

MASS INTENTIONS

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 25th July – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:30pm	Chris & Ann
Sunday 26th July – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Ann O'Connor
	11:00am	Philip & Michael Byrnes (RIP) (Anniversary)
Monday 27th July – Feria	9:00am	Gertrude D'Souza (R.I.P)
Tuesday 28th July – Feria	9:00am	Jane Driscoll (R.I.P)
Wednesday 29th July – Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus	9:00am	Olivia Intentions
Thursday 30th July – Feria	9:00am	Olivia Intentions
Friday 31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola	9:00am	Michelle & Family Int
Saturday 1st August – St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori	9:00am	Denis Doherty (R.I.P)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 1st August – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:30pm	John Finan
Sunday 2nd August – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	John Lynch Special Intentions
	11:00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)

Reflection for the week World Day for Grandparents

'Who does not remember their grandparents? Who can forget their presence and their witness by the domestic hearth? How many of us bare their names as a sign of continuity and gratitude!.... These and other gestures of love and faith are the manifestation of our gratitude to them. They gave themselves; they sacrificed themselves for us, and in certain cases also gave their lives.'

Pope Benedict XVI



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 25th & 26th July 2026

Dear Friends,

Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven as a pearl of great price, a treasure so valuable that a person would give up everything they had to obtain it. This is the great treasure that we share and own through our faith and our fellowship with Him and with one another.

When Solomon inherited the kingdom of Israel on the death of his father King David, he was young and inexperienced. He also had the good judgement to realise that his need was not for riches, or power over his enemies (and he had many of those), but for wisdom. The gift of wisdom is something that is offered to all. It is not the same as intelligence or skill. At its heart, wisdom is the ability to discern good from evil, and to have the courage to act on that discernment and follow the good. Perhaps the greatest test of wisdom is to be able to know the difference between the fleeting fancies of this life and those things that are of true lasting value. To see, if you like, the Kingdom of God in which we live and move, and which surrounds us in this life but also draws us on to its fullest realisation in Heaven. Prayer can open our eyes to this vision and draw us on to a deeper and closer relationship with God our loving Father. The Collect of the Mass this weekend speaks of using the good things of this passing world in such a way as to hold fast to the things that endure. This is the Wisdom that Solomon prayed for, and that is offered to each one of us Who seek to draw closer each day to the heart of Jesus.

God Bless
Deacon Ken



Online Version of the
Newsletter

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquerque, Christophe Amblard, Sheeba Antony, Eva Au, Julian Avasiloia, Michael Balfour, Ralph Batrum, Mary Bowdler, William Bradbury, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrell, Martha Dwyer, Zain Falzon, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Jean Floreutin, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Ann Keaney, Baby Stephen Kelly, Mary Williams, David Lynch, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Brian Nash, Livan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Dean Partleton, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Dr Nikhil Rao, Jennie Reddy, Louis Russo, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Robin Stinson, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, The Salter Family (Bert, Charlie and Bert's Daughter-in-law), Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Melon Vigo, Heather Wood, Graham Wood, Elizabeth Wyles, Jay Spencer, Irene (Evelyn's sister) and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord.

PARISH FINANCES:

18th & 19th July 2026

Loose

£569.00

Envelopes

£376.00

Right to Life:

Let us pray for new parents and grandparents, that they may manifest the love and mercy of God to their children and grandchildren. Lord hear us

Baptism Course:

The next Baptism course will be in September

Holy Hour:

Please note Holy Hour continues **every Sunday 6 -7pm.**

Mother & Toddler Group:

If you would like to join us, please contact Maria at stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com or call 07774 719 806 for more information.

Bank Details

Parishioners have been asking for the Bank details for their donations. Please make sure if you want to pay directly to the Bank you go to the office to fill out a gift aid form. If you do not pay tax please still see the office as we need details for the records

BANK: HSBC

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Number: 31019848

Holy Communion Programme 2026/27:

Application forms will be available from the back of the church from Saturday 18th July till Sunday 13th September 2026. There will be a parent meeting for all parents wishing their child to receive First Holy Communion in May 2027 on Sunday 13th September at 4:30pm in the Parish centre. Applications are open to children who will be in Year 4 or above from September 2026.

St John Bosco Children's Camp, summer 2026:

Applications are open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. 25th July – 1st August or 1st – 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, aqua park visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details and full information are at www.boscocamp.co.uk. Places are going quickly – you are encouraged to apply this week.

Job Vacancy:

Headteacher Vacancy at St Joseph's School Upminster. For more information please visit:

<https://st-josephs-upminster.net/vacancies/>

Retreat for Ministers of Communion

There will be an afternoon retreat for all Ministers of Holy Communion on Sunday 20th September from 4.00pm to 7.00pm, beginning in the Parish Hall. All ministers are expected to attend. Please speak to Deacon Ken if you have any questions.

Action Needed!

we have launched our new *Support Not Suicide* nationwide campaign, which we will be running between now and the vote on 11th September, to ensure that the Bill is defeated at Second Reading. As part of this campaign, please email your MP using the new tool that we have launched now and ask them to vote NO. This email **includes new information** that MPs need to see following Sir Keir Starmer's resignation announcement. **Please click the link: [contact your MP now](#)**. It takes just 30 seconds!

Retrouvaille:

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues?

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage.

Next dates: **2nd - 4th Oct.** www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info **Tel: 0788 7296983**

BCCS – Events Notice:

BCCS invites you to join them on an exclusive, personal tour of Ingatestone Hall, conducted by the Petre family, offering unbeatable insight of the past and present of his Grade I listed building and gardens, followed by a hot drink and homemade biscuit on Thursday 3rd September, 11:00-3:30pm. The event was over-subscribed last year so get your tickets fast - entry is £25 per person - book online today: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/

Confirmation Expression of Interest:

If you will be in Year 10 or above in September 2026 and wish to join confirmation could you please let us know by e-mailing the parish using 'Confirmation' as the subject and send your name, and contact information. We will be in touch after the summer with an update.

Newsletter

This will be the last newsletter until the 29th August all Mass intentions will be on the notice board at the back of the Church.

Gift Aid

If you are a taxpayer and are putting into the Church collection if you fill out a form and give it into the office the Church can reclaim from the taxman 20p in every pound you donate.