

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
ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR Monday 10th August 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls	ST. CLARE, VIRGIN Tuesday 11th August 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Gerald Francis RIP (Francis)
Weds. 12th August 2026 (Feria) (ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Alexander Greatorex RIP FM 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom	Thurs. 13th Aug. 2026 (Feria) STS. PONTIAN, POPE AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Monica Murrell RIP (Sister)
ST. MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR Friday 14th August 2026 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Francis Bell RIP (McGreevy)	Sat. 15th August 2026 (Feria) 11am: NO HOLY MASS AT SHALOM
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (A) Rev. 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10; Ps. 45; 1 Cor. 15: 20-27; Luke 1: 39-56	
Saturday 15th August 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Holy Souls (Gjoni) and Deacon Philip Gummatt RIP	Sunday 16th August 2026 8:30am: William McCormack RIP (Joan McCormack) 10:30am: People of the Parish

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Philip Dennehy, Alexander Greatorex, Sister Ita Hynes, Margaret Mary Waugh, Joyce Daly, Carmen Aprahamian, Bernard Coligan, Antonietta Dobby, Francis Stickings, Tommy Jennings, Cecil Andrews.

GOD SPEAKS IN A GENTLE BREEZE.

Jesus spoke to the storm and there followed a great calm. God spoke to Elijah in the whisper of a gentle breeze. In every aspect of our life, especially in moments of great trial, **God speaks to us in Christ if only we will listen to His voice.**



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'Lord, save me.'



'O you of little faith,
why did you doubt?'

Matthew 14: 30,31



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - CONFESSION -

SATURDAYS
5PM TO 6PM
 also, WHENEVER
 THE CHURCH
 IS OPEN, and
 ON REQUEST

SUNDAY OFFERINGS 1ST/2ND AUGUST 2026:

Gift Aid: £232.09; Card: £68; Loose Plate: £161.83 ATTENDANCE: 210

As always, **thank you** for your generosity, **Fr. David**.

SECOND COLLECTION:

This weekend: for the **Building Fund**.

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

A sudden turn of events in life and we are faced with storms which threaten the peace and security of our families and homes. At such moments our faith fails and we need to hear those encouraging words of Christ, **'Don't be afraid.'** Life is a perilous journey and we need the help of Christ to guide us to our true destination. Peter's mistake was that he turned to Jesus in prayer only in a moment of crisis when he was paralysed by fear and in danger of drowning. There is a lesson for all of us who tend to forget about God when all is going well and who only become serious about prayer when problems and tragedies arise. If we turn to Christ in all the circumstances of our lives He will show us how different His presence makes everything.

We need not become casualties on the sea of life because the Lord is always waiting for us with outstretched arms.

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.

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.

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.

PARISH DIY TEAM

We are looking to set up a **Parish DIY Team** to help to carry out the necessary repairs and renewals in the Church and Parish Centre as and when they occur.

If you have 'Trade', or good DIY skills and would like to be a part of this essential and very important team then please **make yourself known to Alex Rees, Alan Hughes and Dexter Pereira.**

Thank you.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary gives us an opportunity to reflect on Mary who was the great background figure in the life of Christ, always co-operating with her Son.

This is a very joyful feast, proclaiming for us the Good News of salvation. It is a reminder that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and that like Mary we are destined for glory. In fact we believe that what happened to Mary will happen to all of us. One day we too shall enjoy the vision of God in heaven as whole people—body and soul.

**IMPORTANT DATE
FOR YOUR DIARY:**

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

**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

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.**

CHURCH VOTIVE CANDLES

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

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 Bala, Margaret Harrington, 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?