

MASSES

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C – 31st August 2025

Second Collection for Parish Maintenance Fund

Saturday	5.30pm	Susan Amatiello RIP (JM)
Sunday	9.45am	People of the Parish

Weekday Mass (Yr 1 Ps. Wk 2)

1.9 Mon	10.00am	Feria Mass for Care of Creation John Martin RIP (AR)
2.9 Tues	10.00am	Feria Mary Byrne (T& J T)
3.9 Wed	10.00am	St Gregory the Great Jim Wattrus (FE)
4.9 Thurs	10.00am	Feria Francis Murray RIP (JM)
5.9 Fri	10.00am	St Teresa of Calcutta Mary Byrne Int (Moroney Family)
6.9 Sat	10.00am	Our Lady on Saturday Private Int (FL)

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C – 7th September 2025

Saturday	5.30pm	Tony McNicholas RIP (A&C K)
Sunday	9.45am	People of the Parish

Confessions this Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am

Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.30am

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	V Wilson	P Hogan
Next week	A Robinson	S Chester

READERS	5.30pm	9.45am
This week	B May	C Loughran
Next week	T/J Taylor	J McDonald

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

Deacon: Rev Mr Stephen Saum, Rev Dr Subhi Zora. Priest in Residence: Fr Paul Dean.

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Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st August



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we begin the theme of the Season of Creation. As a parish it would be good to see if we could mark this initiative by working together to achieve the Cafod Live Simply Award. The school have already achieved it, and we are on the way without realising it. For example, the proceeds of the 200 Club are given to support “green” initiatives. We had some double glazing fitted on the windows by the Lady Altar. We have soup hunger lunches; we share our apple harvests. This week I shall have a visit from an engineer to see if we can have solar panels on the roof of the Presbytery to reduce our electricity costs in the long term. The aim of Live Simply is to live in Solidarity with those living in poverty e.g. Foodbank, to live Sustainably e.g. recycling and to live simply. I will make a simple suggestion in the newsletter each week and sign up for the process of achieving the award and I am sure we can make this happen not just for ourselves but for the good of creation.

Next Sunday in Rome Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonised by Pope Leo. This was to happen the week after Easter and had been planned for Pope Francis but as he died on Easter Monday it is now going to be this weekend. Like his predecessor, Pope Leo has a good rapport with young people, and the two new Saints will be an example to young people of all ages.

Blessed Carlo and Blessed Pier Giorgio both died young. Carlo was born in London and died from leukaemia aged 15 and Pier Giorgio was from Italy and died age of 24. Carlo set up a website which presented Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He said, “the more we receive Jesus, the more we become like Jesus.”

Blessed Giorgio Frassati visited the poor and the sick and had a generous spirit. At his funeral, his parents and family were amazed by the thousands who lined the streets to pay their respects to a man who cared for the poor and the needy. The SVP has a special devotion to Pier Giorgio. I attended his Beatification ceremony in Rome in 1990 and his feast day is the same day as my Ordination to the Priesthood.

Next weekend 6/7th September will be the last of the Summer Timetable. I have received many positive comments about the combined Mass on Sunday morning, and I shall miss it. It will be something I would like the new PPC to discuss.

Thank you for the holiday gifts to the clergy.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

Christmas Cards 2025

Next weekend as we move into September, at both Masses we will have an early opportunity to purchase Christmas cards. We have a variety of cards, all reasonably priced. Any Christmas cards not sold next weekend will be put out on the Piety Stall towards the end of September, along with other seasonal religious items. Please remember to bring some extra cash next week if you want to take this opportunity to buy your cards early.

Your SVP is here to help!

We follow the example of our patron St Vincent: to care for the housebound, the elderly and the sick. We also visit carers. We are here to help. Please contact email svpstgt@btinternet.com

Food Bank: Please support the food bank. If everyone could buy one extra item when they go shopping and put it in the basket in the Narthex. We deliver the food on your behalf every week. **Thank you in anticipation of your continued & generous support.**

Harvington Pilgrimage. The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs: Sunday 7 September. This year the principal celebrant will be **Archbishop Bernard Longley**. Mass: 3pm, Confessions: 1.45pm – 2.30pm. It is essential that you bring a chair, a bottle of water and a packed lunch (and an umbrella to keep the sun off!)

Part-time Housekeeping Assistant Columban Missionaries Britain are seeking a part-time Housekeeping Assistant at St. Columban's base at Widney Manor Road Solihull.

You will perform a range of housekeeping duties for the residents of the retirement wing at Saint Columban's House in Solihull. The ideal candidate will have experience of some domestic housekeeping work to join our small housekeeping team, which is responsible for ensuring that Saint Columban House is a clean and pleasant environment in which to live for residents and guests. Cooking experience (home standard) is also required.

For more details about the position and to apply, please contact or email the HR Advisor at 07562657382 or Hr@columbans.co.uk.

Please pray for the sick: Tony Turner, Deacon Stephen Saum, Janet Zora, Arthur Uzell, Fr. Michael White, Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove and Jesse Cusack Morris, and all in our nursing homes, hospice and hospitals.

Rest In Peace: Lorraine Stockford, Fr Paul Johnson.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Ian Foxley, Winifred Childs, George Rumbold, Alan Miller, Christine Liggins, Maureen Pilley, Michael Moorhouse.
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Offertory:

24.8.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £244 Loose Plate £225. Many thanks for your donations.
Av standing order and online per week £750. Mass Attendance: Last weekend: 150.

Parish Centre News. Timetable for next week on the noticeboard. If you are having a family occasion, please consider booking our hall for your venue. **It is important that users of the Parish Centre arrange bookings (and payments for non-Parish Events) through Oksana Zurak 07967-846-963 or oksanzurak@gmail.com**

The “Kid’s Bulletin” on the table by the newsletters.

Cluster News: There will be a talk and power point on the Shroud of Turin on Thursday 11th September at 7.00pm in Saint Augustine’s Church. With free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion car park.

Made me smile:

*Wanted. Someone to brush their teeth with me because nine out of ten dentists say that brushing alone won’t stop tooth decay.

*My uncle qualified as an anaesthetist for the army. I went to his passing out parade.

*I dated a girl with a lazy eye. I found out she was seeing someone on the side.

*I had a date with a stockbroker last night. He was playing FTSE under the table.

*I fell out with my skydiving instructor today.

*Just found out that the company making yardsticks will not be making them any longer.

*The vicar disappeared. When I rang, the police put me through to missing parsons.

*I had a date with my dentist last night. It went well and he wants to see me in 6 months.

*Chefs must be precise when measuring out butter. There is no margarine for error.

Blessed Carlo Acutis

O God, our Father, thank you for giving us Carlo, a model of life for young people, and a message of love for all. His love for your Son, Jesus, in the Eucharist, was his source of strength and his “highway to heaven.” You gave him Mary, as beloved Mother, and through the Rosary he sang the praises of her tenderness. Help us to imitate him by confirming our faith, nurturing our hope and strengthening our charity. Accept his prayer for us. Look above all upon the poor, whom he loved and assisted through his intercession, may our parish become a vibrant community of missionary disciples, dedicated to the fruitful building of your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese’s policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sandy Walmsley and Daphne Morgan. They can be contacted at: sg.stgeorge-stteresadorriddge@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.