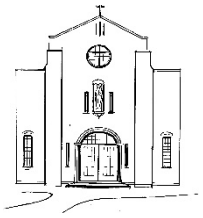
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 9th August 2026





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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How often do we cry out to God, wondering if we will be heard? How often do we look in vain for our Lord in the world? Well, we're not the only ones. In today's first reading, Elijah expected to sense the divine presence in strong winds, earthquakes, or fire, but God was not in any of them. In the Gospel, the disciples fail to recognize Jesus during a violent storm as he walks toward them across the churning waters. Let us take a moment and realize that God is with us right here and now as we worship together. God is with us whenever we celebrate the Mass. God is with us when we receive Christ in the Eucharist. We may not always be aware of it, but God is always near.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 8th August		6.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 9th August	**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	8.30am Margaret Russell RIP 11.30am Carmela & Rosa Tona RIP 6.30pm
Monday 10th August	Lawrence	10.00am Felister Mwalagho RIP
Tuesday 11th August	Clare	10.00am Keith Kenny
Wednesday 12th August	Jane Frances	10.00am Darren Sylvester - Birthday
Thursday 13th August	Pontian	10.00am B. Nlend & A NgoEnane RIP
Friday 14th August	Maximilian	10.00am Mary Caverly RIP
Saturday 15th August		6.30pm B. E. & H Nlend Int.



TODAY'S READINGS:	**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a	Revelation 11:19a;
Psalm 85	Psalm 45
Romans 9:1-5	1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Matthew 14:22-33	Luke 1:39-56
CBC Missal: Page 359	CBC Missal: Page 921
CTS Missal: Page 758	CTS Missal: Page 1171

LIVE STREAMING FROM THE CHURCH

The live stream runs twenty-four hours a day, so you can 'visit' the Church whenever you wish. There is a link on the Parish Website and it is also accessible at our-lady-of-the-immaculate-conception-and-st-joseph-waltham-cross - MCN

PRAYER INTENTIONS

During Ordinary Time: We are asked to pray: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Human Life; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Seafarers

For those who are ill: Agnes Curtis, Shirley Willis, Anthony & Robert Newman, Gerard O'Malley, Mary Holmes, Tara Clarke, Gerry Robinson, Hedley Imbert, Isaac Abraham, Derek Carter, Ermelina De Freitas, Peter Jones, Medha Samabji, Geraldine Cleveland, Janina Prusiene, Maria Dos Santos, Marco Cafferelli, Lily Harker, Ignatius Fessal, Marco Avanzato, Meghan & Conor Bennett Kelly, Sue and Ian Wallace, Bridie Burke, Alison Morgan,

For those who have died recently: Bernadette McCauley, Kathleen Crowe, Ann McCormack,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Sam Picone, Lilla Anghelone, Margaret Russell,

If you are using Offertory Envelope No. 422, can you please come and see us in the Parish Office. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Saturday from 10.30am – 11.00am and from 5.45pm – 6.15pm.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory collection which came to £1,119.01 plus, the July Standing Orders £4,907.00; Online Donations £245.59; Contactless £887.00

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Ann McCormack will be celebrated on Thursday 13th August at 11.30am.
The Funeral Mass for the late Bernadette McCauley will be celebrated on Friday 14th August at 11.30am.

RELIEF CLEANER/CARETAKER FOR ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE

We need a relief cleaner/caretaker to cover for our present caretaker when he is absent. The hours are 7.30am-9.30am, Monday to Friday. It will be a zero hour contract, and you could be called upon at short notice. If you are interested, please speak to Fr John.

FR JOHN

Fr John is on holiday until late Thursday 20th August. Fr Tom is looking after the Parish while Fr John is away.

RCIA

If you are not already a Catholic, or have been away from the Church for some time, or just did not get around to celebrating one of the Sacraments at the 'right age', or would like to discover more about the Catholic Church, then this is the Group for you! For further details, please see Fr John. The Meetings will start in September.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2026-2027

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated here next summer (2027). If you normally attend Mass here, and are in year Nine at secondary school, or older, you are eligible for Confirmation here at St Joseph's. If you wish to be prepared here, please come and speak to Fr John. The Preparation will start in September, so Applications need to be received back by the end of August.

AFTERNOON TEA

On the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 2.00pm – 3.30pm, Afternoon Tea is available in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Wednesday 12th August at 10.30am in the Church.

BINGO

Join us for a fun and lively Bingo Social! Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, laughter, and friendly competition on Friday, 21st August, 2026 at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre. All ages are welcome—bring your friends and family to experience the joy of community. Cash prizes will be awarded, and refreshments will be served. You can also bring your own food and refreshments. There will also be a raffle. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to connect and have fun together. We look forward to seeing you there!

APF SUMMER COLLECTION

We have started the collection for the APF. APF red box holders should find a brown envelope with their name in the box at the back of the church. Please take the envelope home, fill it with the contents of your APF box, and return it to the Parish Office next Sunday. The APF is the charity that helps Catholic missionaries to continue to work in countries across the world. We thank you for all the money you give to this important work. If you have any questions, please contact Terry O'Sullivan - thrums55@googlemail.com.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SUMMER RAFLE

Help the SVP alleviate poverty. Their members, volunteers and staff provide friendship, practical help and daily support to people in need in your community. Every ticket you buy makes a difference, supporting the SVP's work locally and nationwide. The SVP will be running a tea and coffee morning after the 8.30am & the 11.30am Masses on Sunday 27th September. The Raffle tickets are available from the Parish Office. Thank you.

LIVING WELL CAFE 11.00am -1.00pm

The Living Well Café is open every Wednesday between 11.00-1.00pm. The Parish has now taken on the running of the café. The café supports a regular group of 25-30 people aged between 60-94yrs, many of whom have been bereaved and isolated, offering a safe space to connect, make friends, have simple refreshments and take part in seated exercise session. It is a lifeline for many of them. Everyone is welcome to come along.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Darren Sylvester, a Solicitor from DJS Law, will be offering a free legal advice surgery. If you would like free, independent, impartial and confidential advice, (for example) debt, employment, housing, consumer rights, wills & probate, lasting powers of attorney (the list is not exhaustive) then come along on the last Wednesday of every month between 7.30pm – 9.00pm. The next session is Wednesday, 26th August 2026.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – YOUTH GROUP

In summer 2026, St Paul's Catholic Church will be launching a new Youth Group for young people aged 13–18. This group is a welcoming space for teenagers to relax, connect with others, and explore faith in a way that relates to everyday life. While rooted in Catholic teaching, sessions will focus on real-world topics such as identity, friendships, mental health, music and culture, social media, and the challenges young people face today. Each meeting will include games and activities, open discussions, and time for reflection and prayer. The aim is to help young people discover how God and faith connect with their lives in a meaningful and practical way. Whether you are already involved in parish life or simply curious, you are very welcome to come along.

Email: stpaulsyouthgroupcheshunt@gmail.com for more details.

ACT NOW – CONTACT YOUR MP

A Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026.

Our clear principled objection to this Bill remains and we renew our call for Catholics and people of goodwill to unite in prayer and compassionate action. Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, explains our strong opposition to this legislation:

"The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which aims to legalise assisted suicide has returned to the House of Commons, and Members of Parliament will vote on its Second Reading on 11 September. This bill is wrong in principle. It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives.

"The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate.

"I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."