



**Newsletter for
week
commencing
9 August 2026**

**Nineteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A**

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Prayer

God our heavenly Father, we seek guidance from the Holy Spirit, as we move forward in proclaiming the mission you have given us to do in bringing Jesus to the people who need Him.

Give us the courage to work together in making difficult decisions and grant us perseverance to endure the challenges that lie before us.

May we continually focus on Jesus, nurture our bond with Him daily and pray for the strength to complete what we have to do with unwavering dedication.

All these we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Lourdes Pilgrims Return Home

The pilgrims have returned from Lourdes, safe and sound and spiritually refreshed. A big thank you to everyone who took part in the pilgrimage this year, both in Lourdes and at home, and a special congratulations to the Youth Pilgrimage for 50 years of helping sick pilgrims get the most out of their pilgrimage. Look forward to coverage of this year's pilgrimage in September's issue of The Pic !

Right to Life UK - On Friday, we celebrate the feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for his intercession as we, the church, seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that *we would become models of support and charity to all in society.* Lord hear us

Safeguarding this Summer

The summer months are a time of joy and relaxation for many people. However, they can also bring increased risks and challenges.

Factors such as hot weather, financial pressures, changes in routine, and reduced access to regular support networks (such as schools) can all have an impact on people's wellbeing and vulnerability.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult and feel they are in immediate danger, please call the police. If you wish to report any non-urgent concerns, please contact your local social services or our safeguarding team direct at



Or Mark Robson
0151 522 1013/07585761965
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0151 522 1043/07384643237
Email safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk

RCIA : It is that time of the year when we start the preparation for Rite of Christian initiation of adults. If you are an adult, baptised in another Church or not yet baptised and wish to become a member of the Catholic Church, kindly complete RCIA form and return it to St Joseph's office. Thank you.

Canon Christopher reflects ... Leading up to the weekend, as usual, I woke early and began to ponder over what I could write about my thoughts. I felt I had a good idea but then as I began to recite the Divine Office (the Prayer of the Church) I was alerted to the fact that on that day we were remembering three priests who were martyred on the same day at Lancaster Castle in 1646 and that they were all from this area. My thoughts led me to pondering on the many other men and women, especially priests who have laid down their lives as witnesses to the faith and commitment to the church especially close to us where we try to live the same faith.

Forty men and women, known as the English Martyrs, were canonised in 1970 but I hadn't adverted to the fact that another 85 were beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1987 including the three priests we were remembering this week. Priests were trained abroad but knew that on returning to this country they were likely to be martyred. The strength of their faith encouraged them to die horrible deaths yet always cheerful at the hands of their executioners.

I do find it sad nowadays that people are reluctant to do the basics about being called Catholics and living up to their faith. The word martyr means 'witness'. Are we afraid to let our faith be known or hide our faith so as not to offend anyone? Some come to Mass to arrange baptism for their children on a one-off visit but think of doing little more. Many of the older generation will recall that hymn that we sing with such enthusiasm "*Faith of our Fathers! Holy Faith! We will be true to thee till death*". Let us pray that the Faith will not be suppressed in a world that seems to have changed so much in recent years. Amen.

Mass Intentions for week commencing 9 August 2026

	Sacred Heart	Saint Alban	Saint Joseph	Saint Paul of the Cross
Sunday 9 August	11.00 am Louise Smith	9.30 am Ramil Gorrieza (RoS)	8.30 am Peter Smithers (RoS) 4.00 pm William Turner (RoS)	10.00 am
Monday 10 August			9.30 am Mary Hopson	
Tuesday 11 August		9.30 am Deceased Priests		9.00 am
Wednesday 12 August			6.00 pm Holy Souls	9.00 am
Thursday 13 August		10.30 am Requiem Mass David Keenan		9.00 am
Friday 14 August	9.30 am David Boyd (RoS)		9.30 am Robert & Elizabeth Redmond (RoS)	
Saturday 15 August	5.15 pm People of the Parish			6.00 pm
Sunday 16 August	11.00 am John Burke (RoS)	9.30 am Josie Clifton (RoS)	8.30 am Peter Doody 4.00 pm Bernard & Brenda O'Keefe	10.00 am
Confession	Saturday from 4.30 pm	Saturday from 9.30 am	Wednesday 5.15 pm-5.45 pm	Saturday 5.15-5.45 pm
Adoration [Exposition]		After Mass on Tuesday	None during August	

- **Holy Eucharist** - Please note that whilst we can receive the Holy Eucharist under both kinds, intinction (dipping the Body of Christ into the Chalice of His blood) **IS NOT PERMITTED**.
- The acronym RoS stands for Repose of the Soul.

FUNERALS

Week commencing 10 August

Requiem Mass for David Leslie Keenan on Thursday, 13 August at 10.30 am at St Alban's

Week commencing 17 August

Requiem Mass for Marie McKay on Friday, 21 August at 11.00 am at St Joseph's.

May they rest in peace.

Action Required : Parishioners who had been given a role or responsibility by the previous administrator at St Joseph's are asked to call into the office so that we can clarify any arrangements currently in place. Thank you.

Quote of the Week

Saint Bernadette Soubirous ...

"The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love. Then the soul appreciates these words, 'Come all you who are sick, I will restore your health'."

Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off whilst you are in Church. Thank you.

Sanctuary Lamps

The Sanctuary Lamps will burn this week for the following intentions :

St Alban

Eileen Smith (Sick)

Sacred Heart

Ramil Gorrieza (RoS)

St Joseph

Mila & Juna Mossop for their Baptism

St Joseph's Marian Candle Birthday Thanks

Please remember in your prayers the following who have died recently : Fr John Joyce, David Keenan, Ramil Gorrieza, Joan Hewitt and Marie McKay.

May they rest in peace.

St Joseph's Bonus Ball

5/8/26 - No 8

Winner : J Roberts

The proceeds from this year's bonus ball will be sent to Mary's Meals. Please continue to support this initiative.

Messages of Thanks

Noreen and family wish to thank everyone for their condolence cards, Masses and donations in memory of Clifford Edwards. The Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be offered for your intentions. God bless.

The Purcell family wish to extend their heartfelt thanks for the kindness, love and prayers received following the passing of their much loved dad, Tony. We are grateful to Canon Christopher, Father Raymond and Deacon John for their prayers and guidance. A Mass will be said for your intentions.

Macmillan Coffee Mornings

- **St Joseph's - Friday, 25 September** (10:00am until all the cakes are gone).
- **Sacred Heart & St Alban - 23 October** (from 10.00 am). Contact Sue (07939518963).

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers at St Alban's

are asked to collect their new rota from the back of Church. Thank you.

The Annual Service of Remembrance

will take place at Walton Lea Crematorium today (Sunday) at 3.00 pm. All welcome

We will have shorter newsletters over the summer break. General information can be found on the notice boards.