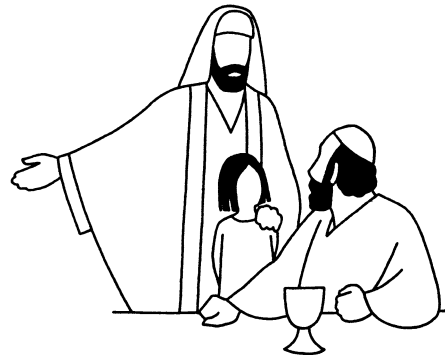


TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Ecclus. 3: 17-20, 28-2; Ps. 67; Heb. 12: 18-19, 22-24; Luke 14: 1, 7-14	
Saturday 30th August 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Mary Ellen Nolan RIP FM	Sunday 31st August 2025 8:30am: Thanksgiving (Sarvan) and prayers for Donald Ukwunnah RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish
Mon. 1st Sep. 2025 (Feria) (ST. EDMUND ARROWSMITH, PRIEST AND MARTYR) 8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Betty Pereira RIP (D'Cruze) and prayers for Donald Ukwunnah RIP	Tues. 2nd Sep. 2025 (Feria) 8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Mire Shkoza RIP (Gjoni)
ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Weds. 3rd September 2025 8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Irene Fernandes RIP 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom	Thursday 4th Sep. 2025 (Feria) (ST. CUTHBERT, BISHOP) 8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Margaret Coligan RIP (McKie)
FIRST FRIDAY FOR THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS Friday 5th Sep. 2025 (Feria) 8:00am: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls in Purgatory	FIRST SATURDAY FOR THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY N.B. : THE MARCH FOR LIFE Sat. 6th Sep. 2025 (Feria) 7:30am First Saturday Devotions 8:30am Holy Mass 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Wis. 9: 13-18; Ps. 89; Phil. 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14: 25-33	
Saturday 6th September 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Pa Doyle RIP (A. Whitaker)	Sunday 7th September 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Alex and Carol Rees married 50 years (Galibardy)
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Winifred Cox, Molly Boshell, Mary Hadfield, Eric Gray, William Stevens, John Arrowsmith, James Loughrey, Thomas O'Connell, Elizabeth Greatorex, Mgr. James McGettrick, D. Carroll, Kate Canning, Mabel Coligan, Kay Gillespie, Helga Connors.	
BEHAVE HUMBLY.	
God's blessing comes to those who behave humbly. Jesus warns us against seeking honour from among men. We are to be humble like Him if we are to find favour with God. Jesus our leader will bring us to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God, only if we follow Him humbly.	

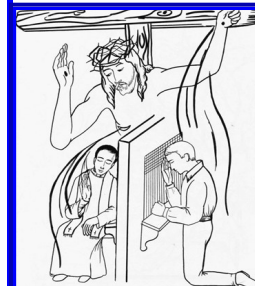


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'... and he who invited
 you both will come
 and say to you, "Give your
 place to this person", ...'



'But when you are invited,
 go and sit
 in the lowest place, ...'



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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 23rd/24th AUGUST 2025:

Gift Aid: £203.70; Card: £60.50; Loose Plate: £208.48 ATTENDANCE: 185

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, **Fr. David.**

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

6th/7th September: for THE **BUILDING FUND.**

Gift Aiders: please use one of the envelopes from the back of your box/bundle.

13th/14th September: for **CATHOLIC EDUCATION.**

The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education.

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20th/21st September: for **EVANGELII GAUDIUM (HOME MISSIONS).**

This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support 'Home Mission', the spread of the Gospel in our own country.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

We are all familiar with this Gospel passage which encourages the practice of humility. At a banquet to which He is invited, Jesus is not at all impressed by the sight of the guests, pushing themselves forward, scrambling for the good seats and skilfully manoeuvring themselves into the places of honour. He makes a comment about good manners at table and from it draws conclusions concerning an invitation to an even greater banquet to which we are all called—the eternal banquet in the kingdom of heaven.

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY.

Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the fourteenth and especially the fifteenth centuries, particularly in the Rhineland and Flanders, where Confraternities of the Sorrowful Mother sprang up. It was in this context that the first liturgical formularies in her honour were composed. A provincial council of Mainz in 1423 made use of these in establishing a "**Feast of the Sorrows of Mary**" in reparation for Hussite profanations of her images.

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

- 1) The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2:34, 35)
- 2) The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13, 14)
- 3) The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (St. Luke 2: 43-45)
- 4) The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
- 5) The Crucifixion.
- 6) The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.
- 7) The burial of Jesus.

SEASON OF CREATION: 1st Sep. to 4th Oct. 2025

The theme this year is "**SEEDS OF PEACE AND HOPE**". In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. *John 12:24*). In Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, "seeds of peace and hope". The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Spirit of God can make an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity. In his words, "a spirit from on high will be poured out on us, and the wilderness will become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The work of righteousness will be peace, and the work of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" (*Isaiah 32:15-18*).

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

Thanks to all who have supported the **BINGO SESSIONS** in the Social Club so far this year. The next session will be on **SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER** with the rollover still rolling over and standing at **£100.**

Please dress up and join us in the Social Club for a **LAST NIGHT AT THE PROMS CELEBRATION** on **SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER** at **7.30PM** and wave the flag.

The club is open 7.30pm to 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights and 12noon to 4pm on Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY grants seven graces to the souls who honour her DAILY by saying SEVEN HAIL MARYS and meditating on her tears and dolours (sorrows).

**The devotion was passed on by St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373).
HERE ARE THE SEVEN GRACES:**

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolours, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER
invites us to pray for Our relationship with All of Creation:

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis,
we might experience our interdependence with all creatures
who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier,
Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford,
Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond,
Clare Cooney, Clare Gummett, Erin, Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Morty O'Shea,
Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson,
Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Marie Rogerston,
Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden,
Rita Pearce and Sean Tansey.

**PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO,
WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?**