

The Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year, (C)
28th September 2025

FIRST READING

(Amos 6:1,4-7)

A reading from the prophet Amos

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 145:6-10)

R/. My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free,
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

SECOND READING

(1Timothy 6:11-16)

A reading from the First Letter of S Paul to Timothy

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

(Luke 16:19-31)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

"In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied, "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

"The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man, "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead." "

This is the Gospel of the Lord



Offertory If you would like to sponsor for £5 the elements used at mass one week, please have a word with Ruth Taylor. **The Bread and Wine used on the altar at Mass this week has been sponsored by Barbara Davis, birthday memoriam of her beloved husband Kenneth 28th September, and Charles Nzeh in loving memory of the first anniversary of his loving mother Edna Nzeh 20/9/2024**

Services this week

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 28th 9.00am Mass (St Aidan's)
10.30am Mass

Mon 29th SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND
RAPHAEL: no mass

Tue 30th S Jerome: no mass

Wed 1st S Teresa of the Child Jesus: 10.30am mass
(St Aidan's)

Thu 2nd The Guardian Angels: 6.15pm mass

Fri 3rd 10.00am mass

Sat 4th S Francis of Assisi: 3.00pm mass

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 5th 9.00am Mass (St Aidan's)
10.30am Mass

Love and respect of the Eucharist

Come to Mass on time, and participate actively.

On receiving the Eucharist frequently and mass attendance during the week:

The Church invites us to receive the Eucharist frequently. Consequently we should go to Mass not only on Sundays but also during the week if our schedule permits.

WELCOME to our worship today, whether at St Augustine's or St Aidan's. Join us in speaking praise to God: join us also in keeping silence before mass, in listening to the voice of the Lord.

Welcome to our Harvest Thanksgiving! There will be an opportunity to bring your offerings to the altar during this morning's masses. Food, which will be donated to Bolton Urban Outreach, and toiletries will be donated to WinterWatch. Thank you for your generosity.

Monday morning Drop-in We have begun a free tea-and-toast drop-in on Monday mornings, 8.30am-9.30am, aimed primarily at parents and carers after the morning school run. If anyone would be interested in helping to staff it, please have a word with Ruth or David.

Growing in the Faith We continue our two courses to help us grow in our Christian faith, and understand more how it applies to our daily lives. We are looking at the Eucharist on Sundays at 4.00pm, and at what Christians believe on Wednesdays at **7.00pm**. Fuller details are in the Parish Magazine.

Please maintain a prayer-full silence before mass begins. Use this time to prepare to meet Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Advent Calendars Put your name on the list at the back of church to order the only Advent Calendar to include a 24-page Christmas story activity book. Made from fairly-traded chocolate, it's a great gift.

Singing God's praises! Whatever your singing prowess, join in with all the sung parts of the mass, including the hymns - it's much easier to sing normally than to try singing in a whisper. There are no "choir pieces" unless explicitly stated on the mass sheet.

Please Note: Due to family commitments, there will be no 6.15pm said mass on Tuesday.

October Income Survey From next Sunday the parishes in Manchester Diocese are beginning the annual Income Survey, which helps determine the Parish Share we are asked to contribute: this supports parochial ministry. Please prepare for this by working out your own personal gross income, before tax. Thank you.

Vitabu vya Misa kwa Kiswahili vinapatikana nyuma ya kanisa.

Walsingham Festival is this Saturday 4th October at 3pm. A sung Mass followed by a Procession and then buffet, ending the afternoon with Benediction. This is for everyone not just those who go on Pilgrimage. There is a list at the back of church for any contributions towards the buffet.

Bible Study Group tomorrow at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Murder Mystery Night is our next Social event on 18th October - see poster for details. Tickets available just £6 each

The Sick: Theresa Stott, Keith Schofield, Andrew Moore, Rose Farrelly, Judith Lynn, Dawn Randle, Lynn Asker, Joan Millwall, Everine Buseke and Joan Brooks.

Departed: Paul Belcher, Doug Maydew

Anniversaries:

Sun 28th Jack Wild, Alan O'Neill.

Mon 29th Gordon Atkinson, James Lee, Norman Marston, Edith Thornton, Ethel Shackleton, Herbert Hale, Jim Shepherd.

Tue 30th Peter Kearns, John Warburton, Florence Hague.

Wed 1st Elizabeth Burton, James Entwistle, Muriel Swindells.

Thu 2nd Margaret Thomasson, George Glaister, Ethel Cowell, Margaret Coop, Audrey Watson.

Fri 3rd Mary Entwistle, Reuben Shipperbottom, Frank Makin, Nellie Crowther.

Sat 4th James Tonge, Walter Hargreaves, Mary Nicholson, Lilian Hawes, Ethel Gerrard, Bertha Caraher.

Please take this Mass Sheet home with you.