

Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year A © 2019 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved.

All of us must let ourselves be evangelized by the poor and acknowledge the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them. Growing up in precarious circumstances, learning to survive in the most adverse conditions, trusting in God with the sense that no one else takes them seriously, and helping one another in the darkest moments, the poor have learned many things that they keep hidden in their hearts.

Planning a wedding?
See Deacon Stephen.
Six months notice is
required.



Q When we worship together, why are we often called an *assembly*? How is a liturgical assembly different than any other sort of audience gathered for a public event?

A Humans are social creatures, and we gather together for a variety of purposes, such as to work or to witness an event. The Church tells us that when we gather for worship, something special happens: we are no longer just a crowd, but a liturgical assembly. When we gather for prayer, we become something more than the sum of our parts: we are the Body of Christ. The Church teaches that Christ is present at the Mass in four ways: in the priest celebrant, in the Word of God proclaimed, in a special way in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, and in the assembly gathered for prayer. Truly, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

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To keep in touch with you we invite you to register as parishioners. A Google Form has been created. Use the QR code to submit it.

The 2026 National Eucharistic Congress takes place on Saturday, 10 October 2026, at St George's Cathedral, London. THIS IS THE LAST CALL FOR ANYONE WISHING TO JOIN THE COACH FROM OUR DIOCESE.

It begins with a talk by Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, OP, and Mass at 12noon. In the afternoon there will be a Blessed Sacrament Procession from St. George's Cathedral, across the river, past the Houses of Parliament, ending with Benediction 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 of £40 will be made for the coach journey.

Register your interest by emailing Helen Carey formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Do help the parish via **QR code** OR **BY MACHINE** in church. Thank you for your generosity on the weekend of 15/16th August £533.61 (loose), £157 (giftaid) and £360 (Vietnamese) and the weekend of 22/23rd August £542.64 (loose), £154 (giftaid), £95.04 (Spanish Mass) and also £40 (contactless machines).



This week's Feasts: Mon: St. Aidan, born in Ireland, died at Bamburgh (Northumberland) in 651. A monk of Iona, he was sent to Northumbria where he preached the Gospel, founded churches and monasteries and liberated slaves throughout the kingdom. With him are remembered all those holy abbots and bishops, teachers and missionaries who made Lindisfarne a cradle of English Christianity.

Tue: St. Edmund Arrowsmith, born in Haydock in 1585, was ordained at Douai and began his work in Lancashire, very possibly also around Heywood; he was arrested in 1628, imprisoned and martyred at Lancaster.

Thur: St Gregory the Great, born in Rome in 540, was ordained deacon in 578. In 590 he was elected Pope, showing pastoral care in preaching, writing, caring for the poor and working for welfare of the City of Rome, then deserted and threatened. He sent Augustine, the prior of St Andrew's, to England after encountering English slaves in the forum.

St. MacNisse, baptised by St. Patrick and consecrated as Bishop. He founded the monastery at Kells and was the first Bishop of Connor, in Co. Antrim. He died in 514.

Fri: St. Cuthbert, born c.643, died on Farne in 687. A shepherd boy, he became monk at Melrose. After the Synod of Whitby in 664, as prior of Lindisfarne, and won over the community to Roman customs. In 676 he left the monastery to live in alone on the island of Farne. For the last years of his life he served as bishop of Lindisfarne but returned to his island to die.

Sat: St. Teresa of Calcutta, born in Albania in 1910, became a Loreto sister studying in Dublin to become a teacher in India. God called her to work with the poorest of the poor, establishing orders of women and men, the Missionaries of Charity. She died in 1997.

On Monday Mass at Moston Cemetery at 11am, for the repose of the souls of all buried there. If raining, Mass will be at St. Dunstan's church.

Three Actions

1. Deny Yourself
2. Take Up Your Cross
3. Follow Jesus



Neurodiversity: awareness and inclusion within sacramental preparation.

Who this session is for: This session is primarily aimed at parish sacramental programme teams, but all those interested in learning more are welcome to attend this free information session.

Where and when: Saturday 3rd October, 10.30 - 14:00. St Patrick's Church, Mass will be celebrated at 10am, please do feel free to join us. Light refreshments will be provided but please do bring your own lunch.

Dr Minna Moffatt-Feldman (Caritas Salford) and Canon Paul Daly (Diocese of Salford) are delighted to be joined by Deacon Mark Paine (Archdiocese of Birmingham) to deliver this valuable session to support parishes in delivering their Sacramental Programmes with autism and neurodiversity in mind.

Neurodiversity Awareness

- Do you understand what neurodiversity is?
- Do you think you or a person you know may be autistic, have ADHD or similar?
- Do you operate in a way that is accessible?
- Do you understand your responsibilities towards accessibility?

Why attend? Many parishes are experiencing confusion about how best to support access to their sacramental programme, especially First Holy Communion. Children and parents who are autistic, have a learning disability or other neurodiversity may need additional support to access the programme. Deacon Mark has produced [resources](#) to help address just this! These resources mark a significant step forward in helping sacramental programme teams to increase their confidence and skills in ensuring every child is truly called by name and recognised and welcomed as a vital member of the Body of Christ.

GOD'S GRANDEUR by Gerald Manley Hopkins, SJ.

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs—
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

To see and hear it read very well click on:
[\(399\) The Prince of Wales Performs Hopkins' 'God's Grandeur' Poem - YouTube](#)

Tackling poverty and injustice in the Diocese of Salford

Caritas Salford invites you to join them for a free day of learning and reflection on the social teaching of Pope Leo XIV. This will be held at St. Patrick's in the Upper Hall on Saturday 10 October from 11AM to 3.30PM. Guest speakers will be present with a free lunch provided. For more information and to book your place visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/CaritasConference

The Season of Creation, named as such by Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholemew is a time to renew our appreciation of God's gift of Creation and our responsibility to care for it.

We will be running a three week course, called **Salvation and Creation Care**, at St. Patrick's on Wednesdays 2nd, 9th and 16th September 6.30pm to 8pm. We will meet in the Deaf Club

The course is designed to help Catholics connect their faith with God's creation. The main focus is on Catholic teaching around caring for God's creation, and aims to help Catholics see how creation is integrated within their faith. It serves as an entry point, from which Catholics can go on and see what actions they can take for themselves.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR PARISH STORY?

1844 In August the most respectable Catholic gentlemen of this town send a petition to the nuns requesting them to take under their care their care the destitute catholic female orphans of Manchester and Salford.

The gentlemen would provide for the children and pay all expenses. They proposed to build a suitable house on the Convent grounds. After much consideration the nuns consented to take charge and a house was erected at the cost of £800.

The foundation stone was laid on the 2nd of October 1844. The children of the day school were present and the orphans, from Chorlton, were given a treat by the nuns after the ceremony.

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