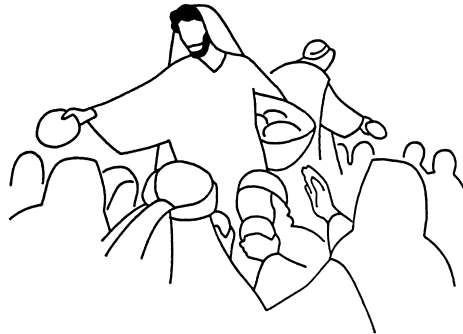


EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Is. 55: 1-3; Ps. 144; Rom. 8: 35, 37-39; Matthew 14: 13-21	
Saturday 1st August 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Holy Souls in Purgatory (Laws)	Sunday 2nd August 2026 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Lorraine Bradley (Galibardy)
Mon. 3rd August 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls	ST. JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST Tuesday 4th August 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Derek Forsdyke RIP
THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR Wednesday 5th August 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. Alan Sharpe RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sr. Rita from your loving LSU community	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Thursday 6th August 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Howard Marriner RIP
Friday 7th August 2026 (First Friday of August) (ST. SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Franco Trombetti RIP (Antoinette)	ST. DOMINIC, PRIEST Saturday 8th August 2026 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 1 Kgs. 19: 9, 11-13; Ps. 84; Rom. 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 22-33	
Saturday 8th August 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Jackie McLoughlin RIP (Foy)	Sunday 9th August 2026 8:30am: Mick Buttifant RIP (Doherty) 10:30am: People, of the Parish
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Grace Cannon, Michael Coughlan, Emma Johnson, Gertrude Murray, John Hartnett, John Newling, Sister Frances Olivia Jones, Howard Marriner, Richard Metcalfe, Anita McConville, Peter Foley, George Cahorn, John Everson, Sister Mary Rose Monahan, Maura Sharp, Albert Sweby, Leslie Cocks, Sister Margaret Barry.	
CHRIST GIVES US FOOD TO EAT.	
God freely gives us our spiritual food and drink. He gives us His own Son in the Eucharist so that nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ. Christ takes pity on us and knows our needs which He will always satisfy if only we turn to Him.	



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... and taking the **five loaves** and the **two fish**,
 He looked up to heaven and said a blessing.



Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And **they all ate and were satisfied.**
Matthew 14:19-20



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - CONFESSION -
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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 25TH/26TH JULY 2026:

Gift Aid: £203.70; Card: £180; Loose Plate: £183.89 ATTENDANCE: 197

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

On hearing of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus was deeply upset and in need of finding a quiet place where He could share His grief with the apostles. However, when He stepped ashore there were thousands waiting to reach out and touch Him and they were not disappointed. He began teaching and nourishing them in mind and heart and finally towards evening, when they had been without food for a long time, He satisfied their hunger by working the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

Here we have a picture of the Church as it acts in every age. Challenged by Jesus to use their own resources, the disciples remembered having five loaves and two fishes which they brought to Him. The little they had when placed in the hands of Jesus turned out to be more than enough for all. The loaves and the fishes are symbols of the power for goodness which we all possess.

When we gather around the altar to celebrate the Eucharist by our presence we make an offering of self and show that with the rest of the Church we accept the challenge of Jesus to do what we can for the good of others. He receives our gifts in the same manner as He accepted the five loaves and two fishes from the disciples and offering them to the Father, gives them eternal value.

CHURCH GARDEN WORK PARTY:

**PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE DATE
OF THE NEXT CHURCH GARDEN
WORK PARTY.**

**WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR CONTINUING
HELP TO KEEP OUR CHURCH GARDEN AND
GROUNDS TIDY AND BEAUTIFUL.**

OUR REPOSITORY SHOP

Come and visit our Repository. We have Mass Cards, Prayer Books and many other items. The shop can be open throughout the week before and after Private Prayer and Holy Mass.

CHURCH VOTIVE CANDLES

Please note that from the
1 SEPTEMBER 2026
the suggested donation for the Candles will be
50P each.

100 CLUB

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

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST: A CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS RESOURCE

The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched an exciting apologetics project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?"

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church. **Every Monday**, a new video will be posted on **YouTube**, along with a worksheet to enable parishes, schools, youth groups and families to use them as part of their faith formation. To watch the videos and take part in this exciting project, please visit

[rcaos.org.uk/
ambassadorsforchrist](http://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist)

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Since the Sixteenth Century the Catholic Church has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her Divine Son), virtue and inner life.

O Immaculate Heart of Mary,
refuge of sinners,
I beg of you by the infinite
merits of the Sacred Heart
of Jesus, and by the graces
God has granted to you since
your Immaculate Conception,
the grace of never going
astray again.
Mother, keep me, a sinner,
constantly bathed in the
light of your Immaculate
Heart. Amen.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Accompanied by three of His closest associates, Peter, James and John, Jesus retired up the mountain to seek the guidance of God the Father in quiet prayer. As He prayed He seemed to be fully taken up into another world. His face was bathed in light and at His side were Moses the law-giver and Elijah the prophet. Deep in conversation with them He was made aware of the full extent of His suffering and death. It was only through the passion and the cross that He would come to the glory of the resurrection. In the midst of this severe message the apostles were enveloped by a cloud and experienced a radiant glimpse of God's presence. Shielding their eyes they saw Jesus transformed by a dazzling splendour and heard the voice of God the Father in heaven declare 'Tis is My Son, the Chosen One, listen to Him'. The Transfiguration speaks of the gradual process of change that takes place in our lives when, like the apostles, we accompany Christ on the road to Calvary. The Transfiguration is a good example of the strength and assurance we can derive from prayer while facing difficulties in life.

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. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

**SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER
INTERNATIONAL MASS
AT 10:30AM AND
PARISH CELEBRATION.**

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, Margaret Bala, Marie Rogerston, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden, Sean Tansey, Sue Towers and Tricia Farrelly.
PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?