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Mass this Sunday: Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 13th September 2026

Today's Readings

Sirach 27:30-28:7 We must forgive our neighbours and not persist in our anger, then we too will be pardoned.

Romans 14:7-9 We are the Lord's in life and in death.

Matthew 18:21-35 Jesus says we must forgive anyone who wrongs us seventy-seven times seven if we hope for salvation.

Mass This Week			**Intention**
Saturday 12th	6:00pm		For Our Parishioners
NB Next Saturday Mass shall revert to its usual 6:30pm on Saturday			
Sunday 13th	9:00am		Catholic Education
	10:30am		Margaret Salmon (RIP)
Tuesday 15th	6:00pm	Our Lady of Sorrows	Rev'd Jonny Bell (New Methodist Minister)
Wednesday 16th	9:15am	SS Cornelius and Cyprian	Carers
Thursday 17th	9:15am	St Hildegard of Bingen	Vocations to the Religious Life
Friday 18th	9:15am	Weekday	Jonathan Barber (anniversary)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Peace

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may usually be celebrated during exposition (5: 15pm this Saturday, usually 5:30pm) or by appointment

Please note we intend to livestream the 9am Mass this Sunday.

Mass Offering

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

Friday September 18th Season of Creation

Collaboration between St Thomas of Canterbury and the CIC Nature Nell and Dr Dell *Discovering Birdsong*. Please find details in the leaflets in the Sacristy (including how to get the negotiated discount on the price!).

The Weekend of 26th/27th September Harvest Produce Sale: Please bring along any excess from gardens, allotments, baking, etc etc. to sell in aid of Church Funds. There will also be a second hand book stall – or any other stall someone is willing to offer. If you are willing to help organise, set up and so forth please see Fr Philip

First Holy Communion and Confirmation and RCIA 2027 *Final call for forms!* If you have not yet returned the forms (available in the Sacristy), please ensure that these are returned by **this weekend.**

The first Parents Meeting for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be at 7:30pm in the sacristy on Thursday 8th October, the first children's workshop on Saturday 11th and the first Link mass on Sunday 11th.

There will be a planning meeting for Confirmation Catechists at 7pm in the Sacristy on Tuesday 15th September.

We hope to have the first RCIA session of our new cohort of Adults seeking to explore Catholicism, maybe with a possible view towards baptism or reception, confirmation, and communion at 6:30pm on Tuesday 22nd September.

Secondary School Transfer The season is upon us to make choices about the next step for Yr 6 pupils. Several Catholic Schools request that practising Catholics (i.e. those participating at mass each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation) should present a Certificate of Catholic Practice. If you are eligible for this, or require another form of affidavit for you regular practice, please see Fr Philip after any weekend mass to arrange a short interview with him.

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.

Save The Date! ***Saturday 3rd October at 7:30pm***
Join us for our Parish Quiz Night in the school hall. Organised in collaboration with the school, this promises to be an enjoyable evening of fun, friendly competion and community spirit.
Tickets: £12 per person/ Free for Under 14's

Parish Retreat Day We will be traveling up the AI to Buckden Towers for a day retreat with a Franciscan Theme. Please sign up on the poster in the Sacristy, both to say you are coming, but also to indicate if you can drive and how many passangers you could give a lift to.

As noted last week we are actively seeking new volunteers in every area of Church life. This includes:
Musicians We value the involvement of musicians at all our masses. We thank Caroline Pung who has been playing the organ at the 6:30pm Saturday mass but who has decided to step down from that. We are actively seeking someone else to support our singing at that mass and/or the 9am Mass. Don't worry if you are a pianist rather than an organist, or if you can offer an non-keyboard accompaniment. Singers are always welcome to join our choir for the 10:30am Mass on Sundays and major festivals. Indeed it would be good to have musical support at all the weekend masses.
Health and Safety in a few weeks time we will have our annual Health and Safety inspection. We do want to have a small team who regularly check that everything in Church and our Parish centre are as they should be. We would also welcome more Fire Wardens.
Please see Fr Philip if you can help with these or with anything else.

Safeguarding All those who volunteer to work with Children, young people and vulnerable adults need to have had a DBS check for the specific role they have in the Church and renew it every three years. If you think you may need a check or a renewal please see Fr Philip and/or Anthony Ogwara (roystonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for September
For The Care of Water Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Education Sunday
The Catholic Church has been a pioneer in the provision of education in England and Wales for more than 1,500 years, with state involvement beginning only in the 19th century. The Church continues to provide education in partnership with the government of the day.
Established by the Bishops in 1848, Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales.
Education remains the Church's biggest charitable activity, from establishing schools for poor immigrant children in the Victorian era through to welcoming pupils from Ukraine and Hong Kong today.
Catholic education isn't just about St Mary's Catholic School, Royston or St John Henry Newman School, or St Edmund's College or St Bede's, but is the network of more than 2,100 schools and colleges and other educational institues in England and Wales. There are also four Catholic universities: Birmingham Newman; Leeds Trinity; Liverpool Hope; and St Mary's, at Twickenham.
The success of Catholic education is, of course, dependent on many thousands of teachers, lecturers, academics, support staff, leaders, governors, directors, advisers and others who have found their vocation in Catholic education, and without whom this would be impossible.
Catholic education continues to serve local communities and is an achievement worth celebrating.
Please keep all learners and educators and their families in your prayers.
There will be a retiring collection after masses this week for the Catholic Education Service.