

Recently Pope Leo published his first Encyclical Letter. An Encyclical Letter is addressed to the Church and to all people. It is the Pope, as Successor of St. Peter, teaching.

It now falls to us to face the challenges of our time with clarity of thought and responsibility. It is necessary to establish adequate regulatory tools capable of upholding justice and curbing the distorting effects of technological power. Nevertheless, the issue is not limited to regulation. As Pope Francis warned, we must realistically ask ourselves who holds this power today and how they use it: “It must also be recognized that nuclear energy, biotechnology, information technology, knowledge of our own DNA, and many other abilities which we have acquired... have given those with the knowledge, and especially the economic resources to use them, an impressive dominance over the whole of humanity and the entire world.” In the past, it was largely up to the State to guide and direct innovation. Today, however, the main drivers of development are private, often transnational, parties that are endowed with resources and the capacity to intervene that surpass those of many Governments. Technological power thus takes on an unprecedented, predominantly “private” aspect, which makes it even more challenging to discern, govern and direct such power toward the common good.

For this reason it is necessary to begin a shared discernment process for identifying the spiritual and cultural roots of ongoing transformations. If we focus only on contingencies, we risk letting the succession of emergencies dictate the direction of our path. We are living through a rapid phase of transition, a “change of era,” in which — while some are vying for the future of new technologies and others dedicate themselves to reflecting on the matter — most people are watching and waiting, observing from afar and merely hoping for the best. For this very reason, crucial questions impose themselves on our conscience and can no longer be avoided: Where are we going? Toward what goal do we wish to orient ourselves? What direction should we choose as a people and as a human community?

Pope Leo in his Letter on the Church's option for the poor, *Dilexi Te*:

We could also mention individuals who worked alongside people with disabilities; St Charles de Foucauld among the communities of the Sahara; St Katharine Drexel for the most underprivileged groups in North America; Sister Emmanuelle, with the garbage collectors in the Ezbet El Nakhl neighborhood of Cairo; and many others. Each in their own way discovered that the poorest are not only objects of our compassion, but teachers of the Gospel. It is not about “bringing” God to them, but of encountering him among them. All of these examples teach us that serving the poor is not a gesture to be made “from above,” but an encounter between equals, where Christ is revealed and adored. St John Paul II reminded us that “there is a special presence of Christ in the poor, and this requires the Church to make a preferential option for them.” Therefore, when the Church bends down to care for the poor, she assumes her highest posture.

Throughout centuries of Christian history, helping the poor and advocating for their rights has not only involved individuals, families, institutions, or religious communities. There have been, and still are, various popular movements made up of lay people and led by popular leaders, who have often been viewed with suspicion and even persecuted. I am referring to “all those persons who journey, not as individuals, but as a closely-bound community of all and for all, one that refuses to leave the poor and vulnerable behind... ‘Popular’ leaders, then, are those able to involve everyone... They do not shun or fear those young people who have experienced hurt or borne the weight of the cross.”

Pope Francis concludes his last Letter on the Sacred Heart, Dilexit Nos.

In a world where everything is bought and sold, people's sense of their worth appears increasingly to depend on what they can accumulate with the power of money. We are constantly being pushed to keep buying, consuming and distracting ourselves, held captive to a demeaning system that prevents us from looking beyond our immediate and petty needs. The love of Christ has no place in this perverse mechanism, yet only that love can set us free from a mad pursuit that no longer has room for a gratuitous love. Christ's love can give a heart to our world and revive love wherever we think that the ability to love has been definitively lost.

The Church also needs that love, lest the love of Christ be replaced with outdated structures and concerns, excessive attachment to our own ideas and opinions, and fanaticism in any number of forms, which end up taking the place of the gratuitous love of God that liberates, enlivens, brings joy to the heart and builds communities. The wounded side of Christ continues to pour forth that stream which is never exhausted, never passes away, but offers itself time and time again to all those who wish to love as he did. For his love alone can bring about a new humanity.

I ask our Lord Jesus Christ to grant that his Sacred Heart may continue to pour forth the streams of living water that can heal the hurt we have caused, strengthen our ability to love and serve others, and inspire us to journey together towards a just, solidary and fraternal world. Until that day when we will rejoice in celebrating together the banquet of the heavenly kingdom in the presence of the risen Lord, who harmonizes all our differences in the light that radiates perpetually from his open heart. May he be blessed forever.

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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jeremiah 20:10-13 Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33	Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 9.30am, Confessions 11-11.15am Mass 11.30am (signed) Confessions 10-10.15am Mass 10:30am (St. M) Mass (Spanish) 3pm
MONDAY SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE 2 Maccabees 6:18,21,24-31 Matthew 24:4-13	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
TUE <i>St Etheldreda</i> 2 Kgs 19:9-11,14-21,31-35,36 Mt 6:12-14	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
WEDNESDAY THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Isaiah 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66,80	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am
THURSDAY 2 Kings 24:8-17 Matthew 7:21-29	Exposition of the Bl Sacrament 8:45 - Mass 9:15am Cyril McGuinn 11am
FRIDAY Abstinence 2 Kings 25:1-12 Matthew 8:1-4	Requiem Mass for Michelle Reeves 9.30am
SAT <i>St. John Southworth, St Cyril of Alexandria</i> Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19 Matthew 8:5-17	Mass 10am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until Benediction at 11am Baptisms of Devlin and Mia Rata 12noon Confessions 5.15pm, Mass 5.30pm (St. M)
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL Acts 12:1-11 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19	Confessions 9-9.15am Mass 9.30am, Confessions 11-11.15am Mass 11.30am (signed) Confessions 10-10.15am Mass 10:30am (St. M) Mass (Vietnamese) 3pm

Under no circumstances are young children allowed to go to the toilets unaccompanied. Make sure your children are accompanied. Children must be supervised when using the stairs and lift. The stairs are only to access the Upper Hall under parental supervision. Ensure your children do not play on or under the stairs.

Do help the parish via **QR code** OR BY MACHINE in the church porches.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend, £460 (loose), £143 (giftaided), £200 (Vietnamese Mass).

If you would like an 8 day light to burn for a particular intention in front of the Bl Sacrament, Our Lady or St. Joseph please write the intention on an envelope. If you can



On Sunday 12th July our Mass at St. Patrick's will be animated by parishioners from the countries of Africa. There will be only one Mass at St. Patrick's and it will be at 10.30am. Parishioners who attend Mass at St. Malachy's are, as always, also very warmly invited to come along.

Could any parishioners who are willing to read a reading or Bidding Prayer please email Fr. Paul paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk Fr Paul will send you the Bidding Prayer in English for you to translate.

As far as Fr Paul is aware we have parishioners from Nigeria, Eritrea, Cameroon, Kenya, Congo and, of course, Fr Cletus from Zimbabwe. Let's use the languages of these nations in the praise of God! We'll also use English and Sign Language!

There will, of course, be plenty of food to share after Mass. If you have some African food to share, please do.



Planning a baptism? Speak to Fr Paul

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This week's feasts: Mon: St John Fisher was born at Beverley (Yorkshire) in 1469, and died at London on 22 June 1535. He was appointed bishop of Rochester and combined pastoral ministry with study and writing, especially in defence of Catholic doctrine. **St Thomas More** was born in London in 1478, and died there on this day in 1535. Oxford scholar and an incorruptible judge who served as Speaker and Lord Chancellor. Both were drawn into conflict with Henry VIII over his remarriage and papal supremacy. Both were imprisoned and beheaded for treason.

Tues: St. Etheldreda, born in Suffolk, died at Ely in 679, was the founder of the monastery there. Most popular of Anglo-Saxon saints, famed for her virginity and austerity. **St. Thomas Garnet** was born in London around 1575. He studied at St. Omer, the forerunner of Stonyhurst, and was ordained a priest. Arrested and imprisoned three times, he was executed on this day in 1608, declaring himself 'the happiest man this day alive.'

Wed: The Birth of St. John the Baptist

Thur: St. Moloch, contemporary of St. Columba, bishop in Argyllshire.

Sat: St. Cyril, born in Alexandria in 370, became Patriarch in 412. He fought against the heresies of the time and presided over the Council of Ephesus in 431 which declared Mary to be Theotokos, God-bearer. **St. John Southworth**, from Samlesbury in our diocese, worked as a priest in London for many years and was martyred at Tyburn in the time of Oliver Cromwell. His body rests at Westminster Cathedral.

To keep in touch we invite you to register as parishioners. A Google Form has been created. Do use the QR code (right) to submit



"I know a bank where the wild thyme blows
Where oxslips and the nodding violet grows
Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine
With sweet musk roses, and with eglantine
There sleeps Titania, sometime of the night
Lulled in these flowers, with dances and delight
And there the snake throws her enamelled skin
Weed wide enough to wrap a Fairy in..."

A Midsummer Night's Dream
William Shakespeare



Pope Leo's Intention for June: That sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth. If you wish to join Pope Leo in a moment of prayer for this intention click here [Pray with the Pope: For the values of sports | June 2026](#)

In our Diocese this week we pray for the parish of the St. Marie and St. Joseph, Bury, for Father William Foley, their parish priest, and for Deacon Paul Griffin. We pray for their parish primary schools, St Gabriel's High School and Holy Cross College as well as the chaplaincy to Fairfield General Hospital and the Bury Hospice.

In our parish we pray for all who live or work on Birchwood Drive, Kelvington Drive and Oldershaw Drive.

For Fr Chris Lough and all the sick.

For Michelle Reeves, Cyril McGuinn, Florencio Sanchez, Michael Fitzpatrick, Nel Cox and all who have died recently, and for Muredach Dynan and all remembered at this time.

This week again the lamp in front of the Blessed Sacrament and the lamp in Our Lady's Chapel burn for Gerard and Kathleen Connolly and the lamp in St. Joseph's chapel for Sister Ambrose.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR STORY?

1837 During this winter there was an evident change in the manner of the Rev D Hearne. With the exception of the Rev R Crockell there was not a priest in Manchester who showed the slightest interest in the Nuns, beyond the duty of their most worthy confessor.

Several friends of Miss Lupton came to see if they could bring her consolation. She was seven weeks without Holy Communion. The Rev A Lemon came from Liverpool to say Mass for her when he knew of her privation.

Miss Lupton received the Holy Habit of religion on the 11th of April and she took the name of Mary Austin Joseph. She was obliged to support herself with a stick at the time and could only wear large carriage boots, her feet being so weak and swollen.

Next Sunday we will be joined at the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses by some visitors from Bolivia who are sharing in the work of CAFOD.

If you, or someone you know, is unwell and would like to receive a home visit, tell Fr. Jose.

The 2026 National Eucharistic Congress takes place on Saturday, 10 October 2026, at St George's Cathedral, London.

It is a Day organised by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to deepen our devotion to the Eucharist and encourage Eucharistic adoration.

It begins with a talk by Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, OP, and Mass at 12noon. In the afternoon there will be a Bl. Sacrament Procession from St. George's Cathedral, across the river, past the Houses of Parliament, ending with Benediction at Westminster Cathedral at 5.30pm

The Diocese hopes to organise a coach which will leave (probably from St. Patrick's) at 6am and return about midnight. A charge will be made for the coach journey. Please register your interest by emailing Helen Carey at formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk You can find out more here [Adoremus 2026 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#) A decision will be taken based on the number of enquirers.

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On Sunday 5th July the Italian Madonna Del Rosario Procession starts from George Leigh St, in Ancoats, processing with the Bands, Statues and Parish Banners to St. Peter's Square and return. It starts at 1.15pm.

Thank you to everyone from our two churches that takes part. We want this year to have even more!

Everyone is invited to walk behind the St. Patrick's and St. Malachy's Banners. The First Communion Children are asked to walk in their First Communion outfits.

We need some volunteers to carry the banner. The more we have, the easier it is. Please email Fr. Paul paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk if you will be able to help. Without men to carry the banners, there will be no parish contingent.

We will also need two volunteers to act as marshals for our group. Please sign the lists at the back of our churches.

The birth of St. John the Baptist A Sonnet for Midsummer by Malcolm Guite

Midsummer night, and bonfires on the hill
Burn for the man who makes way for the Light:
'He must increase and I diminish still,
Until his sun illuminates my night.'
So John the Baptist pioneers our path,
Unfolds the essence of the life of prayer,
Unlatches the last doorway into faith,
And makes one inner space an everywhere.
Least of the new and greatest of the old,
Orpheus on the threshold with his lyre,
He sets himself aside, and cries "Behold
The One who stands amongst you comes with fire!"
So keep his fires burning through this night,
Beacons and gateways for the child of light.