



Timetable and Intentions for Sundays and Weekdays Masses



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
Sun 20 th July	9 am	16 th Sunday in O.T.	Gill Chorley (LD) Parishioners	Holy Family
Sun 20 th July	11.15 am	16 th Sunday in O.T.	S.I.: Sales Family	Our Lady V
Mon 21 st July			-----	The Church is closed
Tue 22 nd July	9 am	St. Mary Magdalene	Special Intention MK	Our Lady V
Wed 23 rd July	9 am	St. Bridget	Thanksgiving J.B.	Our Lady V
Thu 24 th July	9 am	Weekday of O.T.	Sally Spriggs (LD)	Our Lady V
Fri 25 th July	9 am	St James the Greater	Terry Mottram (LD)	Our Lady V
Sat 26 th July	12 noon	Our Lady on Saturday Ss. Joachin & Anne	Rohan & Maria Wed	Our Lady V
Sun 27 th July	9 am	17 th Sunday in O.T.	Special Intention	Holy Family
Sun 27 th July	11.15 am	17 th Sunday in O.T.	S.I. Baybut Family Parishioners	Our Lady V

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions: Tue 9.30am to 10am; Sat 11am to 12
Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Devotion: Tuesdays 9.30 am OLOV.
Baptisms, Weddings: by appointments.
Wednesday Club / Tuesday Nursery: You are welcome!

We pray for all who are sick and elderly: Marie Tyrer, Ray Sherwood, Betty Maurey, Terry Mottram, John Evans-Freeke, Henry Henderson, Anne and Mike Quinn, Ronnie Baybut, Geoff Morrissey, Michael Hyland, Paul Blackford, Harry Caine, Sophie Caine, Christine Watts, Deacon John and Ann Crooks, Joan Callaghan, Natalie Kavanagh, Sue Swift, Hannalor Mainey, Betty Costello.

We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time: Maisie O'Sullivan, Frank Kerrigan, Kerry Niblett, James Patrick Daley, Thomas Brown, Michael Mooney, Annie Fay, Lily Helliwell.

We pray for those who have passed away recently: Margaret Kennedy, Terry Mottram.

Home visits with Holy Communion:

Eucharistic Minister:	Visiting:
Paul	Mary Cartwright, Betty Costello, Anne Viz.
Mike	Peter Sales, Stuart Munro.
Adrian	Marie Tyrer.



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 20th July 2025

Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighbourliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher. Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfil the dual command: love of God (Mary) and love of neighbour (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom.

The Priority of a Disciple: Listening to Jesus



By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbour requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher. (Loyola Press)

During these last Sundays we have been learning how to become a true disciple of Jesus by meditating the Gospel Readings. Today you have the chance to put the priorities right in your life. First things first. So much anxieties, distractions and problems arise when we don't set priorities, or we have them wrong. Today, take time to sit at Jesus' feet, listen to him, be still at his presence. I know that you have a busy life ... that is why you need to listen to Jesus today, and he is saying to you: "you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one." Mary is here presented as the ideal disciple who sits at the feet of Jesus listening to him. Don't make yourself too busy. The service to others is the fruit of prayer and contemplation of Jesus. Get away from the hustle and bustle, give yourself time and space to grow in faith, to nurture it, and draw strength from it. And by so doing, you will choose the better part, the one that will not be taken from you.

Father Sergio, Parish Priest

25th July: Feast of St James Apostle

A tremendous devotion to him grew up around his tomb in Santiago de Compostela in Spain



Over the centuries St James has inspired an ardent devotion that has drawn millions from all corners of the earth to his great shrine in Spain, where countless miracles have been attributed to his powerful intercession. He travelled to Spain in the early years of his brief ministry and met with little success, winning over only a handful of disciples. Theodore and Athanasius accompanied him back to Jerusalem, where he was martyred at the hands of Herod. These disciples took his body to northern Spain where St James was buried. His tomb was forgotten for centuries, until his relics were rediscovered in the 9th century. At the magnificent ancient cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, the relics of St. James now are housed in a silver casket below the high altar, which his statue presides over the cathedral. During the Middle Ages, Compostela became one of the most famous places of pilgrimage in the world. The apostle's fame as a miracle worker spread, and more and more pilgrims began to make the journey to visit his tomb and ask for his intercession. Miracles often were worked for the faithful who endured great hardships and travelled great distances to pray there. Upon reaching Santiago de Compostela, the pilgrims of the Middle Ages collected their long-anticipated souvenirs: A "Compostela," a certificate verifying that the pilgrim had made the journey and earned a plenary indulgence. The scallop shell is a symbol unique to the pilgrimage of St. James. It was greatly treasured and worn proudly on the breast or hat. It became the equivalent of a passport identifying travellers as pilgrims. Pilgrimages have never stopped since the 9th century; nowadays there is a new and greater revival with pilgrims from every corner of the world.

Congratulations to Leo James Patrick Morris who was baptised yesterday at Holy Family Church, Ince Blundell. May the Grace of the Holy Spirit be always poured upon this family whose baby received the gift of becoming a child of God and a member of the Holy Church.

BAPTISMS BOOKED FOR THESE COMING MONTHS:

Sat. 30th August: **Ross John Patterson** at OLOV.

Sat 20th December: **Ludovic William Welsby Bagley** at HFIB.



First reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

In those days: The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the tent.' The LORD said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

The word of the Lord

Second reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

At that time: At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Source: Universalis App – NewLectionary

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15(14)

R:/ O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Whoever walks without fault;
who does what is righteous,
and speaks the truth from his heart;
whoever does not slander with his tongue. **R:/**

Who does no wrong to a neighbour,
who casts no slur on a friend,
who looks with scorn on the wicked,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R:/**

Who lends no money at interest,
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a one shall never be shaken. **R:/**

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Sick Lists and Mass Intentions: If your name or the name of a friend or relative of yours is on the parish list of prayers for those who are sick, and you would like that name to remain on the list, would you please contact the Parish Priest.

We need to make sure that you or your friend or family member has consented to their name being on that list. This is because the list can be seen by a lot of people, as it is put up on the noticeboard at the back of church, it is available for anyone to pick up in church and is also published on the internet through the parish website. In a couple of weeks' time, the list will be restarted **with the names of all for whom the parish have consent.** This is necessary to make sure the church takes proper care of your information and **complies with current data protection law.**

DAY FOR CATECHISTS – FORMATION & REFLECTION Are you a catechist looking for spiritual refreshment? No matter what kind of ministry you are serving, there is a good opportunity for you to refresh your vocation of being a catechist. On **27 September**, the Day for Catechists will be organised from 10.00 – 16.00 at Carmelite Monastery L18 3NU. With the facilitation of Sr Carino and Sr Hyacinthe from the Dominican Sister of St Joseph, there will be spiritual input and practical discussion on the mission of catechesis. If you're interested, sign up here [Day for Catechists Link](#) For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcal.org.uk

Re-establish a culture of life, says Archbishop Sherrington in response to rising abortion statistics:

Archbishop of Liverpool John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Bishops' Conference, has commented on statistics released by the Office for National Statistics that show, in 2022, 29.69% of all conceptions in England and Wales ended in abortion – up from 26.54% a year earlier. In 2012, this number was 20.84% – just over one in five – whereas in 2022 it was nearly one in three. Archbishop Sherrington said: "In recent times, parliament has recognised the humanity of the unborn baby by extending the provision of baby loss certificates where the mother miscarries as well as by legislating for bereavement following miscarriage. "And yet, following on from the moves to decriminalise abortion up to birth, we read today that nearly one in three babies who are conceived have their lives ended prematurely by abortion, rising to nearly half of all babies in some parts of the country." In 2022, there were 834,260 conceptions for women resident in England and Wales, and 247,703 of these conceptions ended in abortion. In 2021 the number of conceptions ending in abortion was 218,923. Archbishop Sherrington added: "We need rapidly to re-establish a culture of life in which the unborn child is properly protected in legislation and in which we also provide compassionate assistance to those parents facing trauma as a result of their pregnancy."