Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gregory the Great

news

Sunday 25th October 2026 – 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The readings for this Sunday centres on the indissoluble bond between the two greatest commandments: loving God completely and loving one's neighbour as oneself. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus responds to the Pharisees by combining Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18, teaching that the entire law and prophets hinge upon these two instructions. This liturgy emphasizes that true Christian discipleship cannot be compartmentalised; authentic religious devotion is meaningless without concrete acts of charity.

As detailed in the Catechism, these dual expressions of love form a singular, coherent virtue. The first reading from Exodus reinforces this practical theology by commanding the protection of vulnerable groups, specifically the stranger, the widow and the orphan. According to Catholic social teaching, love of neighbour is the definitive metric of a soul's relationship with God. Ultimately, the Church reminds the faithful that ritual compliance must be animated by active, self-giving love, sustained by the grace of prayer and the Holy Eucharist.

Mass Times This Week (26th October- 1st Nov 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: Charles Andrew Finney RIP
Anniversary: Teresa O'Haire, Kate Slater
Memorial: Peter Slater
Birthday: Felix
Special Intentions: Gorton, Edwards & Holland Families, Fred Worthington and two other intentions.

Hymn Numbers:*133, 641, Acc: 2, 470, 274*



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

Prayer Group: Friday 23rd October & Friday 6th November 7pm, all welcome.

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

Deanery Holy Hour – Friday 30th October 7pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Bolton

Children's Liturgy -Sunday 1st November 9.30am Mass

Farnworth Care Home: Mass on Thursday 12th November at 2.00pm.

Bungalow Care Home: Mass on Wednesday 11th November at 2pm.

Mass for Reception of Adults into Church: Sunday 1st November 2.30pm.

There are 5 adults who have been attending the RCIA programme with Fr David, three will be fully received into the Church and two will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will be a special Mass for them and their families, but all parishioners are welcome to come and pray with them.



Sunday 15th November 2026

9.30am Mass for children at Our Lady of Lourdes School and St Gregory's School.

Children from other schools who have registered for the programme should go to the Blue Room with Sylvia at 9.15am.

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Today. Tomorrow. Together.

World Mission Day 2026: A reminder that World Mission Day 2026, falls on 18 October. Pope Leo says, 'Your prayers and practical support, particularly on World Mission Sunday, will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need. Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion. I renew my heartfelt gratitude for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world.' **Our collection for Missio will be next weekend 24th & 25th October 2026.**

Sacrament of Confirmation

The second preparation session is on Tuesday 24th November at 6.30pm.

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

This year there are 20 young people preparing for Confirmation including those at Mount St Joseph, we will keep them all in our prayers.

Salford Young Adults Mass: Young adults ages 18 to 35 are warmly invited to our Young Adults Mass at Salford Cathedral on Wednesday 28 October 2026. Mass will start at 7.30PM with the Rosary and Confession from 7PM. There will also be social time following the service. A great chance to pray together and meet other young Catholics across the Diocese.

BACKUP North West is a Bolton charity that guides 16-25 year olds experiencing homelessness into independent living. **BACKUP** helps young people build brighter futures and avoid homelessness for good. Further information about how you can help is on the noticeboard.

DONA Charity this week: MISSIO

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.

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

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

Missionary Society of St Paul – £293.00 raised following last weekend's Missionary Appeal. Thank you.

Church Collection:18/10/26- £434.71 an average of £225.50 per week received in standing order & electronic donations in September. Thank you for your generosity.

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