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Mass this Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 19th July 2026

Today's Readings

Wisdom 12:13. 16-19 God's care is for all and seeks to draw each person more closely into the Holy Trinity who is the God of love.

Romans 8:26-27 The Spirit helps us in our weakness to pray and shows us the next step on our journey to receive and respond to God's love.

Matthew 13:24-43 Jesus uses many images to describe the mystery of the kingdom of God which is present in our midst through actions of love, mercy, justice and building peace.

Mass This Week			**Intention**
Saturday 18th	6:30pm		Antonietta & Tony Esposito (RIP)
Sunday 19th	9:00am		For Our Parishioners
	10:30am		Families in the School Holidays
Tuesday 21st	6:00pm	Weekday	Fr Norman Kersey (RIP)
Wednesday 22nd	9:15am	ST MARY MAGDALENE	Retreatants
Thursday 23rd	9:15am	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	The Church and People of Sweden
Friday 24th	9:15am	St Sharbel Mahklūf	The Church and People of Lebanon

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in Thanksgiving for Lucia & Michele Turi
The Sacrament of Reconciliation may usually be celebrated during exposition (5: 30pm Saturday) or by appointment

Mass Offering
This QR code will take you to our parish online donation page.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2027
The forms for sacramental programmes are now available in the Sacristy (Yellow for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, Mauve for Confirmation, White for RCIA (Adults)). Please ensure that these are returned by September 20th to give us time to order the necessary resources to begin the programmes in the Autumn.

Catechist Recruitment Please can those who have not yet confirmed they are willing to be catechists for our Confirmation group, let Fr Philip know as soon as possible. It is important that any new volunteers go through the safer recruitment process and we work with you in getting DBS checks etc. in good time.

Westminster Diocese Pilgrimage to Walsingham
A coach to Walsingham will collect pilgrims in Royston on the morning of Saturday 19th September. The cost will be £30 per adult and £12 per child (5 years and over). Payment is required at the time of booking, please. If you would like to join us please contact Anita on 07882 173865.

Car Park Closure Please be aware that the Car Park we share with the school will be closed during the day on Monday 20th July. (This is a change from the previously published date.)

Summer Holiday Newsletters
Please note that next weekend will be the last 'normal' parish newsletter.
In August we will have a summer newsletter with the same information each week.
Any notices for that must be in to the Parish Office by Tuesday 28th July.

Adoremus 2026 Adoremus 2026 will take place on **Saturday 10th October** A poster, with details of the events of the day, is on the notice board.
Art Competition A national Catholic schools Art Competition has been launched. Young people are invited to reflect on themes such as the Blessed Sacrament, the presence of Jesus, and the beauty of our cathedrals. Entries will be judged by a professional panel of art experts, with categories for ages 6–8, 9–12, 13–15, and 16–18. A winner will be selected in each category, along with one overall winner. The winning entry will feature on prayer cards given to all the event. Entries to be submitted by simply sending a photo of the artwork to artcompetition@christian.art Deadline for entries: **15th September 2026**. A poster is again on the notice board.

We Dare to Love, the Autumn Faith Sharing Resource from the Diocesan Agency for Evangelisation, explores the essential truth of God's love and its part in our lives. As God's first gift, and the motivation of Jesus' ministry, in this resource we help the reader reflect on how God's perfect love can impact our lives in significant ways. Please sign up under the poster in the Sacristy if you would like a copy ordered for you.

Let Us Walk Pilgrimage 5 - 9 October 2026, Maidstone to Southwark A national walking pilgrimage will take place 5-9 October, the week before the Adoremus Eucharistic Celebration on10 October. The pilgrimage will start at the Church of St Francis of Assisi in Maidstone and finish at the Metropolitan Cathedral of St George in Southwark on Friday 9 October. The walk will mark the Year of St Francis of Assisi and will embody his values of joy, simplicity, humility, peace and love of creation. A small group of perpetual pilgrims will walk the full distance, joined by day pilgrims who will register for each day. Full details and registration can be found here: https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/let-us-walk-that-we-may-adore-2026

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for July
For Respect For Human Life Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Fire Drill

We are obliged to have an annual Fire Drill, and we intend to have this at the end of the masses this weekend.

The alarm will be "**Fire, Fire, Fire**"

Fire Wardens should ensure all exit routes are fully open.
Please leave the church without rushing. And please be considerate to one another. Follow any requests from the Fire Wardens.
(*As this is a drill you will of course be able to return into church afterwards*)

The advice of the Fire Service is that during a real incident people should go home where they are safe, and where they will not hinder the work of the Fire Service.

If children are not with their families, such as servers in the Sanctuary, the responsible adult will go with them to the Statue of the Sacred Heart, on the North side of the Church, where parents can meet them.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.