

At Mass we:

- Meet Jesus Christ in His Word and in the Holy Eucharist.
- Keep the Lord's Day holy, obeying the Third Commandment and the Church's precept to worship God on Sundays and Holy Days.
- Receive God's grace, which strengthens us to live as faithful disciples.
- Belong to the Church, worshipping not as individuals but as one family of faith.
- Grow in understanding, hearing the Scriptures proclaimed and explained week by week.
- Prepare for the sacraments, since Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, and the Christian life all find their meaning in the Eucharist.
- Learn to pray, joining in the prayers of the Church throughout the liturgical year.
- Are sent on mission, carrying Christ's love into our homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.

Sunday Mass is not a hurdle placed before the sacraments; it is the ordinary place where sacramental faith begins, grows, and is lived. Preparation is about growing in friendship with Jesus Christ through the worship of His Church. If God is calling you or your family to take the next step, we would be delighted to walk with you.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Raffaele Alberico, 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.

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 19 of Ordinary Time, Lectionary Year A, 2026
Website: cathparishmje.co.uk Phone: 07354 832195
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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, Menino Afonso 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

Monday 10th August - Feast of St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr

Tuesday 11th August - Memorial of St. Clare, virgin

Wednesday 12th August - Memorial of St. Jane Francis de Chantal

10am Holy Mass **St. Edward's**, Charles and Pauline Paine

Thursday 13th August - Memorial of St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus

10am Holy Mass **St. Mary's**, Bill Turowicz RIP

Friday 14th August (No Meat Today) Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe

10am Holy Mass **St. John Bosco's**, Fr. Stephan Foster RIP

Saturday 15th August

10am Latin Mass (Ordinary Form) **St. Mary's**, Chris and Grace Mason
10:45am **Confession** **St. Mary's**
5:30pm **Confession** **St. John Bosco's**
6pm Vigil Mass **St. John Bosco's**, Tom McDonagh RIP (3rd ann.)

Sunday 16th August - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Holy Mass **St. Edward's**, Allegra and Caelum (Good Health)
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**, All Parishioners

Saints This Week

St Lawrence was a deacon and martyr of the Church in Rome. When ordered to hand over the treasures of the Church, he presented the poor, the sick, and the suffering, saying that these were the Church's true treasures. He reminds us that love for Christ must always be shown in love for the poor.

St Clare was a follower of St Francis of Assisi and founder of the Poor Clares. She lived a life of poverty, prayer, and deep trust in God. She reminds us that Christ is enough, and that a life hidden with Him can shine with great spiritual beauty.

St Jane Frances de Chantal was a wife, mother, widow, and foundress of the Visitation Order. She knew grief and suffering, yet gave herself generously to God. She reminds us that holiness can grow through family life, sorrow, patience, and faithful perseverance.

St Pontian and St Hippolytus were once divided, but were reconciled before dying as martyrs. Their witness reminds us that the mercy of Christ is stronger than division, and that reconciliation is a powerful sign of holiness.

St Maximilian Kolbe was a Franciscan priest who gave his life in Auschwitz in place of another prisoner. His love for Our Lady, his missionary zeal, and his heroic charity remind us that true Christian love is willing to sacrifice itself for others.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary teaches that Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken body and soul into heavenly glory. This feast reminds us that Christ's victory over sin and death is not an idea, but a promise. Where Mary has gone, the faithful hope to follow.

St John Fisher School: Word of the Week — Readiness

Readiness means being prepared to do what is right, to listen, to learn, and to respond when we are needed. It is not only about having our books, uniform, or equipment ready. It is also about having a heart ready for God. Jesus teaches us to be ready: ready to pray, ready to forgive, ready to serve, and ready to follow Him. The saints show us that readiness means saying yes to God even when we do not know everything that will happen next. At home, at school, and in our parish, we can practise readiness by listening carefully, arriving on time, helping when asked, preparing well, and being willing to do good without delay.

This week, we can ask:

Am I ready to listen to God today?

Can I be ready to help someone who needs me?

What can I do now to prepare my heart for Jesus?

Sacramental Catechesis: Clear Pathways of Faith

Rather than fixed programmes, we offer clear pathways of faith, recognising that every person's journey is unique. Some are beginning to explore the Church's Faith for the first time. Others are returning to the Church after many years away. Some are seeking Baptism for a child, while others are preparing for Marriage or asking about becoming Catholic themselves.

Every pathway begins in the same way: a conversation. If you are considering a sacrament or would simply like to know more about the Catholic faith, the first step is to speak with Fr. John. Together we can listen to your story, answer your questions, and help you take the next step.

Preparation is not simply about completing a course or reaching a particular age. The Church prepares people to receive the sacraments with understanding, faith, and a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. That journey looks different for each person and each family.

Our parish provides clear resources and personal accompaniment for:

Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Adults wishing to become Catholic (RCIA – Way of Faith)
Those returning to the practice of the Catholic faith

Our aim is not simply to prepare someone for a sacrament, but to help them live the Catholic faith long afterwards. You can find each of these pathways, together with practical guidance and parish resources, on our website: www.cathparishmje.co.uk

For children, parents remain the first teachers of the faith. Our parish wishes to support, not replace, that vital role. We will provide resources to use at home, practical guidance, and personal accompaniment. If you feel unsure about teaching the faith, there is no need to be anxious—we will walk with you, answer your questions, and help you and your children grow together in friendship with Christ.

The Sunday Mass is the heart of our parish and the centre of the Christian life. Every pathway of faith in our parish begins here because this is where we encounter the Risen Lord together.