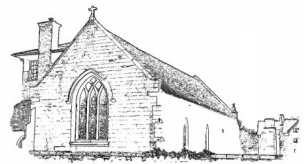


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

- Sunday 15 September** **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Evangelii Gaudium Day
8.30am Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*
10.30am Mass intention for: *Nolan Family Intentions*
There will be a second collection on this day for Catholic Evangelisation.
- Monday 16 September** **Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope,
and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr**
No Mass today
- Tuesday 17 September** **Memorial of St Robert Bellarmine,
Bishop, Doctor of the Church**
**Memorial of St Hildegard of Bingen,
Doctor of the Church**
10.00am Mass Intention: *Private Intention*
- Wednesday 18 September** **Feria in Ordinary Time**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
10.30am# Discussion Group in the stable. All are welcome.
- Thursday 19 September** **Memorial of St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop**
Memorial of St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr
11.00am Mass intention for: *Bernard McKay R.I.P.*
- Friday 20 September** **Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest,
Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Saturday 21 September** **Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** is available following this Mass and by appointment at other times.
- Sunday 22 September** **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest
8.30am Mass intention for: *Kevin Grogan R.I.P.*
10.30am Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*
There will be a second collection on this day for the Fr Hudson's Society.

Anniversaries in September: Rev William Thompson (1726), Rev Francis Parker (1779), Rev Richard Cornthwaite (1803), William Parkes, Thomas Parkes (1895), Ellen Ryan Ferris(1955) Rev John Love (1961), Bernard McKay (1985), Catherine Dawson (1992), Patrick Dawson (1998), Faye Bullock (1999), Violet Grove (1999), Joseph Haydon (2000), Mgr James Crighton (2001), John Keenan (2002) Michael Broadbent (2006), Leonard Bernard Myerscough (2010), Frank Verlic (2014), Peter Stubbins (2016), Patsy Mullins (2017), Michael Bird (2020), James Purcell (2022), Siward James-Moore (2022), John Murray (2022), Bill Riley (2022).

In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers:

Deirdre Brookes, Stephen Brown, Norma Fox, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Angela MacGarrow, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Catherine Neale, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry.

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... for all your offerings and donations.



Contributions to the Parish: 1-8 September:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£110.00
Loose cash:	£211.68
Second collection for Catholic Education Sunday: ..	£300.10

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notice board in the church porch. Please complete and either hand to Fr John or post through his house letterbox. If you wish to make a donation when Mass is not taking place and the church is otherwise empty, please post your offering (in an envelope) in the letterbox in the door of the Priest's House.

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and

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A Call to Mission in England and Wales

In 2013, the first year of his pontificate, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Exhortation on the joy of the Gospel titled *Evangelii Gaudium*. In it, he encouraged the Christian faithful to “embark on a new chapter of evangelisation” marked by this joy, whilst striving to find new paths to proclaim the Gospel in today’s world.

We cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of these are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face... Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone.



Evangelii Gaudium, §14

This is the challenge and opportunity we take up on **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**. Formerly known as Home Mission Sunday, *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in September.

The work of encounter and evangelisation is promoted through the Directorate for Mission. Through this directorate, the vision of the Holy Father is embraced in a fuller way and promotes the whole ideal of proclamation, evangelisation, dialogue and catechesis.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 2024

Growing as missionary disciples

This year, *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* will be celebrated in parishes throughout England and Wales on **15 September 2024**. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world. “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,” the Lord commissions, as we hear in Matthew 28:19.

Inspired by our ongoing Synodal process, Scripture, and Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, we have chosen the theme ‘Growing as missionary disciples’. On the day itself, the faithful are encouraged to pray for our parish communities, that they would become intentionally missionary in their life and witness.

A second collection will also be taken on *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* to support the work of the Bishops’ Conference Mission Directorate. Please hold this important work in your prayers.

COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED THIS WEEK



Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr

In the third century, Pope Cornelius defended the faith against the Novatian heretics and helped by St Cyprian, confirmed his authority. He died in exile. St Cyprian was born in Carthage and became his bishop. He was a staunch defender of the faith and ecclesiastical discipline. He suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Valerian. Their names are in the Roman Canon.

Memorial of St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

St Robert Bellarmine was born in Montepulciano, Italy, and joined the Society of Jesus. His greatest legacy is a theologian and controversialist, especially in defending the Church from its protestant critics. He was canonised in 1930 and declared a Doctor of the Church the following year.

Memorial of St Hildegard of Bingen, Doctor of the Church

Hildegard was born in Bermersheim in Germany in 1098, and in 1115 she entered the Benedictine abbey at the Disibodenberg. Around 1150 she founded the monastery at Rupertsberg, near Bingen, which she ruled as abbess. She was expert both in natural science and in music. In her contemplative prayer she received mystical revelations which she communicated in very many written works, directed at clergy and laity alike. She preached penitence and disproved doctrinal errors, so that even princes and Popes turned to her for advice. She died of an illness in 1179.

Memorial of St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop

St Theodore, born in Tarsus, Turkey, about 601, was a monk in Italy who was not ordained a priest until he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by Pope Vitalian in 666 at the age of 65. He arrived in England in 669, and for the rest of his life reorganised and reformed the life of the Church throughout the country, holding visitations and synods, establishing new dioceses and a great school at Canterbury, and reconciling divisions between those of the Celtic and those of the Roman tradition. St Theodore died in Canterbury on this day in 690.

Memorial of St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr

St Januarius was bishop of Benevento, Italy. He died a martyr in Naples during the persecution of Diocletian. His dried blood contained in a phial, liquefies several times each year.

Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs.

The Christian faith was introduced into Korea during the seventeenth century. From the beginning, Christians suffered under terrible persecutions which, over the course of the nineteenth century, gave the Church many martyrs. Outstanding among these was the first Korean priest and devoted pastor, Andrew Kim of Taegu, and the lay apostle, Paul Chong of Hasang. Among the Korean martyrs were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were laity, men and women, married, single, young and old.

Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist.

Also called Levi, Matthew was the son of Alphaeus. He was a publican, that is a tax collector for the Romans. His profession was hateful to the Jews. Nevertheless, our Lord called him as one of the Twelve Apostles. The details of his evangelisation are unknown, as is his martyrdom which perhaps took place in Persia. Tradition unanimously acknowledges him as the author of the first Gospel. His name appears among the other Apostles in the Roman Canon.