



St. Mary Immaculate Church

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th September 2025

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Your Prayers are asked for the Sick

Gwen Stanton, James & Louise Clare, Jack Prendergast, Joy Hurst, Neil Delaney, Carol Davin, Marie Brady, Noreen Boardman,



Lately Dead

Anthony Francis Hynes, Barbara Twist, Beatrice May.

Anniversaries

Marie Collins, Tony Heneghan, Michelle Harden, Margaret Riley, Austin Banks, Lily Glover, Mark Whitfield, Philip Broadhead, Eileen McEvoy, Monsignor Michael McKenna.



Sacrifices

**We measure people's commitment to a cause by the sacrifices
They are prepared to make for it.**

**We cannot hope to be genuine followers of Christ
without making sacrifices.**

**What does it mean to me to be a Christian?
How does it affect my life?
What does it cost me?**

**We ask God's forgiveness for the way we allow fear and selfishness
to weaken our commitment to Him.**

First Reading

Wisdom is God's gift to all who seek it.

Second Reading

Paul shows his concern for Onesimus, a former slave.

Gospel

**Being a disciple of Christ involves self-renunciation -
we must be prepared to accept the cost.**

**Eucharistic Devotion - Holy Cross Church.
Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 4 pm.
For more information see notice in the Church porch.**



Mass Intentions

Week beginning Sunday 7th September 2025

Saturday 6 pm David Walker

Sunday 8 am Gladys & Lol Conqueror
9.30 am Moira Hill
11 am Parishioners

Monday 9.15 am The Doherty Family

Tuesday 9.15 am Kath Finney

Wednesday 9.15 am Holy Souls
12.30 Funeral Service Betty Fairhurst.

Thursday 9.15 am Marie Collins

Friday 9.15 am Malcolm Campsey

Saturday 6 pm Mark Bowen

Sunday 8 am Anthony Francis Hynes
9.30 am Parishioners
11 am Mollie Platt



During the week

Monday to Friday Mass at 9.15 am

Saturday Confessions 11.30 am to 12 noon.

Saturday Mass 6 pm which fulfils the obligation to attend Mass

Sunday Mass Times
8 am 9.30 and 11 am.

Rosary at 7.30 pm on Monday evening.

The Funeral Service for Betty Fairhurst is on Wednesday 10th September at 12.30 pm

May she rest in peace.

During the coming weeks, weather permitting, various school year groups from St Augustine's will be joining our Morning Mass and leading the Mass with readers for the bidding prayers etc.



Memorial Feasts during the week

Monday 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary -

we celebrate the dawn of our salvation in the birth of Mary, Mother of our Saviour.

Tuesday 9th St Peter Claver - born 1580 - a Spanish Jesuit priest, served in the Spanish colonies for 40 years. He ministered to the enslaved- considering himself 'a slave in the service of God.' He was canonised by Pope Leo XIII in 1885.

Wednesday 10th St Ambrose Barlow - born 1585 in Chorlton-cum-Hardy. He became a Benedictine monk in 1614 in very hazardous times for Catholic clergy. He travelled around Lancaster, despite several arrests, celebrating Mass and ministering to the poor. He was captured, having suffered a stroke, and he was hanged, drawn and quartered at Lancaster Castle in 1641.

Mass of Celebration Sunday 21st September. 3 pm. Mary's Meals. All are invited to a special Mass of Celebration for the work of Mary's Meals, a global charity providing school meals to children in some of the world's poorest communities. Archbishop John Sherrington will preside at the Mass at **St Teresa's Church, Church Rd. Upholland Wigan WN8 0PY**
Light refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass.

Pilgrimage Mass at the shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi - Saturday 13th

September at 12 noon, All are welcome to attend.

Bishop Mark Davies (Shrewsbury Diocese) will be the Principle Celebrant.
