



Timetable and Intentions for Sundays and Weekdays Masses



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
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
Mon 28 th July			-----	The Church is closed
Tue 29 th July	9 am	Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus	Margaret Kennedy (LD)	Our Lady V
Wed 30 th July	9 am	Weekday of O.T.	Terry Mottram (LD)	Our Lady V
Thu 31 st July	9 am	St. Ignatius of Loyola	Sheila Lawrenson (LD)	Our Lady V
	12.30 pm	Funeral Service	David Schofield	Our Lady V
Fri 1 st Aug.	9 am	St. Alphonsus Liguori	Terry Mottram (LD)	Our Lady V
Sat 2 nd Aug.	12 noon	Our Lady on Saturday	Pat Hawkins (LD)	Our Lady V
Sun 3 rd Aug.	9 am	18 th Sunday in O.T.	Frank Kerrigan (A)	Holy Family
Sun 3 rd Aug.	11.15 am	18 th Sunday in O.T.	Joseph Fitzgerald (LD)	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: closed until September 10th. / **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: Lily Helliwell, Mary Robinson, John Doyle.

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

Margaret Kennedy's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at OLOV on 5th August 2025.

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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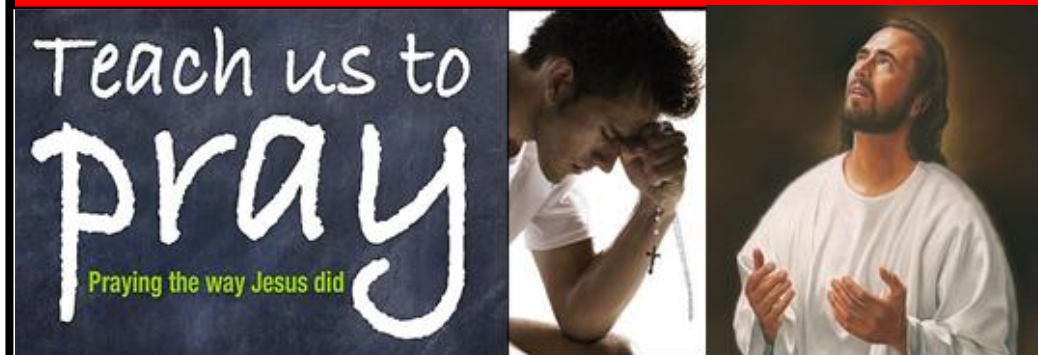
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17th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME: 27th July 2025



“Lord, Teach Us to Pray!” Didn’t the Apostles know how to pray? Of course they did. They prayed every day, many times a day. Why did they ask this to Jesus? Because they wanted to pray like Jesus. They wanted to experience that union with God that Jesus experienced in prayer. They wanted to pray the way that Jesus did. I think that the first attitude we need to pray like Jesus is the desire for God. Fr. A. de Mello (SJ) once told this story that now I like to share with you. It is a Hindu story of a villager who came to a holy man while he was meditating under a tree and said to him, “I want to contact God in prayer. How can I experience God in my prayer?”. The holy man said nothing, he kept silent. The good villager returned with the same request the next day, and the next, and next, and next, though he received no reply until, seeing his perseverance, the holy man at last said to him, “You seem to be a genuine seeker after God. This afternoon I shall go down to the river for my bath. Meet me there”. When the two men were in the water the holy man grasped the head of the villager firmly, pushed it under the water and held it there for a couple of minutes while the poor man struggled to come out of the water. After a couple of minutes, the holy man released him and said, “Come again to the banyan tree tomorrow.” When he came the next day, it was the holy man, who spoke first. He said, “Tell me, why did you struggle so much while I held your head under the water?” The villager answered, “Because I was gasping for air, without air I would have died”.

Then the holy man smiled and said, “The day you desire God as desperately as you desired air, you will surely find him and experience the joy and peace of His presence”. That is the main reason we cannot pray or get bored or find no time for prayer. We do not desire him ardently enough. Our lives are crowded with far too many other things and we can get on pretty well without God. He is certainly not as essential to us as the air we breathe. Without God for whom we are created we are like fish out of water. If we do not experience the agony of the fish, it is only because we kill the pain with a host of other desires and pleasures that at the end leave us with a feeling of emptiness in our lives; even problems which we allow to occupy our minds, and suppress the desire for God and the pain of not having him as yet. If you do not have this kind of desire for God, ask for it. It is a grace that the Lord gives to all whom he wishes to reveal himself to. Quiet the other cravings in your heart, and you will bring this deep-rooted desire to the surface. Keep looking at the canvas banner hanging from the lectern: Jesus in prayer. It is called: “The Advocate” what means the One whom we call on when we are in need. The “Our Father” is made of 7 bidding prayers: It is a prayer calling the Father and Jesus to plead on our needs, this 7-petition prayer is an antidote to any anxiety since our loving Father always hears our prayers and will never let us down, even when the world is doing its worst. We should never lose confidence in Him. It is a principle which we can live by.

Father Sergio, Parish Priest

St. James at Blessed Sacrament,
Walton Vale, Aintree



Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of July
Pray that we may know how to choose the right path for our life and reject anything that leads us away from Christ. The Pope's original prayer echoes the famous prayer of St. Augustine in the Confessions: "Oh God, let me know myself that I might know You!" "In order to discern, it is necessary to place oneself in truth before God, to enter into oneself, to admit one's own weaknesses, and to ask the Lord for healing. These are the steps to rebirth through an authentic relationship with God. This process is known as discernment and helps Christians discover the path toward God—lived in the actions of every day—that already lies deep within our hearts. Formation in discernment, includes prayer, personal reflection, the study of Scripture and spiritual direction. Cultivating a deep relationship with Jesus is the most important aspect."

Pope Leo XIV's prayer for discernment

*Holy Spirit, you, light of our understanding,
gentle breath that guides our decisions,
grant me the grace to listen attentively to your voice
and to discern the hidden paths of my heart,
so that I may grasp what truly matters to you, and free my heart from its
troubles. I ask you for the grace to learn how to pause,
to become aware of the way I act, of the feelings that dwell within me,
and of the thoughts that overwhelm me which, so often, I fail to notice.
I long for my choices to lead me to the joy of the Gospel.
Even if I must go through moments of doubt and fatigue,
even if I must struggle, reflect, search, and begin again...
Because, at the end of the journey, your consolation is the fruit of the right
decision. Grant me a deeper understanding of what moves me,
so that I may reject what draws me away from Christ,
and love him and serve him more fully.
Amen.*

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025

For mutual coexistence:

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

First reading: Genesis 18:20-32

In those days: The LORD said, 'Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

Then Abraham drew near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered and said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him and said, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

The word of the Lord

Second reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Alleluia. You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom comes. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.' And he said to them, 'Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him"; and he will answer from within, "Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything"? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord Source Universalis App – New Lectionary

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 138(137)

R:/ On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple. **R:/**

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
For you have exalted over all
your name and your promise.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R:/**

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
You give me life though I walk amid affliction;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes.
R:/

With your right hand you save me;
the LORD will accomplish this for me.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands. **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.

World Grandparents and Elderly Day

This Sunday (27 July) is World Grandparents and Elderly Day- a day that was established by Pope Francis in 2021

PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 27 July 2025

'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sir 14:2)
How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!
Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time, animated by the hope that comes from You!
Help us in this divisive world, to bring the hope of communion.
Help us in this world, wounded by wars, to bring the hope of peace.
Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing, to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.
Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones and for everyone we meet, the memory of your tenderness.
Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You, the Hope of a new life that only You can give!
For in You, Lord, nothing is lost. For in You, Lord, everything begins again! Amen.

