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Mass Sunday 2nd August: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Readings

Isaiah 55:1-3 The Lord provides nourishment for all who turn to him.

Romans 8:35. 37-39 Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 14:13-21 They all ate and were satisfied.

Mass This Month – August 2026			**Intention**
Saturday 1st	6:30pm	**Eighteenth Sunday (A)**	Those Travelling
Sunday 2nd	9:00am		For Our Parishoiners
	10:30am		Peace in The Middle East
Tuesday 4th	6:00pm	St John Vianney	Parish Clergy
Wednesday 5th	9:15am	Weekday	Ukraine
Thursday 6th	9:15am	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Kensal Rise Parish
Friday 7th	9:15am	Weekday	Philip John Hughes (RIP)
Saturday 8th	6:30pm	**Nineteenth Sunday (A)**	For Our Parishioners
Sunday 9th	9:00 am		Refugees
	10:30am		Ethel Fernandes (100th Birthday)
Tuesday 11th	6:00pm	St Clare	Poor Clares, Barnet
Wednesday 12th	9:15am	St Jane Frances de Chantal	The Visitation Sisters, Foxhunt Gr'n
Thursday 13th	9:15am	Weekday	Prisoners
Friday 14th	9:15am	St Maximilian Kolbe	Fr Terrence McGuckin (RIP)
Saturday 15th	6:30pm	**The Assumption of the Blessed**	Hitchin Parish
Sunday 16th	9:00am	**Virgin Mary**	Angela Clay (anniversary)
	10:30am		For Our Parishioners
Tuesday 18th	6:00pm	Weekday	Peace
Wednesday 19th	9:15am	Weekday	Fr Michael Durrand (RIP)
Thursday 20th	9:15am	St Bernard	Northolt Parish
Friday 21st	9:15am	St Pius X	St Charles Square Parish
Saturday 22nd	6:30pm	**Twenty First Sunday (A)**	For Our Parishioners
Sunday 23rd	9:00am		Ellen Morris (RIP)
	10:30am		Visitors
Tuesday 25th	6:00pm	Weekday	Fr Raymond Legge (RIP)
Wednesday 26th	9:15am	Weekday	Christiane and Alfred Parry (RIP)
Thursday 27th	9:15am	St Monica	Mothers
Friday 28th	9:15am	St Augustine	Clare Priory
Saturday 29th	6:30pm	**Twenty Second Sunday (A)**	Fr Colin Whatling (RIP)
Sunday 30th	9:00am		For Our Parishioners
	10:30am		George and Rose Martin (RIP)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may usually be celebrated during exposition (5: 30pm Saturday) or by appointment

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in thanksgiving for Mr & Mrs Edgecomb (2nd), In Thanksgiving MT and BB (9th), Families (16th) and Special Intention (23rd)

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

Parish Office Please note that the Parish Office will be closed during August. The office will reopen on 1st September

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.

Westminster Diocese Pilgrimage to Walsingham *Saturday 19th September* The cost will be £30 per adult and £12 per child (5 years and over). At present, only a small number of people have booked to join the coach to Walsingham from our parish. Unfortunately, unless a few more pilgrims come forward, it will not be practical for the coach to make a stop here, and we may have to cancel the local pickup point. If you have been meaning to book, please do get in touch as soon as possible. It would be wonderful if we could keep the coach stop in our parish. Payment is required at the time of booking, please. If you would like to join us please contact Anita on 07882 173865. Thank you for your understanding, and please keep the pilgrimage in your prayers.

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.

Food Bank Please remember that food donations are gratefully received during the holiday period, especially by those families entitled to free school meals during term time. Thank you.

The Saint John Henry Newman School warmly invites parents of year 6 pupils to an Open Evening on Thursday 24th September from 5:30pm to 8pm. Prospectuses and application forms will be available on the evening. The last tour will be at 7pm and the school will close to visitors once the final Headteacher's address starts at 7:30pm. There will be opportunities to view the school the following week.

Sponsored Bike 'n Hike Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust will be running their annual Bike 'n Hike on Saturday 12th September (9am to 5pm). Money is raised through sponsorship and, by taking part, half the money you raise will go to the church of your choice and the other half will go to Beds and Herts Hictoric Churches Trust to offer grants for the church repair projects. Sponsorship packs are available in the Sacristy.

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.
Please sign up under the poster in the Sacristy if you would like a copy ordered for you.

St Thomas of Canterbury Launches the *Royston Movie Festival!* We are delighted to announce that the first film shown at the Royston Movie Festival will be Steven Spielberg's much-loved family classic, ***E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*.**
The Royston Movie Festival was created to bring families, friends and neighbours together through the shared enjoyment of film.
We hope the festival will become a regular part of Royston's community calendar, creating shared experiences and lasting memories for residents.
Bring your chairs and blankets and join us in the warm evening air for a magical outdoor screening of *E.T.*
Date: Saturday 12th September 2026
Gates open: 6.00 pm Venue: St Mary's Primary School, Melbourn Road, Royston, SG8 7DB
Please note that the Saturday evening Mass will be at the earlier time of 6pm to enable people to attend.
Book your tickets here: https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/royston-movie-festival
Or scan the QR code to buy tickets.