



St. Edward's, St. John Bosco, and St. Mary's
Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time, Year C

Mass Times 5th July - 13th July

Saturday 6pm - St John Bosco, Stefan Robey RIP

Sunday 9am - St Edward's, For all prisoners & all wrongly executed

Sunday 11am - St. Mary's, Luke Simpson RIP

Sunday 6pm (no incense) - St. Mary's, Helen Fairlamb RIP

Tuesday 10am - St. John Bosco, All Parishioners

Wednesday 10am - St Edward's, For a negative biopsy result

Wednesday 6pm - St. John Fisher, School Leavers

Thursday 10am - St Mary's, Fr. Philip Shryane (Golden Jubilee) and John Shryane RIP (25th Anniversary)

Saturday 6pm - St John Bosco, Private Intention

Sunday 9am - St Edward's, Whayman Family

Sunday 11am - St. Mary's, Fr. John Owens (6 years ordained Priest)

Sunday 6pm (no incense) - St. Mary's, Claudette Turner RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5:30pm - St John Bosco

Sunday 8:30am - St. Edward's

Sunday 5:30pm - St Mary's

Tuesday 6:40pm - St Mary's

This Week in the Parish

Monday 6:15pm - St. Mary's, **Choir Practice**

Tuesday 7:10pm - St. Mary's, **Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesday 7:45pm - 8:30pm - St. Mary's Hall, **Liturgy Discussion**

Wednesday 10:30am - St. Edward's, **Eucharistic Adoration after Mass**

Thursday 6:30pm - St. Mary's, **Last Mystagogy before Journey of Faith**

Parish-Wide Teaching Focus (12-month plan)

<u>Month</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Core Focus</u>
<u>Jul</u>	<u>Living Discipleship</u>	<u>Matt 28:19–20, CCC 1691–1698</u>
<u>Aug</u>	<u>Prayer Life</u>	<u>Psalm 63, CCC 2558–2565</u>
<u>Sept</u>	<u>Unity in Christ</u>	<u>Ephesians 4:1–6, CCC 426–429</u>
<u>Oct</u>	<u>Saints & Holiness</u>	<u>Hebrews 12:1, CCC 946–962</u>
<u>Nov</u>	<u>Eucharist</u>	<u>Luke 22:19–20, CCC 1322–1419</u>
<u>Dec</u>	<u>Advent Hope</u>	<u>Isaiah 9:6, CCC 522–524</u>
<u>Jan</u>	<u>Baptism</u>	<u>Mark 1:9–11, CCC 1213–1284</u>



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<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mercy & Reconciliation</u>	<u>Luke 15, CCC 1422–1498</u>
<u>Mar</u>	<u>Cross & Resurrection</u>	<u>John 19–20, CCC 595–658</u>
<u>Apr</u>	<u>Church as Community</u>	<u>Acts 2:42–47, CCC 748–945</u>
<u>May</u>	<u>Mary & Discipleship</u>	<u>Luke 1, CCC 963–975</u>
<u>Jun</u>	<u>Confirmation</u>	<u>Acts 2, CCC 1285–1305</u>

Living as Disciples in the World - Our July Theme

“Go and make disciples of all nations...” – Matthew 28:19

Objection 1: “Faith is a private matter. I don’t need to talk about it.”

Catholic Response: Faith is personal, but never private. Jesus says: “You are the light of the world... Let your light shine before others” (Matthew 5:14–16). Love demands to be shared. Religion is not just an inner experience—it’s a visible way of life.

Disciples don’t hide the Gospel—they live it with humility and courage.

Objection 2: “I’m not holy enough to be a disciple.”

Catholic Response: None of the first disciples were “ready.” Peter denied Jesus. Matthew was a tax collector. Paul persecuted the Church. But Jesus doesn’t call the perfect—He perfects the called.

CCC 2013: “All are called to holiness... to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity.”

Discipleship isn’t about being flawless—it’s about following Jesus step by step, even with our weaknesses.

Objection 3: “Isn’t discipleship just for priests, nuns, or religious types?”

Catholic Response: No. Every baptised person is a disciple. The Church teaches this clearly:

CCC 871: “The Christian faithful... are called to exercise the mission which God entrusted to the Church.”

Pope Francis (EG 120): “In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples.”

Being a disciple is not a “career path” for the few—it’s the basic Christian identity of every believer.

Objection 4: “I’m a good person—I don’t need to evangelise.”

Catholic Response: Goodness is essential—but discipleship is more than ethics. Jesus didn’t teach people to be nice—He came to save. A good life without the Gospel still leaves people in the dark about Who God is.

Romans 10:14: “How can they believe if they have not heard?”
Being good is important. But bringing Christ to others is how we show them the source of that goodness.

Objection 5: “People won’t listen to me. I don’t know enough.”
Catholic Response: You don’t have to be a theologian. You just need to share what Jesus has done in your life.

1 Peter 3:15: “Always be ready to give an answer... but with gentleness and reverence.”

Pope Benedict XVI said: “The world listens more to witnesses than to teachers.” Your personal story may reach hearts that catechisms alone cannot.

What Is a Disciple?

A disciple is someone who:

Knows Jesus through prayer and the sacraments

Follows Jesus through choices, sacrifices, and love

Shares Jesus through words, actions, and daily life

This is the normal Catholic life—not a spiritual bonus level.

Practical Encouragements

“If you’ve ever stood up for truth, helped someone in need, or said a prayer for a friend—you’re already beginning to live as a disciple.”

“The Church is not an organisation with disciples. It is a community of disciples—on mission together.”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Ellen Hickey RIP

Fr. Anselm Stark OCSO RIP of Mount St. Bernards Abbey.

Fr. Thomas Toal RIP Fr. Tom celebrated many Masses at St. John Bosco

Patricia O’Rourke RIP. Funeral Service at St. John Bosco at 9:30am on Tuesday 15th July.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners: inform Fr. John to arrange a visit.

Hospice Donations: Whilst praying that assisted suicide doesn’t become law, supporting hospices is a way Catholics can put into action our prayers for the respect of the dignity of life in our society, from conception to natural death.

Nottingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Pauline and Charles will be pilgrims in Lourdes from the 14th - 18th July. They will be most happy to take any special intentions that you would like to make. Just write out your intention on a slip of paper and pop it into an envelope marked *Prayer Intention for Lourdes*. You can either give it to Fr. John or pop it through the Presbytery

letter box. They will then collect them from Fr. John before they depart. They will also offer prayers to Our Lady for all of the Parish during the time they are there.

New Image on Newsletter - The Crown and Lily

As we come together as one community, the image reflects the unique spiritual heritage of our combined parishes of St. Mary’s, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward’s. The Crown & Lily beautifully symbolizes this unity. The Crown honours St. Edward the Confessor, our royal saint who led with holiness and humble service, reminding us that true leadership flows from Christ the King. The Lily represents the Blessed Virgin Mary, and her purity and grace. It also echoes the spirit of St. John Bosco, who dedicated his life to nurturing young hearts in faith and virtue. Together, the Crown and Lily invite us to grow in holiness and service, rooted in faith and blossoming in charity.

Parish Mass Time Survey: Survey forms are available in the porch if you were not given one on your way in. Please hand it in on your way out. This will help determine if 10am for all three weekday Masses serves most people or not. I don’t want to change times if no one will come if changed though.

Newsletter: Signing up for the newsletter gives you access to our monthly faith formation helps which seek to help parents and also all adults with their faith. These helps are built around the monthly theme. Have a look at the printed version in the porch at each Church or our website and see if it can help you.

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Donations to your Parish via Bank Transfer

Acc. Name: St Mary and St J B S Wigston RCP

Sort Code: 30-15-97, **Account Number:** 00346385

Acc. Name: St Edward Conf Leicester RCP

Sort Code: 30-15-97, **Account Number:** 00554352