



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



Friday is a Holy Day of Obligation, meat allowed

Saturday 9th Anticipation of the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:30pm - St John Bosco, Confession

6pm - St John Bosco, Holy Mass, All Parishioners

Sunday 10th August, 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am - St Edward's, Holy Mass, Nora Bird RIP

11am - St. Mary's, Holy Mass, Helen Fairlamb RIP (Birthday)

5:30pm - St Mary's, Confession

6pm (no incense) - St. Mary's, Holy Mass, All Parishioners

Mon. 11th 6:15pm - St. Mary's, Choir Practice

Tues. 12th 10am - St. John Bosco, Holy Mass Tom McDonagh RIP

Tues. 12th 6:40pm - St Mary's, Confession

Tues. 12th 7:10pm - St. Mary's, Benediction

Tues. 12th 7:45pm - St. Mary's Hall, Liturgy Discussion (All Welcome)

Wed. 13th 10am - St Edward's, Holy Mass Bensly Antony RIP

Wed. 13th 10:30am - St. Edward's, Benediction

Thurs. 14th 10am - St. Mary's, St. Kolbe, Holy Mass, Ellen Hickey RIP

Thurs. 14th 6:30pm - St. Mary's, Journey of Faith (RCIA)

Fri. 15th 1:30pm - St. John Bosco, Funeral Service Margaret Mitchell RIP

Thursday and Friday Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which fulfil your obligation

Thurs. 14th 7pm - St. Edward's, Holy Mass Jean Allsopp - Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Fri. 15th 10am - St John Bosco, Holy Mass John and Vera Fitzgerald

Fri. 15th 6pm - St. Mary's, Holy Mass Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 16th 5:30pm - St John Bosco, Confession

Sat. 16th 6pm - St John Bosco, Holy Mass, Elizabeth Thomas RIP Ann.

Sun. 17th 9am - St Edward's, Holy Mass, Maureen Burns RIP (98)

Sun. 17th 11am - St. Mary's, Holy Mass, Michael and Pat Cooper 60th Ann.

Sun. 17th 3-6pm - St. Mary's Prayer and Reflection

Sun. 17th 5:30pm - St Mary's, Confession

Sun. 17th 6pm (no incense) - St. Mary's, Holy Mass, Bridget O'Connell RIP and for all living and dead Carson and O'Connell family members

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Maureen Burns RIP (a St. Joseph parishioner).

Maureen McCay RIP (Mother of Fr. John McCay)

Maureen Hodge RIP Wed 20th Aug. 10am Funeral Service, St. Mary's

Evelyn Cleary RIP Fri 22nd Aug. 11:30am Internment of cremated remains, Saffron Hill

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

St John Bosco Presbytery has been undergoing a facelift to prepare it for letting. This has been brought closer to conclusion by Amanda Johnson and Pat Betteridge who recently did a tremendous job of deep cleaning the house, bathrooms, toilets and kitchen, in preparation for being rental-ready. Photographs will now be taken mid-August in order for it to be advertised by an Agent. Many thanks to Amanda and Pat. A little vote of thanks for our two recent volunteers.

March for Life 2025: Saturday 6th September in London. There will be a coach from Holy Cross at **8.15am**. A generous benefactor means that all seats are **FREE**. A sign up sheet is available in the porch of the church or alternatively contact Francisca at francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com or on 07943 711549 for more information and to confirm your seat.

Craft Fair: Saturday 4th October at St. John Bosco Hall. Please contact the Social Team if you would like a stall. Further info to come.

Our Website is undergoing changes to enable each member of the Parish, young and old, to be as up to date with information and resources as possible. **Faith Formation Helps** cathparishmje.co.uk/faith-formation-helps-2025 will be uploaded monthly; **Just Teach Sheets** cathparishmje.co.uk/just-teach-sheets will be uploaded weekly and all Sunday and weekday **Homilies** cathparishmje.co.uk/homilies will be uploaded after they have been preached. This is so you can meditate further on the gospel and also enables those who cannot physically attend to hear the teaching of the Church. The Newsletter, Calendar and Events Diary will continue to be uploaded as normal each week. Please utilise these resources to enable you to deepen your faith and share with others.

St. Mary's Church will be open on Sunday 17th August 3-6pm for prayer and reflection, confessions from 5:30pm as usual.

New Thursday Evening Mass – Beginning 21/8/25

In response to the Mass time questionnaire, I am delighted to introduce a new **midweek evening Mass**. This will be from the regular Missal but will take the form of a votive mass when permitted.

Why an extra Mass? Because renewal begins at the altar.

This Mass is offered:

- For the **renewal of our parishes**
- In **reparation** for our sins and those of the world
- For the **souls of our faithful departed**
- For all **personal intentions** laid before Christ

What Is a Votive Mass?

A Votive Mass is a special Mass offered for a particular intention, rather than the celebration assigned for that day in the Church's calendar. It might be celebrated in honour of the Sacred Heart, Our Lady, St Joseph, or for a specific need such as peace, the sick, or vocations. These Masses are usually offered on weekdays in Ordinary Time, when no feast or solemnity is prescribed. The word votive comes from the Latin votum, meaning a vow or intention. In short, a Votive Mass allows us to focus our prayer and liturgy on a particular mystery of faith or special need—an opportunity for deeper devotion.

Beginning **Thursday 21st August and continuing every Thursday I am available**, we will celebrate a weekly **6:30pm Mass at St. Mary's** with **English and Latin chant, incense, Roman Canon** and the **priest facing the altar together with the people** (*ad orientem*). If this is not for you, remember it is an extra, you don't have to be there but do pray for our efforts and those who would appreciate it. I do not have a Latin background so I will need to improve over time, please be patient with me.

Why Chant? Because chant is the Church's own voice.

"The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as specially suited to the Roman liturgy; therefore, it should be given pride of place." — GIRM §41

Why Incense? Because incense is biblical.

"Let my prayer rise before you like incense." — Psalm 141:2

"An angel came and stood at the altar... and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints." — Revelation 8:3–4 Incense reminds us of heaven. It signifies the sacred, the mysterious, and the **prayer of the Church rising to God**.

Why Ad Orientem? Because facing the East isn't about turning our backs — it's a turning towards the Lord. "Looking at the priest has no importance. What matters is looking together at the Lord." — Pope Benedict XVI. The priest and people together face the same direction — towards **the Lord**. We look together for the Lord returning from the East during the Eucharistic Prayer (ad orientem means towards the east). See the short video: <https://youtube.com/shorts/Lhr7Ui4aHBo?si=J2FFENg4MRtwAjcl>

Come and See: This Mass is **open to all**. You don't need to understand Latin or chant to enter into it. Let it wash over you. Whether you come every week or just once in a while, let this be your **anchor in the week** — a moment of reverence, silence, and heavenly beauty.

Q: Do I need to know Latin?

A: No. Everything is printed with English alongside. Join in as you're comfortable. Latin is the language of the Roman Rite and has been used in the Church's liturgy for over 1,500 years. This isn't a "different" Mass—it's the same, simply enriched by elements that remind us we are part of the Church through time and across the world.

Q: Will this replace other Masses?

A: No. It is an **extra opportunity** for worship. If ad orientem is not your thing, don't worry about it.

Q: Can I bring children?

A: Absolutely.

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