



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th July 2025

Annual Open-Air Mass & Parish BBQ

A big thank you to everyone for their help and those who participated in making the Open-Air Mass and BBQ such a great success. The weather held out till the end of the Mass, and then literally the heavens opened, nevertheless, all who came seemed to enjoy the day. This enabled us to make a profit of £366 towards the parish building fund.

What We Must Do

We are to love God and our neighbour with all the strength of our being, as the scholar of the Law answers Jesus in this week's Gospel.

This command is nothing remote or mysterious—it's already written in our hearts, in the book of sacred Scripture. "You have only to carry it out," Moses says in this week's First Reading.

Jesus tells His interrogator the same thing: "Do this and you will live."

The scholar, however, wants to know where he can draw the line. That's the motive behind his question: "Who is my neighbour?"

In his compassion, the Samaritan in Jesus' parable reveals the boundless mercy of God - who came down to us when we were fallen in sin, close to dead, unable to pick ourselves up.

Jesus is "the image of the invisible God," this week's Epistle tells us. In Him, the love of God has come very near to us. By the "blood of His Cross"—by bearing His neighbours' sufferings in His own body, being himself stripped and beaten and left for dead—He saved us from bonds of sin, reconciled us to God and to one another.

Like the Samaritan, He pays the price for us, heals the wounds of sin, pours out on us the oil and wine of the sacraments, entrusts us to the care of His Church, until He comes back for us.

Because His love has known no limits, ours cannot either. We are to love as we have been loved, to do for others what He has done for us—joining all things together in His Body, the Church.

We are to love like the singer of this week's Psalm - like those whose prayers have been answered, like those whose lives have been saved, who have known the time of His favour, have seen God in His great mercy turn toward us. This is the love that leads to eternal life, the love Jesus commands today of the scholar, and of each of us—"Go and do likewise."

Sea Sunday -Apostleship of the Sea

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports



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seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to

enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. To donate online please visit:

www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk Thank you.

Prayer for Seafarers

Almighty God, we remember those whose lives are lived on your great oceans. May they daily feel the strength of your protection, the warmth of your presence and the love of your relationship as they seek hope of safe passage. Pray for seafarers who are stranded at sea and forced to survive using only the resources available around them. Comfort them in times of loneliness and need and remind them that, in you, they are never alone, particularly when they are struggling with poor weather conditions or sickness.

Funerals

Peter Comiskey: Tuesday 15th July, 12.30pm - Holy Trinity Church, followed by a Cremation at North Herts Crematorium.

Fr Michael: Friday 8th August, 2pm - Marychurch, 26 Salisbury Square, Hatfield, AL6 5JD.

Sunday Readings: Parish Mass Book Page 108

Blessing of the Graves - Sunday 17th August

The Sunday closest to the Feast of the Assumption, Father Denis will lead a small service at Baldock Cemetery at 12.30pm, which is just off The Sycamores, next to The Orange Tree Pub. He will be blessing the graves of all our loved ones.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Saturday 20th September

A wonderful opportunity to be part of this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. Ticket options: adult £35; child 6 to 12year old £15; child 0 to 5year old, free. The ticket is inclusive of travel by coach and the pilgrim's levy. The coach will be leaving from St. Hugh, Letchworth at 8am. The return is scheduled around 4.30pm from Walsingham. We expect tickets to sell fast due to it being the Jubilee year, so please **email** Jo in the Parish Office now to book your place to avoid disappointment.

First Holy Communion 2026 Programme - Saturday 27th September For parents to come and meet with Fr Denis between 10am - 11.30am to complete their child's application form for First Holy Communion (*open to any child in Yr3 or above*). If your child was not Baptised in Baldock please bring their Baptism certificate with you. The sessions commence in November 2025 and the children will make their First Holy Communion in May 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Denis.

2025 Parish Dates for your Diary

Sunday 17th August - Blessing of the Graves: 12.30pm at Baldock Cemetery.

Saturday 13th September - Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers' Day: 10.00am - 12.30pm, followed by lunch.

Saturday 20th September - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: 8am, leaving from Letchworth.

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish, especially Tara Ferrissey, Ray Carter, Sally-Ann Riegel and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially Peter Comiskey, Fr. Michael Steward and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Elizabeth Duff, Edwin Somers, Shirley Topajka, Jonathan Turner, Patrick O'Toole, Edward Kerrigan, Andrew Kelly, Helena Tutak, Catherine Scanlon, Mary Brigid Smith, Maria Grant.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 12 th	6.30pm	<i>Francesco & Raffafzla Picillo</i>
Sun 13 th	8.30am 10.30am	
Mon 14 th	10.00am	
Tue 15 th	10.00am	Mass in School Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Wed 16 th	10.00am	<i>Danny Huggins RIP</i> Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Thu 17 th	10.00am	<i>Emma Targett</i>
Fri 18 th	No Mass	

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis.

Children's Liturgy: Takes place during the 10.30am Mass except on the First Sunday of the Month (Family Mass) and during school holidays.

The Vigil Mass (6.30pm) and the Sunday Mass (10.30am) can be watched online via the Parish Facebook Page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury.**

Contacts

Parish Safeguarding Officers have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk within the Parish.

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Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals for further details please speak to Fr. Denis, look at the website or contact the parish office.

Church Hall Bookings the church hall is available to be booked for groups or celebrations. Please contact the parish office for more details.

Baldock Catholic Scout Group for boys & girls aged 6-14. Contact: enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk

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