

MASS INTENTIONS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 18th July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:30pm	Rosetta Reehill (R.I.P)
Sunday 19th July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Thanksgiving Lydia Akinwumi
	11:00am	Kathleen Fitzgerald (R.I.P)
Monday 20th July – Feria	9:00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 21st July – Feria	9:00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 22nd July – St Mary Magdalene	9:00am	Michelle & Family
Thursday 23rd July – St Bridget of Sweeden	9:00am	Mark Finnegan
Friday 24th July – Feria	9:00am	Olivia
Saturday 25th July – St James, Apostle	9:00am	Michelle & Family

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)

Reflection for the week

When I trust God's perfect timing, my inner peace remains intact, even when confronted with delays or a slow pace of action or progress. I remember that God is in control, and God knows what he's doing. At last, I've come to realise that God's 'slow work' is where his best masterpieces lie, for time is often an ally where creation is concerned. The world in all its magnificence surely takes time for my human brain to behold, so naturally God reveals its intricacies slowly. God invites me to embrace this virtue of patience, giving me numerous opportunities to practice it. When I follow God's lead, at God's pace, the payoff is huge: experiencing God's ever-deepening nearness.

Cindy Ristroph



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 18th & 19th July 2026

Dear Friends,

Our Lord says in today's Gospel that the world is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow side by side. The Church is the same and so is each of us. Each of us is a mixture of good and evil. Today's parable of the wheat and the darnel forcefully reminds us that there is much work to do. In our life, good and evil live side by side. If we wait until all sin is removed from our life, we will never offer the Eucharist on this earth. On the other hand, if the Mass is mere ceremony with no impact on our lives, this is hypocrisy. What the Lord asks of us is that at each celebration we genuinely try to prepare ourselves to unite our work with his. We do this by working for the same purpose as Jesus himself to make his church one, to bring his people together in true community. The God we meet in the Eucharist in the words of the first reading is a "God who cares for everything, is mild in judgement and after sin will grant repentance". If we are to unite our gift with his and our work with his, then we must be kindly towards everyone. Evil will not finally be removed from our life until the harvest at the end of the world. But what gives us hope in our weakness is that the Holy Spirit is working in us, moving us towards love for God and people and prompting us to work for one body, one spirit in Christ.

God Bless
Canon Maurice



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:

11th & 12th July 2026

Loose

£504.40

Envelopes

£319.00

Right to Life:

The Lord tells us that He has revealed the mysteries of the Kingdom to little children. Let us, therefore, ask for the grace to protect all children - born and unborn - from every form of harm.

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, we are open Monday-Friday mornings in the Parish Hall, 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 Ingatstone 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.