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DAYS, LOCATION AND TIMES FOR MASS: Sat 27th July - Sun 4th August 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

DAY	LOCATION	TIME	INTENTIONS
Saturday	St. C.	5.30 pm	Terrence Wall RIP
Sunday	St. C.	9.00 am	John Dunnett RIP: May & Albert Birch RIP
Sunday	St. T.	11.00 am	Robert Rodgers: Bridget Sage RIP: John Joyce Jr Private Intention
Tuesday	St. T.	10.00 am	Albert Birch RIP: Siobhan O'Connor RIP: Clare Richards
Wednesday	St. T.	10.00 am	Daniel Intentions
Thursday	St. C.	6.00 pm	<i>Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday	St. C.	7.00 pm	Eugene Nellany RIP
Friday	St. C.	9.30 am	Connor Graham

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	St. C.	5.30 pm	Ben Swales RIP: Joseph Coyle RIP
Sunday	St. C.	9.00 am	George Brunswick RIP
Sunday	St. T.	11.00 am	Bridget Sage RIP
Sunday	St. T.	12.30 pm	Baptism

The Sacrament of Confession is celebrated after Mass, Tuesday - Saturday on request by letting Fr. David know either before or after the Mass. Alternatively, you can book an appointment.

Pray for the Sick of our Parishes... Antonina Alaimo, Giuseppe Alaimo, Marian Allen, Dee Allsopp, PWB, Brian & Kathy Barnwell, Mrs JT Begue, Jeff Birkel, Andrew Bright, S.Bu, Julian Chalmers, Rebecca Doyle, Patricia Dufficy, Linney Ecclestone, Maureen Everitt, Sandra Finch, Jeff Gibbs, Christine Holt, Irene Hubbard, Anthony Jones, Josée Joyce, MK, Chris Kennedy, John Lee, John Lewis, Margaret Lloyd, Liliana Montana, Ian Morris, Agnes Osakwe, Lexi Powney, Doreen Ray, Clare Richards, Mary Rock, Joan Smith, Mary Spratt, Zofia Stanislawski, Giovanna Vacanti, Deacon Steve Walters, Ray Walmsley, Barbara Wiggins, Vic Wood, CHY. **If you would like a name added to or removed from our Parish Sick List, then please contact the Office, thank you.**

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Other Contact details

Permanent Deacon:
Rev. Steve Walters

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Office Hours; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. 10am. – 1.00pm.

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Our Lady's Candle

Intention in St. Thomas' Church



This week:
Arthur Llouis RIP

Next week:

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	St. Christopher	St. Thomas
Gift Aid (+SO)	£373.08	£462.80
Non Gift Aid	<u>£218.70</u>	<u>£148.96</u>
	£591.78	£611.76

Tea and Coffee

Please remember that you are always welcome to join us for refreshments after our Masses.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP)

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Should I attend Mass during the Summer Holidays?

Some Catholics, especially parents of young children, find attending Sunday Mass difficult. But despite our parental hardships, we recognize that we have a moral duty to be there. The Catholic Church reflects this obligation in its Code of Canon Law: *“On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass”* (1247). The Sunday liturgy is mandatory, like showing up for work—and, just as skipping work can have serious consequences, so can skipping church. In fact, it is a grave sin to miss Sunday Mass without good reason. For a Catholic, then, whether or not to attend on Sunday is no small decision.

The key to understanding why Catholics must attend Sunday Mass lies above all in the essence of the Mass itself. Our duty to be willing participants is not rooted in how it makes us feel, but in what it is. As the sacred meeting place of God and man, the Mass reorients our lives towards God, reunites us with him in love, and thereby communicates the grace of salvation to our souls. In the long run, there can be nothing more productive than that.

August - The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The months of June and July are respectively dedicated to devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to His Most Precious Blood.

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Since the 16th century Catholic piety 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 is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love virtue, and inner life.

Christ's Heart flows with the Blood which He assumed from his mother. Mary gave her blood to Him. He gives His Blood, her blood, to us.

Focus on Mary's Immaculate Heart rose in stages during the Middle Ages with Ss Anselm and Bernard, and through the 17th and 18th centuries and the efforts of saints such as Ss Francis de Sales and John Eudes. The 1830 apparition of Our Lady to St Catherine Labouré in Paris, which led to the creation of the Miraculous Medal, helped to spread the devotion.

This devotion has received new emphasis from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honour of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart.

During August we have lovely feasts in honour of Our Lady including, of course, the Assumption on the 15th and On 22 August the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Of your Charity

Please pray for the soul of Maura Smith, Philomena Labady and Rev Fr Brendan Carrick who have recently died.

Philomena's Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 7th August in St Christopher's.

Maura's Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 9th August in St Thomas' at 12.30pm *Eternal rest, grant unto them...*

Rev. Fr. Brendan Joseph Carrick, RIP

Fr. Brendan died on Wednesday 17 July 2024, at the age of 80. Fr Brendan was ordained on 15th March 1970 and served in Willenhall, Boldmere and Wolverhampton, being appointed Dean of Wolverhampton in 2005. Although he retired as a parish priest in 2015 he continued to assist with chaplaincy at HMP Featherstone until 2020.

We pray for Fr Brendan's family, his friends, his former parishioners and all who mourn him. May he Rest in Peace. Amen.

Fr Brendan's Vigil Mass will take place at 7pm on Thursday 1st August and his Funeral Mass is at 12 noon on Friday 2nd August in St Michael's Church, Coalway Road.

The Solemnity of the Assumption - Holyday of Obligation Thursday 15th August

Mass Times and Locations

10.00 am - St. Thomas of Canterbury

7.00 pm - St. Christopher

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be at the normal time of 6.00pm in St. Christopher's Church

Saint Dominic and Saint Clare

The Saint days for St Dominic and St. Clare are in the month of August. St. Dominic's day is on the 8th August and St. Clare's day is on the 11th August.

The image of two saints is boldly displayed in art in the Apse of the church of St. Christopher. Why? Because there are relics of these Saints in the Altar of St. Christopher's Church. They are our protectors along with St. Christopher.

St. Dominic and St. Clare, pray for us!

Grandparents and the Elderly

On Sunday 28th July Catholics around the world will be invited to take time to reflect on the great heritage and wisdom passed on by their grandparents and the elderly.

Attending to our grandparents and the elderly is not only a sign of gratitude and affection, but a necessity in the construction of a more human and fraternal society.

The Holy Father invites us to reflect on these words,

“Do not cast me off in my old age” (cf. Ps 71: 9).

All too often, loneliness is a bitter companion in the lives of the elderly.

In the Bible, growing old is a sign of blessing. The loneliness and abandonment of the elderly is the result of wrong choices that do not recognise the infinite dignity of each and every person.

God never abandons His children. Not even when strength wanes or life seems less productive. Let us then try making the elderly feel like an integral part of our Christian family and our common history

DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 12 NOON ON THURSDAY