



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



Mass Times

Saturday 12th 6pm - St John Bosco, Private Intention
Sunday 13th 9am - St Edward's, Whayman Family
Sunday 13th 11am - St. Mary's, Fr. John Owens (6 years ordained Priest)
Sunday 13th 6pm (no incense) - St. Mary's, Claudette Turner RIP
Tuesday 15th 10am - St. Mary's, All Parishioners, **Church changed**
Wednesday 16th 10am - St Edward's, Michael Joseph Keane RIP
Thursday 17th 10am - St Mary's, Owen RIP
Saturday 19th 6pm - St John Bosco, Ellen Hickey RIP
Sunday 20th 9am - St Edward's, Linda Billingsley RIP
Sunday 20th 11am - St. Mary's, McNicholl Family Intentions
Sunday 20th 6pm (no incense) - St. Mary's, Grace Stanley RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5:30pm - St John Bosco
Sunday 5:30pm - St Mary's
Tuesday 6:40pm - St Mary's

This Week in the Parish

Retiring Collection for Stella Maris after all Masses

Monday 14th 6pm St. John Bosco, **Reception** of Patricia O'Rourke RIP
Monday 14th 6:15pm - St. Mary's, **Choir Practice**
Tuesday 15th 9:30am St. John Bosco, **Funeral Service**, Patricia O'Rourke
Tuesday 15th 7:10pm - St. Mary's, **Eucharistic Adoration**
Tuesday 15th 7:45pm - 8:30pm - St. Mary's Hall, **Liturgy Discussion**
Wednesday 16th 10:30am - St. Edward's, **Eucharistic Adoration**
Thursday 17th 6:30pm - St. Mary's, **Journey of Faith**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Ellen Hickey RIP - **Reception** into St. John Bosco at 6.30pm Monday 21 July.
Requiem Mass at 11am Tuesday 22 July.

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

Weekday Mass Time Survey: Survey forms are available in the porch if you did not get one last week. 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 weekday Mass times if unnecessary.

120th Anniversary of St. Mary's: This year marks the 120th anniversary of St Mary's. For over a century, the faith has been handed down here — through Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, marriages, and countless quiet acts of love and service. As your priest, I don't just want to look back — I want us to look forward together. This is a year to thank God for the past, and to recommit ourselves to living our faith more deeply now, in all three of our churches: St Mary's, St John Bosco, and St Edward's. Over the next few months, we'll be offering simple ways to mark this milestone: prayer cards, monthly reflections, and events to come. I warmly invite you to be part of it. The Church is not the building — it's all of us. And we are the ones who will shape the next 120 years. If anyone has any memories of St. Mary's, including any photos, please put them on the board if you have permission. To help us mark this anniversary 120 prayer cards are wanted for prisoners and the homebound, 120 tins of food for the food bank and 120 pairs of socks. 2 holy hours on different occasions will be offered to mark 120 mins for 120 years.

The Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation:

In September we plan to start the next preparation courses for the above sacraments. This year we are planning to introduce some new initiatives in line with the Church's expressed wish for sacramental catechesis to include the family, and encourage a deep respect for, and understanding of, the sacraments. Any family who wishes their child/ren to take part in either course should complete an application form by the end of the first week of September. Forms can be found in the entrance porch of all three churches. All families will be invited to an individual chat before the courses start— only for about 10 minutes – to ensure they understand what is involved. Children are eligible for 1st Holy Communion preparation from 7 years old. Young people are eligible for Confirmation preparation from 11 years old.

How Can Parents Get Involved?

Pray Together: Begin praying as a family for the grace and understanding needed for the sacrament.

Attend Mass Regularly: Make attending Mass a priority, so children and young people can witness the Eucharist in action.

Engage in Preparation: Encourage your child on their faith journey. Your involvement at home makes a huge difference!

Saturday 6th September the annual **UK March for Life 2025** will take place in London. Contact info@marchforlife.co.uk for more details.

40 Days For Life Wednesday 24th September – Sunday 2nd November. For more details contact Maureen: leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com

Catechism of the Catholic Church Paragraph 1 Teaching: God created you out of sheer goodness so that you might know Him, love Him, and share forever in His own divine life. He didn't need to create us—He wanted to. You exist because He loves you. "God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life."

God is perfect and complete in Himself: He lacks nothing. He didn't make the world to get something, but to give something—His love. Our purpose is relationship: We are created not for usefulness but for communion with God. This communion starts now through faith, prayer, and love—and is fulfilled in heaven. Everything in the Catechism flows from this truth: God made us for Himself, and every aspect of Catholic life (prayer, sacraments, morality) flows from our created purpose.

Questions

1. "If God is perfect, why create anything at all?" Because love, by nature, gives itself. God is a Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—an eternal communion of love. Creation is the overflow of this love, not an act of need. Just as parents give life not because they have to, but because love wants to share itself, God created us to share in His joy.

2. "Isn't religion just a human attempt to explain life?" If that were true, all religions would be humans reaching up to God. But Christianity begins with God reaching down to us. CCC 1 shows that God freely reveals Himself and invites us into relationship. Faith is a response to this divine initiative, not mere human invention.

3. "What if I don't feel valuable or wanted?" Feelings can lie, but truth remains: you were made deliberately, in love, by God. Psalm 139 says God knit you together in your mother's womb. Jesus says even the hairs on your head are counted (Luke 12:7). You are not a mistake. You are willed.

Live it!

This teaching isn't abstract—it changes everything. If God made me for Himself, then: My life has eternal meaning, no matter how ordinary my days feel. I can turn to God in every situation, because I was created for friendship with Him. I must see others with dignity, because they were made for God too.

Try This:

Morning Prayer: "Lord, You made me. Help me live today in Your love."
When feeling lost: Remind yourself, "My purpose is to know and love God."
Tell someone discouraged, "You matter. You were made by God for more."

Daily Habits to Live Your Created Purpose	
Habit	Why it Helps
Begin each day with a 30 second prayer of gratitude	Re-centres your identity in God's love
Visit the Blessed Sacrament weekly	Spend time with the One who created you
Read Psalm 139 or CCC1 - 2 once a month	Deepens your sense of purpose
Practice seeing everyone (even the difficult) as someone made for heaven	Forms your heart to reflect God's

The very first line of the Catechism doesn't start with rules or doctrine—it starts with love. With purpose. With relationship. If you forget everything else, remember this: "You were made by God, for God." No career, relationship, pleasure, or possession can satisfy your heart like living in communion with Him.

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