, and grace. When we commit to this transformation, we find the strength Saint Paul speaks of in the Second Reading: the ability to endure all circumstances through Christ, who sustains us.

Mass Times This Week (12th October- 18th Oct 2026)

Monday – Friday 8.30am Adoration, 9am Mass

9.30am Mass, 6.30pm Vigil Mass
Confessions: 5.50 pm – 6.10 pm

Sunday- 9.30am Mass.
11.30am Syro-Malabar Mass in Malayalam



Changes to Mass times this week: NONE

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Delia Dagnall RIP, Dorothy Reynard (Wilson) RIP, Peter Cain RIP, Sheila Veronica Gillard RIP.
Anniversary: Benjamin Hodgkiss, Alan Heaton, Jack Seddon Snr, Margaret Seddon, Jack Seddon Jnr.
Memorial: Wyre & Ward Families
Special Intentions: Gorton, Edwards & Holland Families, Living & deceased members of the Ladies Guild, in thanksgiving for prayers answered and for Maria.

Hymn Numbers*: 194, 641, Acc: 3, 661,439, 303*

Legion of Mary Group: The Legion of Mary Group meets on **FRIDAY MORNINGS** after the 9am Mass. New members' welcome!

Prayer Group: Friday 9th October & Friday 23rd October 7pm, all welcome.

Our Lady of Lourdes Men's Group: Meet every Wednesday evening in the Blue Room at 7pm. **ALL WELCOME!**



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9.30am Mass

Presentation of children who will prepare to receive their First Holy Communion in June 2027.

Sick and Retired Clergy Appeal Our Diocesan Sick & Retired Clergy Fund ensures our retired priests can begin the next chapter of their vocation with confidence, knowing the Church they have served will continue to accompany them as they age. Every gift to the fund helps to provide the care, dignity and practical support our priests deserve after years of dedicated service. Please remember our retired clergy in your prayers and if you can, make a gift to the appeal today. (Scan the QR code to go to the donation page.)

Sacrament of Confirmation

The first preparation session is on Tuesday 13th October at 6.30pm.

Children registered at Mount St Joseph School with have their preparation class in school at 3pm.

Memorial Book: The parish Memorial Book will be updated at the end of October, if you would like an entry for a relative in the Parish who you wish to remember, please complete a form and leave in an envelope with your donation (Suggested donation minimum £10 per name). Memorial book forms are available in the Sacristy. **Please have forms in by 26th October.**

Wrap up Bolton for Winter 2026: Many people in Bolton will be struggling to keep warm this coming winter as they go out and about. It has been decided to repeat "Wrap Up Bolton" which has been very successful in previous years. Coats collected will be distributed to organisations and charities in Bolton and surroundings including schools in our parish community. The Wrap Up Bolton collection starts on Sunday 4th October and will run until **Sunday 18th October**. Please place your coats for men, women and children in the box at the back of church.

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

DONA Charity this week: SICK & RETIRED CLERGY

Charity Collections: There are several charity collections in the coming few weeks. While we realise it is not always possible to give to them all, please give what you can to your chosen charity.

10th & 11th October – Sick & Retired Clergy

17th & 18th October – Missionary Society of St Paul – visiting Mission Priest will celebrate Mass.

24th& 25th October - World Mission (Missio)

31st Oct & 1st November – SVP – Local charity

CAFOD: A cheque for £262.00 has been sent to CAFOD following last week's collection. Thank you.

Church Collection:4/10/26- £596.27 an average of £225.50 per week received in standing order & electronic donations in September. Thank you for your generosity.

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