

## Parish Liturgy and Activities for the Week

Date / Time	Intention	Parish Events
Saturday 30th August Mass 12:00noon  <b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00pm	Brenda Cowie RIP  Stephen Cawley RIP	11:30am-11:55am: Confessions & Exposition
Sunday 31st August 9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Celia Garvey	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
Monday 1st Sept		Church open for private prayer. 2:30pm: Legion of Mary (Romero Room)
Tuesday 2nd Sept 12:00noon	Rob & Marion & Family	
Wednesday 3rd Sept 9:30am	Diogo Jota RIP	
Thursday 4th Sept 9:30am	John Cowie	7:30pm: AA Meeting (Romero Room)
Friday 5th Sept 12:00noon	Clare Foster Special Intention	
Saturday 6th Sept 12:00noon  <b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00pm	The Holy Souls & all who mourn  Anne & Bill Ayrrer RIP	11:30am-11:55am: Confessions & Exposition 12:00noon: Tea, Coffee and Refreshments after Mass
Sunday 7th Sept 9:30am 11:00am	Frank Woodward People of the Parish	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
<i>We pray for all those enrolled in the Mass Guild:</i>		
Monday: The Paddock Tuesday: Thurne Way Wednesday: Tothale Turn Thursday: Totland Close Friday: Tuffins Corner Saturday: St Gregory's Primary School		



# Newsletter

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 31st August 2025**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia Alleluia  
Alleluia, Allelu, alleluia

### Mass Setting

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### Memorial Acclamation:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again, until you come again.

### Mass of the Holy Trinity

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

**10 Year Anniversary:** Next weekend marks ten years of serving in Our Lady's parish. Pope Leo borrowed the quote at his Inaugural Mass that I used at that my first Sunday Mass with you, "*For you I am a priest, with you I am a Christian.*" (St Augustine). I think being in a parish is like being part of an arranged marriage. Someone else puts us together in a covenant and through the years we grow in love with one another. The life of a priest is, as a pastor for the service of the Gospel and the spiritual growth of the people. We bring together two things leadership and service that can sound contradictory. However, following Christ's example of servant-leadership the priest is called to lead the community of Christ's faithful and serve the local community. At the heart of a call to pastoral ministry is dedication to prayer. How that came into sharp focus during covid, lifting the parish in prayer personally and at Mass when no-one was physically present. With you as a Christian means to me that I have the same struggles, doubts, insecurities, fears, health issues and uncertainties that

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anyone else has on their pilgrimage through life and faith. I am a complex individual with weaknesses, strengths and idiosyncrasies. Thank you for being patient with me and humouring me, when I need humouring. Thank you for supporting me in prayer, in many other ways and through this time of grief with the loss of my mum. With you as a Christian means that there is only one perfect priest and that is Christ himself. I bring the gifts that I have been given, they are not all the gifts and they never can be. That is why I strive to work out of Teams. In a team, gifts that others have level out weaknesses. One of the key roles of me as a priest is to regulate, develop, draw out the charisms and gifts that God has equipped you all with. Going forward what is essential is that.

1. Each Mass community flourishes and grows.
2. That each parish team, group, ministry flourishes.

By committing ourselves to these two aims the whole parish grows and flourishes amidst a challenging and changing landscape. It does not matter if you like me or do not, priesthood and the sacrifice of the Mass is not about popularity or celebrity. All of our focus should be to be nourished in Word and Sacrament to fulfil Christ's call in this time and place. I am sorry to those who I have failed, and to those whose expectations I have not met, with St Augustine I re-commit myself for however long the Archbishop desires me to be here *"For you I am a priest, with you I am a Christian."*

**Fr Stephen**

**Thank you:** Thank you to the Sun 9.30am and 11am Masses for their kind collections. It was very unexpected and generous of you all. Fr Stephen

**Flat Roof:** Last year we had a section of the flat roof at the back of church replaced. The rest of the flat also need replacing (it has been patched up a number of times over the last 60 years). Approval from the diocese has been granted and work will begin in the next few weeks. The cost will be £46,000.



## SEASON OF CREATION

**Season of Creation:** September 1st to October 4th, theme 'Seeds of Peace and Hope'. Mass of Creation Sunday 27th-28th Sept which is also a Family Mass. Pope Leo XIV has approved for use the of Mass texts for 'Mass for the Care of Creation'. It would be good if some parishioners could come together and think how we could celebrate this. Please speak to Fr Stephen. Pope Leo writes *"Dear Brothers and Sisters! The theme of this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, chosen by our beloved Pope Francis, is 'Seeds of Peace and Hope'. On the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this Day of Prayer, which coincided with the publication of the Encyclical Laudato Si', we find ourselves celebrating the present Jubilee as 'Pilgrims of Hope'.*

**Baptism Catechists Meeting:** Thursday 11th September 7pm. Romero Room.

### How to give support to God's Mission through the Parish

**On-Line:** Scan the QR

**Text:**

Text OLA to 70450 to donate £3.

Text OLA to 70460 to donate £5.

Text OLA to 70470 to donate £10.

**Standing Order:**

Forms at the back of church and on website.



### Weekly Collections

**25th August 2025**

Envelopes & Cash: £483.01

S/O online: £910.00

**TOTAL: £1393.01**

**THANK YOU!**

**14th September** Catholic Education Service.

**21st September** *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel) Sunday

### 13th-14th September: Education Sunday:

The purpose of Education Sunday is to pray, give thanks and acknowledge the role of Catholic schools, colleges, and universities as beacons of hope and places where faith and learning go hand-in-hand. We pray for our parish schools and for all those making new beginning this September.

### 20th-21st September: Evangelii Gaudium

**Sunday (Joy of the Gospel):** Formerly known as Home Mission Sunday we focus on the bringing the joy of the Gospel to our local area.

### 27th-28th September: Care of Creation

**Sunday:** A couple of people from each Mass could plan how we as a parish could focus the liturgy on this year's theme, 'the seeds of peace and hope.' Pope Leo has authorised new Mass texts for Care of Creation. This is the tenth anniversary of Laudato Si.

**27th-28th September:** Could a couple of people host a Macmillan from each Mass host a MacMillan Coffee evening/morning. To raise funds to support those with cancer.

### 4th-5th October: Fr Franks Downs MHM

is coming to share information about world missions. On Sat 4th he will host a meeting as to how a few people from each Mass community can get more involved.

Sign up Sheets for help in the church porch.

### Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2026:

Wednesday 22nd - Friday 31st July 2026. We are already planning for the next pilgrimage. If you will be 15+ next year or in Year 10 then we would love you to take part in the pilgrimage. Application forms are out in September and for early bookings there is a £50 discount. Speak to Fr Stephen or any of the young people who went this year if you want to know more. Look on Youtube <https://www.animateyouth.org/lourdes> Instagram: Knowsleycoach2 TikTok: lourdescoach2

### Parents Holy Communion Intro session:

Wed 10th Sept. 2.45pm-3.15pm at Our Lady's School & Thursday 11th Sept 2.30pm-3pm at St Gregory's School. For parents of baptised children in years 4,5 & 6. This will help parents find out more about being a disciple leading to growing in faith as a family.