



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



**Mass Times**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm** - St John Bosco, Ellen Hickey RIP  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 9am** - St Edward's, Linda Billingsley RIP  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 11am** - St. Mary's, McNicholl Family Intentions  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm (no incense)** - St. Mary's, Grace Stanley RIP  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am** - St. John Bosco, **Requiem** Ellen Hickey RIP  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am** - St Edward's, Canon Bernard Scholes RIP  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 10am** - St Mary's, Mike and Pat Cooper 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann.  
  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm** - St John Bosco, Ellen Hickey RIP  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 9am** - St Edward's, All Parishioners  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 11am** - St. Mary's, Evelyn Costoloe RIP 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm (no incense)** - St. Mary's, Whayman Family

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday 5:30pm** - St John Bosco (before Holy Mass)  
**Sunday 5:30pm** - St Mary's (before Holy Mass)  
**Tuesday 6:40pm** - St Mary's (before Adoration)

**This Week in the Parish**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 6:15pm** - St. Mary's, **Choir Practice**  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm** St. John Bosco, **Reception** of Ellen Hickey RIP  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 12pm** St. John Bosco Hall, **Friendship Club**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:10pm** - St. Mary's, **Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:45pm - 8:30pm** - St. Mary's Hall, **Liturgy Discussion**  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:30am** - St. Edward's, **Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm** - St. Mary's, **Journey of Faith into the Church**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm** St. Mary's Hall, **PPC Meeting**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July** St. John Bosco **Baptism** of Trinity, Destiny & Miracle

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of:**

**Cecilia Griffith RIP Funeral Service** at St. John Bosco at 10am Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August. Burial at Wigston Cemetery.

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

**Confirmation Support:** Many thanks to all who attended the recent meeting on the development of our catechesis programme. The Confirmation programme is due to start in September.

It is a nine-week course with breaks over holiday periods. We currently only have two parishioners who have offered to assist the candidates. It would be helpful to have a few more, even as a one-off. Fr. John will be at every session and can step in for any subject so you will not be on your own. The main requirement is the desire to pass on what the Church has handed down to us. Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 9pm. The programme for each of the weeks is planned out, so you only have to walk into the role. We are holding a meeting for potential Confirmation catechists towards the end of August. Please do let me know if you think you could help in any way. I can then email you the programme and you can see which topics suit you. Contact Hilari on: 07734690611

**For Those Seeking God**

"I believe in God; I just don't go to church."

This is something we hear often. And yet, consider:

If God has truly spoken to the world—not just in vague ideas, but in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ—and if that same Jesus established a Church, not as a man-made institution but as His Body and His Bride, then we are not simply invited but called to belong to it. "The Church is not a human invention. It is God's family, where we receive grace, truth, and the fullness of life in Christ." (CCC 748–750)

To separate ourselves from the Church while saying we love Christ is like saying we love someone but want nothing to do with their voice, their presence, or their family. Christ didn't just leave us teachings—He left us a living community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, where:

We are baptized into new life (Romans 6:4),

Fed with the Eucharist, the very Body and Blood of Christ (John 6:53),

Forgiven in Confession, through the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18),

Taught the truth, not according to passing trends, but by the faith handed down from the Apostles (2 Thessalonians 2:15).

To believe in God is good. But God also calls us to belong. Not just to believe privately, but to live publicly as part of His Church—a family of sinners and saints, pilgrims and seekers, struggling and sanctified.

You don't need to have all the answers. You don't need to feel "holy" or "worthy." You only need to take one small step back toward the Church Christ founded. The door is open. The Church is still here.

Christ is waiting for you—in the sacraments, in His Word, in His people.

## **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

God reveals Himself to us because He wants us to know Him. We could never fully discover Him on our own, but He lovingly speaks, acts, and makes Himself known in human history—especially through His Son, Jesus Christ. Revelation is God stepping into our world so that we can live in relationship with Him. “God... of his own wisdom and goodness revealed himself and made known the mystery of his will.”

God freely reveals Himself (CCC 2): We don’t climb up to God—He comes down to us. He reveals Himself gradually: through creation, covenants, prophets, and ultimately Jesus Christ, the full revelation of God (CCC 65). Revelation is not just information—it is a loving invitation to relationship. This Revelation is passed on through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, faithfully guarded and taught by the Church (CCC 3–4).

## **Defending the Faith in Today’s World**

1. “Why doesn’t God just make Himself obvious to everyone?”

Actually, He has. God has revealed Himself through nature, history, conscience, and especially in Jesus Christ. But love doesn’t force itself. God reveals just enough to invite, not overwhelm, our freedom. He respects our ability to say yes—or no.

2. “How can we trust that God really revealed Himself?”

Christian Revelation isn’t based on private visions or vague ideas. It is rooted in real events, seen and heard by witnesses: the people of Israel, the apostles, the early Church. Jesus of Nazareth lived, died, and rose in history. The Bible, Tradition, and Church teaching preserve this Revelation faithfully (CCC 4).

3. “Why not just believe in a higher power and leave religion out of it?”

Belief in “a god” is a start—but God didn’t just reveal that He exists, but who He is: a loving Father, a saving Son, a life-giving Spirit. Christianity is not vague spirituality—it’s personal relationship with the living God who made Himself known.

## **Living This Truth in Daily Life**

God wants to be known—and He has already reached out to you. How will you respond? If God reveals Himself, then:

I don’t have to guess about life’s meaning—I can listen to God’s Word.

Faith isn’t blind—it’s a response to a God who speaks and acts. I need to take His Revelation seriously, not treat religion as a hobby.

**Try This:** Read the Gospels prayerfully, not just for information, but for encounter. They are the voice of Christ speaking to you today. Begin with prayer: “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening” Be still before the Lord—perhaps in Eucharistic Adoration, or in silence after Holy Communion. God’s voice is gentle, and He often speaks in the quiet. When doubts arise, bring them to Jesus. Don’t struggle alone. Ask for light through the Church’s teaching, the lives of the saints, and spiritual direction. “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief” (Mark 9:24). Trust that God reveals enough to follow Him—not to overpower, but to invite your free response.

## **Daily Habits to Live God’s Revelation**

Habit	Why It Helps
Read a paragraph of the Catechism or Scripture daily	Helps you grow in understanding God’s self-revelation.
Ask questions about faith, then seek answers	God isn’t afraid of your doubts—He invites your honest seeking.
Share what you've learned with others	Revelation is meant to be received and handed on.

Revelation means you are not alone in the universe. God is not distant, silent, or uninterested. He wants to be known—by you. He has spoken through the prophets, acted in history, walked among us in Jesus Christ, and continues to speak through His Church. “Our religion is not a set of ideas. It is the loving God making Himself known.” Will you make space to listen?

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