

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 3rd August Weekday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Special Intention
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Sunday 4th August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Nicholson Birthday Memorial
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving for blessings received
Sacred Heart	12.30pm	Baptisms	Eloise Phoebe Travis & Lilly-Mae Taylor

Tuesday 6th August Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	80th Birthday
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Wednesday 7th August Weekday of Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Kath Trundle R.I.P.
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Thursday 8th August Memorial of St Dominic, Priest

Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving
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Friday 9th August Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, OCD

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Thanksgiving to St Joseph
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Saturday 10th August St Lawrence Deacon and Martyr

St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Vincent, Kathleen, Peter and Deceased members of the Lythgoe Family
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Sunday 11th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Francis Tesmer Anniversary
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Stephen Woods R.I.P.



Sacred Heart Church
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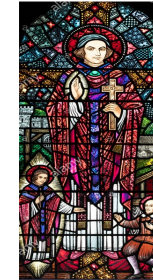
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th August 2024**



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Office Hours:
Mon, Wed & Fri
9.30am—4.00pm



Food for thought

In our first reading we hear how the Israelites due to hunger complained to Moses about lack of food in the wilderness. There is an old saying that many people can relate to...a hungry man is an angry man! We all know that when we feel really hungry, we can get irritable and short tempered! We all have bodies which run on the fuel of food. But it's not only the body that gets hungry - the heart and the spirit can get hungry too. In the Gospel today we hear the Lord warned the people that they were hungry for the wrong things. They were hungering for a worldly fullness, not the eternal heavenly fullness that He alone can offer. Often in his preaching Jesus used images of food, particularly bread, to emphasise our need for spiritual as well as physical nourishment. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that He is the 'bread of life' and He can satisfy the deepest hunger and thirst. There can be so much that falls apart in our lives, even though we sometimes pretend otherwise, and that's why we must accept the real food God sends us. The God who watched over Israel in the desert is the same God who comes again now into our lives. As we ponder and pray on the recent shocking events in Southport, that has left us shocked and horrified may we find nourishment and strength with the bread from heaven. Praise Him!

Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them:

Vera Seventi,
Carol Greenhalgh,
Mary Griffin
Sean Fleming,
Craig Hardman,
Kitty Jones,
Doreen Hayes,
Eileen Hynes
Mary Barnes
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
James Allen
Kathleen Holland
John Mulligan
Marian Hindley
Chris Hallinan
Bernice Ganley
Pauline Woods
Eileen Midgley
John Forde
Tommy Nuttall
Mark Tomlinson
Iris Kiernan

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died, especially
Jennifer Woods,
Gene Fairclough
and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

Pope Francis August Prayer Intention For Political Leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

Baptisms

We celebrate with
Eloise Phoebe Travis &
Lilly-Mae Taylor
and their families who will be baptised this weekend. We hold them in our love and prayers.

Music at the Met

During 2024 the Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their re-stored grand organ with a series of concerts and events that will demonstrate the versatility of the instrument.

Summer Organ Recital by Peter Kwater, Sunday 4 August, 14.00

Summer Organ Recital by Dan Mansfield, Sunday 11 August, 14.00

Summer Organ Recital by Peter Morrison, Sunday 18th August 14.00

Summer Organ Recital by Andrew Sharples, Sunday 25th August 14.00

For more information, please call 01517087283 or email: music@metcathedral.org.uk

Prayer for the People of Southport

We hold in our hearts all who are affected by the horrendous attack in Southport.

Loving Father,
we pray for those who are grieving after the recent events in Southport.

Be their rock, empower them each day to trust in you, to pour their hearts out to you.

Give them courage to express all the complicated emotions that come with grief and loss.

May any feelings of helplessness they feel, be replaced by an overwhelming love to pray for those who are suffering.

We ask Mary our Mother who prayed at the foot of the cross, to pray for them now, to ease the ache in their hearts.

Hail Mary full of grace...

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamps will shine at both churches for Bebe, Elsie and Alice and their families and all those affected by the horrific attack in Southport last Monday.

Please keep in your prayers Fr. John Heneghan, Parish Priest of the Parishes of St Marie and St Patrick, Southport. Alice Dasilva Aguiar, one of the young girls who died, following the horrific attack last Monday, was one of his young parishioners. He told me that Alice took part in the Offertory Procession last Sunday at the 11.30am Mass at St Patrick's Church. Fr John said, 'Our hearts reach out to her family and the families of the two other girls who died and those who are injured.' Also, please keep in your prayers Fr. Kevin McLoughin, Parish Priest of Holy Family, Southport.