

obedience, and perseverance. When our hearts are distracted, anxious, wounded, or divided, we can ask Our Lady to help us return to Christ. She does not draw attention to herself, but always says: “Do whatever he tells you.” Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. Help us to listen to God’s word. Lead us closer to your Son.

Saints This Week

Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus were close friends of Jesus, welcoming Him into their home at Bethany. They remind us that friendship with Christ is lived through prayer, service, hospitality, and trust, even in times of grief.

St Peter Chrysologus was a bishop and Doctor of the Church, known for preaching the faith clearly and powerfully. He reminds us that the truth of Christ should shape not only our words, but also the way we live.

St Ignatius of Loyola was a soldier whose life changed after injury led him to seek God more deeply. He founded the Jesuits and teaches us to discern God’s will and to seek Him in all things.

St Alphonsus Mary de’ Liguori was a bishop, missionary, Doctor of the Church, and founder of the Redemptorists. He reminds us to trust in God’s mercy and to bring the hope of the Gospel to those who feel forgotten.

St John Fisher School: Word of the Week — Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving means recognising the good things God has given us and responding with gratitude. As Catholics, our greatest act of thanksgiving is the Mass. The word Eucharist means “thanksgiving”. At every Mass, we thank God for creation, for our families and friends, and above all for the gift of Jesus Christ, who died and rose for us. Thanksgiving is not only saying “thank you” when life is easy. It means trusting that God remains good and close to us even during difficult times.

This week, we can ask:

What blessings can I thank God for?

How can I show gratitude to the people who care for me?

Do I remember to thank God each day?

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bill Turowicz, Teresa, John Ward, Mike Dakin and Katrina Creighton, who have died recently. We ask the Lord to grant them eternal rest, and to bring comfort and peace to their families and all who mourn them. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Mission to the Community

The Bishop has asked parishes across the Diocese to reflect on how we can serve and support our local communities. Foodbanks in South Wigston, Eyres Monsell and Aylestone provide vital help to many local people, and some of our own parishioners assist in their work. Many parishioners already donate food through the Tesco FareShare collection box. However, local foodbanks have to pay around £1,200 each year to access these donations. For some, this is becoming increasingly difficult to afford and is adding pressure at a time when their services are urgently needed.

At the most recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, it was therefore suggested that we place a collection box in the porch of each of our churches. Parishioners will be able to donate suitable items each week, which will then be delivered directly to local foodbanks at no cost to them. A list of the items currently most needed has been prepared with the help of a parishioner involved in this work. You should have received a copy as you entered church; additional copies are available in the porch. Thank you for helping us put our faith into action by supporting people in need within our own community.

Come to the CELEBRATE festival, being held between Saturday 15th and Wednesday 19th August, at Worth School, West Sussex. Hear inspiring speakers such as Father Roberto Pasolini (Preacher to the Pope), experience daily Mass, pray in Worth Abbey: fun and formation for children and young people aged 3-24 each day of the festival, and relax in the beautiful Sussex countryside. For more information, visit **www.celebratefestival.org**

Bishop’s Conference of England and Wales: Reply to Press Enquiries concerning the Amnesty International Report “A growing threat: the anti-rights movement in the UK”. The Catholic Church works to uphold the God-given rights of all humanity, without exception. This includes the rights of those unjustly imprisoned, of refugees and migrants, of those who have been trafficked, and the right to life of all people from conception to natural death. Furthermore, we uphold the right to freedom of religion, conscience and expression as explained in the document of the Second Vatican Council, Dignitatis Humanae. Our belief in the dignity of every person, from which a proper understanding of human rights comes, animates all our work in the field of social justice in England and Wales.

Ahead of the Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) on Friday 11th September, the Bishops' Conference has produced resources encouraging parishioners to write to their MPs. Visit www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/

Please consider writing to your MP, showing the support of the Catholic Community in opposition to this proposed change to the law.

Notice Regarding St. John Bosco's Presbytery

Parishioners are advised that tenants are now living in the Presbytery. Please do not park over the dropped curb at any time. Please continue to direct any parish-related questions to Fr. John or the parish office. Thank you for your understanding.

Defending the Faith

Two new articles have been added to the series on the parish website. **Why Does Prayer Matter?** This explores prayer as a real relationship with God, why we should continue praying even when answers seem delayed, and the importance of trust, perseverance, and praying for others. **What Happens After Death?** This explains the Catholic hope of eternal life, personal judgement, heaven, hell, and the importance of praying for the dead. It reminds us that death is not the end and that our hope rests in Jesus Christ. Visit cathparishmje.co.uk and look under: Grow in Faith → Defending the Faith

Thinking about a Sacrament?

If you or your child is seeking Baptism, Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, or Anointing of the Sick, please speak to Fr. John in the first instance.

If you desire a sacrament, do not hesitate to ask.

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St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's
Week 17 of Ordinary Time, Lectionary Year A, 2026
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Saturday 25th July - Feast of St. James, Apostle

5:20pm **Confession** St. John Bosco's
6pm Vigil Mass St. John Bosco's, Mr. Joseph RIP

Sunday 26th July - 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, All Parishioners
10:30am Rosary St. Mary's
11am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Katrina Creighton RIP
5:30pm **Confession** St. Mary's
6pm Holy Mass St. Mary's, Valanca and Clifton Intentions

Wednesday 29th July - Memorial of Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

10am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Fr. Paul Entwistle RIP

Thursday 30th July - Mem. of St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor

10am Holy Mass St. Mary's, John Shryane RIP

Friday 31st July (No Meat Today) Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola

10am Holy Mass St. John Bosco's, Bill Turowicz RIP

Saturday 1st August - Memorial of St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori

5:20pm **Confession** St. John Bosco's
6pm Vigil Mass St. John Bosco's, All Parishioners

Sunday 2nd August - 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Caelum & Allegra (Good Health)
10:30am Rosary St. Mary's
11am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Mike Dakin RIP
5:30pm **Confession** St. Mary's
6pm Holy Mass St. Mary's, Teresa RIP

August: Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August invites us to honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary: a heart completely open to God, faithful in joy and sorrow, and always leading us to Jesus. Mary did not understand everything at once, but she trusted. She pondered God's word, stood near the Cross, and remained faithful when others fled. Her heart teaches us that holiness grows through prayer, trust,