

for receiving St. John Henry Newman into the Catholic Church in 1845. Blessed Dominic reminds us to persevere in prayer and to trust that God can bring great things from patient and faithful witness.

St. Monica (c. 331–387) is remembered especially for her many years of prayer for her son, St. Augustine, when he had turned away from the Christian faith. She never gave up hope, continuing to pray for him with patience and love until he eventually embraced the faith. St. Monica is a wonderful example to parents, grandparents, and all who pray for someone they love. She teaches us never to underestimate what God can do through faithful and persevering prayer.

St. Augustine (354–430), the son of St. Monica, spent many years searching for happiness and truth before finally finding them in Christ. After his conversion he became Bishop of Hippo and one of the greatest teachers of the Church. His writings remind us that our deepest longing can be satisfied only by God. His life also teaches us that, however far we may have wandered, it is never too late to turn to God and make a new beginning.

St. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and courageously proclaimed the truth, even when doing so placed his own life in danger. He was imprisoned and eventually put to death by King Herod because he would not remain silent about what was wrong. In his martyrdom, St. John remained faithful to the mission God had given him. He challenges us to have the courage to stand for truth and to remain faithful to Christ, even when it is difficult.

St John Fisher School: Word of the Week — Beginnings

Beginnings are new opportunities to learn, grow, and become the people God calls us to be. At the start of a new school year, there can be excitement, but also uncertainty: a new class, new teachers, new friends, new responsibilities, and new things to learn. God is with us in every new beginning.

Jesus invites us to begin each day with Him and to trust Him with what lies ahead. The saints remind us that we do not need to know everything that will happen before we take the first step. We can begin with faith, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us and help us use well the opportunities God gives us.

At home, at school, and in our parish, we can make a good beginning by welcoming others, being ready to learn, trying our best, making good choices,

praying for one another, and remembering that if something goes wrong, with God's help we can always begin again.

This week, we can ask:

How can I make a good beginning to this new school year?

Is there someone I can help to feel welcome and included?

What would I like to ask God to help me with as I begin this new year?

St Mary's Patronal Feast — Sunday 6th September

Everyone from St Mary's, St John Bosco's and St Edward's is warmly invited to join us as we celebrate St Mary's Patronal Feast — the Birthday of Our Lady — on Sunday 6th September. The celebration begins with Holy Mass at 11am at St Mary's, followed by our parish BBQ and shared meal in the hall and car park. Those attending the morning Masses at St Edward's or St John Bosco's are especially welcome to come across afterwards and join us for the celebration. We would be very grateful for contributions of food to share, and we particularly need volunteers to cook on the BBQs. If you are able to help get the BBQs going during the 11am Mass, having attended an earlier Mass, or can help with cooking and serving afterwards, please let us know. This is a celebration for our whole parish family, so please come along, bring something to share if you can, and help us celebrate Our Lady and enjoy some time together as one parish community.

St Edward's Autumn Fayre — Saturday 19 September

Please keep Saturday 19 September free for St Edward's Autumn Fayre.

It will be a lovely opportunity for parishioners, families and friends to come together, enjoy the afternoon and support St Edward's. Everyone from across our three churches is very warmly invited. We will also need plenty of help to make the day a success, both beforehand and on the day itself. If you are able to help with preparations, run a stall, provide refreshments or simply lend a hand, please let us know.

A very sincere thank you to Amanda for all the work she has undertaken in arranging the letting of the presbytery at St John Bosco's. There has been a considerable amount of work involved behind the scenes, including liaising with estate agents, dealing with the various arrangements, and helping to ensure everything was in place for prospective tenants. Our thanks also to Pat, who has supported Amanda by helping to meet prospective tenants and with the practical arrangements. It was not an easy ride, so we are very grateful to

them both for giving so generously of their time and for all they have done on behalf of the parish.

Mary's Meals — This Weekend

We are pleased to welcome a representative from Mary's Meals, who will be speaking at all Masses this weekend about their work in some of the world's poorest communities. There will be a second collection at all Masses in support of Mary's Meals. Please give as generously as you are able. Thank you for your support, and a warm welcome to Jane from Mary's Meals.

Date	Event
Saturday 5 th September	MarriageCare's Marriage Preparation Course, Somerby, Lincolnshire
Saturday 5 th September	March for Life, London
Friday 11 th September	Second reading of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill – encouragement to write to Members of Parliament
Saturday September	12 th Leicester Caritas's Workshop for Everyone, Holy Cross Priory
Saturday September	12 th Family Mass and Picnic, Mount Saint Bernard Abbey
Saturday September	26 th Golden Jubilee of SPANNED, Hinckley

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St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's
Week 21 of Ordinary Time, Lectionary Year A, 2026
Website: cathparishmje.co.uk Phone: 07354 832195
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Saturday 22nd August - Memorial of Queenship of the B. Virgin Mary

11am Baptism St. Edward's
 5:30pm Confession St. John Bosco's
 6pm Vigil Mass St. John Bosco's, Claude Mesias RIP

Sunday 23rd August - 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Nora Bird RIP
 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, All Parishioners

Wednesday 26th August - Memorial of Blessed Dominic

10am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Mary Caffrey's Intentions

Thursday 27th August - Memorial of St. Monica

10am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Private Intention

Friday 28th August (No Meat Today) - Memorial of St. Augustine

10am Holy Mass St. John Bosco's, For the Conversion of England

Saturday 29th August - Memorial of The Passion of St. John the Baptist

5:30pm Confession St. John Bosco's
 6pm Vigil Mass St. John Bosco's, Franco Fasulo RIP

Sunday 30th August - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, All Parishioners
 10:30am Rosary St. Mary's
 11am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Arthur and Mary Crane RIP
 5:30pm Confession St. Mary's
 6pm Holy Mass St. Mary's, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saints This Week

Blessed Dominic Barberi (1792–1849) was an Italian Passionist priest and missionary who felt called by God to work for the return of England to the Catholic faith. He came to England in 1841 and became known for his holiness, kindness and tireless missionary work. He is especially remembered