

Help Available

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St Edward's Patronal Festival

We will celebrate the feast of St Edward the Confessor, the patron of St Edward's Church, as a parish solemnity on Sunday 18 October at the 9.00am Mass. This replaces the celebration on Tuesday 13 October. Parishioners from St Mary's, St John Bosco and St Edward's are warmly invited to join us for this special Mass. Bacon butties will be served afterwards, so please stay and enjoy some time together.

Why Does the Priest Add Water to the Wine?

During the preparation of the altar, the priest or deacon pours wine into the chalice and then adds a small amount of water. This ancient action recalls the blood and water which flowed from the side of Christ upon the Cross. It also represents the union of Christ's divinity and humanity, and our own union with him. As the water is added, the priest or deacon quietly asks that we may come to share in Christ's divine life, since he humbled himself to share in our human life. The water disappears into the wine and cannot be separated from it. In a similar way, we ask to be united completely with Christ and with the sacrifice he offers to the Father. A very small and easily missed action therefore expresses one of the greatest truths of our faith: God became man so that we might share in his life.

Sacramental Preparation for Children

Families wishing to prepare a child for First Confession, First Holy Communion or Confirmation may begin at any time. Parents may work with their child at home using the parish material, or the parish can provide a mentor to accompany the family. Helpful catechism apps and further information are available at cathparishmje.co.uk.

The most important preparation is to attend Sunday Mass regularly and to pray together at home. Please speak to Fr. John after Mass to begin.

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St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's
Week 28 of Ordinary Time, Lectionary Year A, 2026
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Saturday 10th October - St. Paulinus of York & Anglo-Saxon Saints

5:30pm Confession St. John Bosco's

6pm Sunday Mass St. John Bosco's, Pat Ballentyne RIP

Sunday 11th October - 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Health of Edwin, Reman & Clayton

10:30am Rosary St. Mary's

11am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Patrick Hunt RIP

5:30pm Confession St. Mary's

6pm Holy Mass St. Mary's, All Parishioners

Wednesday 14th October - St. Callistus I, pope & martyr

10am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Mary Weston

Thursday 15th October - Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila, virgin & doctor

10am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Paul Hickey RIP (1st anniversary)

7pm Parish Evening St. Mary's, How to Pray with St. Teresa of Avila

Friday 16th October (No Meat Today) - St. Hedwig & M. Mary Alacoque

10am Holy Mass St. John Bosco's, Slawek's Intentions

Saturday 17th October - St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr

5:30pm Confession St. John Bosco's

6pm Sunday Mass St. John Bosco's, Rev. Patrick Nicolson RIP

Sunday 18th October - Patronal Feast of St. Edward the Confessor

9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Good Health of Caelum & Allegra

Sunday 18th October - 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:30am Rosary St. Mary's

11am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Hugh and Doreen Dwyer RIP

5:30pm Confession St. Mary's

6pm Holy Mass St. Mary's, All Parishioners

Saints This Week

St Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582) was a Carmelite nun, reformer and Doctor of the Church. She taught that prayer is a real friendship with God and that

holiness grows through perseverance, humility and trust. Her life reminds us that deep prayer should lead to a deeper love of Christ and His Church.

St Edward the Confessor (c. 1003–1066) was King of England and became known for his piety, justice and generosity to the poor. He had a deep devotion to the Church and tried to govern with peace and fairness. He reminds us that holiness is possible in every vocation and that authority should always be exercised in service of others.

St Callistus was Pope in the early third century and is remembered especially for defending God's mercy towards sinners who repented. He suffered martyrdom for the faith. His life reminds us that the Church is a place of forgiveness and that no one who sincerely turns back to God is beyond His mercy.

St Hedwig (1174–1243) was a duchess who used her position and wealth to help the poor, care for the sick and support the Church. After the death of her husband, she lived a life of greater prayer and simplicity. She reminds us that Christian charity means using what we have for the good of others.

St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647–1690) was a Visitation nun especially associated with devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Through her prayer and witness, she helped Catholics rediscover the immense love and mercy of Christ. She reminds us that the Heart of Jesus is always open to us and calls us to return His love.

St Ignatius of Antioch (c. 35–107) was a bishop and one of the earliest Christian martyrs. While being taken to Rome for execution, he wrote letters urging Christians to remain united with their bishops, faithful to the Eucharist and steadfast in Christ. His witness shows the courage of the early Church and the importance of remaining firmly united to Christ and His Church.

St. John Fisher: Word of the Week — Respect

Respect means recognising that every person is made in the image of God and should be treated with dignity, kindness and fairness. It means valuing others, even when they are different from us or when we do not agree with them.

Jesus treated people with respect. He listened to them, spoke to them with compassion and never treated anyone as unimportant. He also taught us to respect God, ourselves, other people and the things entrusted to our care.

At home, at school and in our parish, we can practise respect by listening when others speak, using kind words, looking after property, following sensible rules, being polite, and standing up for those who are treated badly.

This week, we can ask:

Do my words show respect for others?

Can I listen carefully, even when I disagree?

How can I show that every person is precious in God's sight?

Prayers at the Graves of the Faithful Departed

During November, we will gather in our local cemeteries to pray for those who have died and commend them to God's mercy.

Sunday 1 November, 2.00pm: Saffron Hill

Sunday 8 November, 2.00pm: Wigston

Sunday 15 November, 2.00pm: Blaby

Sunday 15 November, 3.00pm: Countesthorpe

Sunday 22 November, 2.00pm: Gilroes

Everyone is welcome to join us.

November Prayers for the Faithful Departed

November is traditionally dedicated to prayer for those who have died. Holy Souls envelopes are available in our churches for the names of deceased relatives and friends whom you would like remembered at Mass. Completed envelopes may be placed in the collection or handed to Fr John.

Called to Be Saints

Join us at St Mary's on Saturday 31 October, from 1.00pm to 3.00pm, for a joyful Catholic celebration of All Saints. There will be Catholic teaching, prayer and activities for children, young people, families and adults. We will discover inspiring saints from across the Church. Children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite saint, and each child will receive a small devotional gift. Everyone is welcome.

How to Pray with St Teresa of Avila

Our Thursday evening at St Mary's on 15 October, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm, falls on the feast of St Teresa of Avila, one of the Church's greatest teachers of prayer. Fr. John will speak about what Catholic prayer is, how to overcome distraction and dryness, and how to establish a simple daily life of prayer. The evening will include Scripture, practical guidance, silent prayer and an opportunity for questions. No previous experience is needed. Everyone is welcome.