

The Independent Commission on Community and Cohesion wants to hear from churches because it knows that we are on the frontline of community life. We see the pressures on families and young people, the impact of economic insecurity and cultural change, the tensions and misunderstandings between different groups — and the deep desire many people still have for belonging, meaning and hope. To engage, use this link: https://www.national-conversation.ox.ac.uk/?lang=en&channel=church&utm_source=church&utm_medium=partner&utm_campaign=national_conversation&utm_id=church&utm_content=en. The survey should take around 10 minutes.

A Catholic Word Explained: Grace

Grace is the free gift of God's life and help. We cannot save ourselves by our own strength. We need God. Grace is God's loving action in the soul: forgiving sin, healing what is wounded, strengthening us to do good, and drawing us into friendship with Him. At Baptism, sanctifying grace is poured into the soul. We become children of God and members of Christ's Church. When we lose grace through mortal sin, God calls us back through repentance and Confession. When we receive Holy Communion worthily, pray, do works of charity, and remain faithful in daily life, grace strengthens us. Grace does not destroy our freedom. It heals and lifts it. God does not force us to love Him, but He gives us the help we need to say yes. This week, we can pray simply: Lord, give me the grace to know You, love You, and follow You faithfully.

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.

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St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's
Week 18 of Ordinary Time, Lectionary Year A, 2026
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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

Tuesday 4th August - Memorial of St. John Mary Vianney, priest

Wednesday 5th August

10am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Belinda's Intentions

Thursday 6th August - Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

10am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Katrina Creighton RIP

Friday 7th August (No Meat Today) Memorial of St. Sixtus II, pope

10am Holy Mass St. John Bosco's, Private Intention

Saturday 8th August - Memorial of St. Dominic, priest

10am Latin Mass (Ordinary Form) St. Mary's, All Parishioners
10:45am Confession St. Mary's
5:20pm Confession St. John Bosco's
6pm Vigil Mass St. John Bosco's, For the Priests at Holy Cross Priory

Sunday 9th August - 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Tony Simons RIP
10:30am Rosary St. Mary's
11am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Harry Johnson RIP
5:30pm Confession St. Mary's
6pm Holy Mass St. Mary's, Slawek's Intentions

August: Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is a heart entirely given to God, pure in love, steady in suffering, and always turned towards Jesus. Mary's heart was not

untouched by sorrow. She knew uncertainty, poverty, exile, misunderstanding, and the sword of grief at the foot of the Cross. Yet her heart remained faithful. She listened to God's word, pondered it deeply, and trusted even when she could not see the whole road ahead. Her Immaculate Heart teaches us how to live as disciples: to pray, to listen, to trust, to obey, and to stay close to Christ. When our hearts are anxious, distracted, wounded, or divided, we can ask Our Lady to help us love Jesus with a cleaner and more faithful heart.

Saints This Week

St John Mary Vianney, the Curé of Ars, was a humble parish priest known for his prayer, poverty, preaching, and long hours hearing Confessions. He reminds us that holiness is not found in being impressive, but in faithfulness, sacrifice, and love for souls.

The Transfiguration of the Lord shows Jesus revealed in glory on the mountain, with Moses and Elijah beside Him. This feast reminds us that Christ's suffering and death are not the end: the glory of the Resurrection is already shining through. It teaches us to listen to the beloved Son and to keep our eyes fixed on Him.

St Sixtus II was a pope and martyr of the early Church. He was killed during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian, together with several of his deacons. He reminds us that the Church is built not on comfort or popularity, but on faithful witness to Christ, even at great cost.

St Dominic was a priest and founder of the Order of Preachers, known as the Dominicans. He preached the truth with clarity and love, and had a deep devotion to prayer and Our Lady. He reminds us that the faith must be known, loved, defended, and shared.

St John Fisher School: Word of the Week — Selflessness

Selflessness means thinking of the needs of others and choosing to help them, even when it costs us time, effort or comfort. Jesus is our greatest example of selflessness. He welcomed those who were forgotten, served those around Him, and gave His life for us upon the Cross. Selflessness does not mean that we do not matter. It means that we do not think only about ourselves. At home, at school and in our parish, we can be selfless by sharing, listening, including others, helping without being asked, and doing good without seeking praise.

This week, we can ask:

Who might need my help or friendship?

Can I put someone else first today?

Can I do something kind without expecting thanks?

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.

Notice Regarding St. John Bosco's Presbytery

Please note that the Presbytery at St John Bosco Church, Pasley Road, is now rented out and is a private residence. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in respecting the privacy of those living there.

Oppose Assisted Suicide. As you may have seen, the proposal to legalise assisted suicide which was rejected by the Lords in the last parliamentary session is returning to the Commons in exactly the same form on Friday 11th September. Our Bishops have asked us to oppose this legislation, on the grounds that it undermines respect for the innate value of life; that it could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives; and that it risks putting many hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. The Bishops have asked us to contact / write to our MPs once again, to express our opposition to this bill. They have provided materials to help us to do this on their website (www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/). SPUC also offers advice on what to say to your MP ([SPUC.org.uk/Fight the Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill](http://SPUC.org.uk/Fight the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill)). There is only a short time before the bill is debated on 11th September. Please contact your MP as soon as possible.

Golden Jubilee of SPANNED Our diocesan agency supporting people with additional needs (SPANNED) is 50 years old this year and will be marked by a Golden Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick at Saint Peter's Church, Hinckley, on Saturday 26th September at 2.00pm. All are very welcome to share this wonderful milestone. If you are contemplating coming please contact Father Frank Daly, on 01455 634443, or hinckleypriory@gmail.com by 31st August, to help with catering arrangements.