

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Zech. 9: 9-10; Ps. 114; Rom. 8: 9, 11-13; Matthew 11: 25-30

Saturday 4th July 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Stephanie Kerrins RIP (Foy)	Sunday 5th July 2026 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Dad RIP (6th Anniv.) (R T Josephrayan)
Monday 6th July 2026 (Feria) (ST. MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN AND MARTYR) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls	Tuesday 7th July 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Arthur Caraccio RIP FM 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
Weds. 8th July 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Monica Murrell RIP (Cowdell)	Thurs. 9th July 2026 (Feria) (ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: George Rice RIP (Barker)
Friday 10th July 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Maureen Saunders RIP (Jim Saunders)	ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE Saturday 11th July 2026 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Is. 55: 10-11; Ps. 64; Rom. 8: 18-23; Matthew 13: 1-23

Saturday 11th July 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Yvonne Francis RIP (Laws)	Sunday 12th July 2026 8:30am: Mick Buttifant RIP (Flower Group) 10:30am: People of the Parish (& in Thanksgiving for 48 years of Ordination as a Deacon D. G.) including the First Reception of Our Lord in Holy Communion by Victoria Ciaon
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ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Mary Williams, George Byrne, Gladys Carragher, John Keenan, Kevin Johnson, Edward Cox, David Ball, Arthur Caraccio, Brigid Hand, Julia Morrissey, Elizabeth Gaffney, John Young, Thomas Staunton, Michael Looker.

CHRIST'S YOKE IS SWEET AND HIS BURDEN LIGHT.

Christ, even though He is the Son of God, humbles Himself and comes among us in human form. He embraces our condition and knows at first had our worries and anxieties. The Holy Spirit makes Christ live in us so that we find rest for our souls.

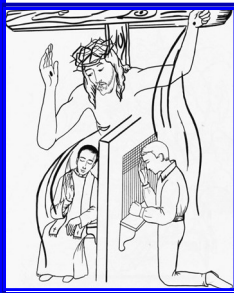


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Jesus declared:
**“Come to Me,
 all who labour and
 are heavy laden, and
 I WILL GIVE YOU REST.**

Take My yoke
**(My Commandments
 and My Cross)**
 upon you,
 and learn from Me,
 for I am gentle
 and lowly in heart,
 and you will find
 rest for your souls.

For My yoke
**(My Commandments
 and My Cross)**
 is easy, and
 my burden is light.”
(Matthew 11:28 - 30)



**SACRAMENT OF
 PENANCE -
 CONFESSION -**
**SATURDAYS
 5PM TO 6PM**
 also, WHENEVER
**THE CHURCH
 IS OPEN, and
 ON REQUEST**

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 27TH/28TH JUNE 2026:

**Gift Aid: £140.65; Card: £83; Loose Plate: £200.25 ATTENDANCE: 213
Peter's Pence: Card: £48; Loose Plate: £116.42**

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

SECOND COLLECTION:

This weekend: for the **Rosminians – the Institute of Charity.**

The Institute of Charity (The Rosminians) has been present in England and Wales, since 1835. The first Rosminian religious were excellent missionaries and the example of Fr Luigi Gentili (considered a very holy priest) generated great fervour and many conversions across the UK.

Next weekend: for **Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea).**

This is a Catholic Charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race.

18th/19th July: for the **Building Fund.**

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

From time to time, as the problems and the worries of the moment overpower us, we all find life difficult and discouraging. As the signs of stress and tension become visible on our faces, we sit up and listen to those reassuring and comforting words of Jesus: **“Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”**

The Gospel speaks to us of the tender, personal and human qualities of Christ's love for us. God is full of mercy and compassion and a great comfort in times of sorrow and distress.

CHURCH FLOWERS

We have a collection box near the Sacristy to help us to continue to have the beautiful flowers in our Church throughout the year. Any contributions that you could make are appreciated and gratefully received.

100 CLUB WINNERS: JULY 2026

33: DAVID GILLESPIE; 65: DEBBIE RAPLEY

Come and join our 100 Club. Please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way to raise Parish funds and for the Building Fund. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you

CHURCH GARDEN WORKING PARTY - CAN YOU HELP?

Everyone welcome. Tea and biscuits will be provided

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!!! MORE HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

We will be meeting again on **SATURDAY 18TH JULY at 9.30AM.** Please come and join our **CHURCH GARDEN WORK PARTY** to tidy up, weed and maybe cut the front lawn. Please bring gardening gloves and any tools you may like to use.

**CAN ANYONE PLEASE ALSO BRING AND USE A HEDGE TRIMMER,
A ROBUST STRIMMER AND A CHAINSAW TO HELP US?**

**THERE ARE MANY, MANY JOBS AND TASKS WE NEED TO DO IN THE
GARDEN AND THE CHURCH GROUNDS.**

**WE REALLY NEED MORE PARISHIONERS TO COME AND HELP, ESPECIALLY
SOME OF OUR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS. PLEASE COME ALONG TO HELP US
KEEP OUR CHURCH GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL AND TIDY.**

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

The next event is **BINGO** on **SUNDAY 5TH JULY at 12.15PM.** Despite the warm weather the snowball is still growing and is now **£138,** it's getting close to being won.

**Please join us at these events, help the Parish
and enjoy the social life of the Parish.**

*The club is open 8.30pm to 11pm on Friday, 7.30-9.30pm on Saturday and
1pm-3pm Sunday. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.*

**IMPORTANT DATE
FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**SUNDAY
27TH SEPTEMBER**

**INTERNATIONAL MASS
AT 10:30AM AND
PARISH CELEBRATION.**

**JULY IS THE MONTH OF
THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS**

Come, be washed clean in
the Blood of the Lamb of God
and receive Healing in the Sacrament of
Penance, Pardon and Peace
(Confession).

**NINETY YEARS OF THE RED BOX: MISSIO AND THE MILL HILL
MISSIONARIES' UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP**

In England and Wales, this year marks 90 years of a special partnership between **Missio** and the Mill Hill Missionaries, united through **the Red Box.** It is a powerful reminder that God is at work through hundreds of thousands of missionaries living within communities around the world.

Through **the Red Box, Missio** and the Mill Hill Missionaries have built churches, presbyteries, convents, schools, children's homes, health centres and dispensaries. They have trained local priests, sisters and catechists, and contributed to thousands of projects that have helped the Church grow in service to those in great need. As **Pope Leo XIV** calls us to live ever more fully as one family of God, we are united in our mission to reveal Jesus, whose love has the power to heal and transform our world.

By having a **Red Box** in your home, offering prayers for missionaries around the world, or setting up a monthly direct debit, you are fulfilling your personal call to mission. As individuals we can only achieve so much. Together, we can achieve so much more.

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

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Marie Rogerston, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden, Sean Tansey and Tricia Farrelly.

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