

Parish Liturgy and Activities for the Week

Date / Time	Intention	Parish Events
Saturday 13th Sept Mass 12:00noon The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 5:00pm	Zbigniew Bronicki Teresa Bronicka	11:30am-11:55am: Confessions & Exposition
Sunday 14th Sept 9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Kathleen Worrall RIP	9:30am: Rite of Welcome: Luca Franklin & Oliver James Howard 12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room) 4:00pm: Rome Meeting (Romero Room)
Monday 15th Sept		Church open for private prayer.
Tuesday 16th Sept 12:00noon	Pat Cleary—Get Well	6:00pm: Baptism Preparation Session (Romero Room)
Wednesday 17th Sept 9:30am	Philippa O'Brien RIP	4:30pm: SVP Meeting (Romero Room)
Thursday 18th Sept 9:30am	The Natella Family	6:00pm: Leadership Team Meeting (Romero Room) 7:30pm: AA Meeting (Romero Room)
Friday 19th Sept 12:00noon	Leanne Cunningham	10:15am: Funeral Service for James 'Jimmy' McKenna
Saturday 20th Sept 12:00noon 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm	Alan McKeown Jean Maclean	11:30am-11:55am: Confessions & Exposition
Sunday 21st Sept 9:30am 11:00am	Teresa Carlile People of the Parish	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
<i>We pray for all those enrolled in the Mass Guild: Paul James Marrion & Family, Ellen Esther Murray</i>		
<i>Monday: Viola Drive Tuesday: Vyner Road North Wednesday: Vyner Road South Thursday: Wambo Lane Friday: Washington Road Saturday: St Paschal Baylon Primary School</i>		



Newsletter

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sunday 14th September 2025

Gloria at 9:30am Mass

(Refrain) **Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.**
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We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. **(Refrain)**

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; (have mercy on us) you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; (receive our prayer), you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us (have mercy on us.) **(Refrain)**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen, amen, amen, amen
(Refrain)

Children's Liturgy Dismissal

We are children, children of the light.
We are shining, in the darkness of the night.
Hope for this world, joy throughout the land.
Touch the heart of everyone, take everybody's hand.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (x2) *(Say verse)*
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (x2)

Mass Setting:

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

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

We proclaim your death O Lord, we proclaim your death O Lord and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

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Exaltation of the Cross: The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross recalls three historical events:

Discovery of the True Cross (c. 326):

According to tradition, St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, travelled to Jerusalem and discovered the cross.

Dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (335):

Constantine built a basilica over the sites of Calvary.

Recovery of the True Cross (628):

After the Persians captured Jerusalem and took the cross in 614, the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius defeated them and triumphantly returned the relic to Jerusalem.

Unlike Good Friday, which focuses on Christ's Passion, the Feast of the Exaltation celebrates the cross itself as a symbol of salvation and victory. The feast honours the transformation of a brutal instrument of execution into a "tree of life".

Thanks: Thanks to the Saturday 5pm mass community for their generous card and gift! *Fr. Stephen.*

St. Peregrine Shrine: An icon to St. Peregrine the patron saint for people suffering from cancer and other life-threatening illnesses is being painted. Thank you for another donation of £100 towards developing this as a place where people can pray.

Every cuppa matters. Saturday 27th/ Sunday 28th September. Can you help with tea/coffee and cakes after one of the Masses to raise money for MacMillian Cancer Support? Cancer can disrupt someone's whole life. Coffee Mornings like this mean we can do whatever it takes to help people with cancer live life as fully as they can. Sign up sheets at the back of Church.

Eucharistic Ministry: Training Day Saturday 25th October. We are looking for a few more people to take up this ministry at each of the Masses. It is a ministry that draws you more into the mystery of the Eucharist and service of the Eucharistic community. Please consider taking up this opportunity. Speak to Fr. Stephen or at Saturday 5pm Mass Marian Harrison, Sunday 9.30am Mass Karen McCoy 11am Mass Geraldine Scott.

Family Ministry: Use this QR code to sign up for Family Ministry this year. You will receive information about what is being offered. Family Ministry is a great way of preparing together as a family and celebrating reconciliation (Confession) and the Eucharist.



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

7th September 2025

Envelopes & Cash: £347.47

S/O online: £910.00

TOTAL: £1257.47

THANK YOU!

14th September Catholic Education Service.

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

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. This weekend we pray for our parish schools and for all those making new beginnings 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.

4th-5th October: Fr Franks Downs MHM is coming to share information about world missions. On Saturday 4th October he will host a meeting as to how a few people from each Mass community can get more involved.

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 on Monday 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

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest Friday 3rd October:

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope at the back of church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/ envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10