



Timetable and Intentions for Sundays and Weekdays Masses



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
Sun 10 th Aug.	9 am	19 th Sunday in O.T.	Margaret Kennedy	Holy Family
Sun 10 th Aug.	11.15 am	19 th Sunday in O.T.	Parishioners	Our Lady V
Sun 10 th Aug.		Domingo 19 en T.O.	MISA EN ESPANOL	Our Lady V
Mon 11 th Aug.		St Clare of Assisi	-----	The Church is closed
Tue 12 th Aug.	9 am	Weekday in O.T.	Margaret Kennedy LD	Our Lady V
Wed 13 th Aug.	9 am	Weekday in O.T.	Andrea Munro LD	Our Lady V
Thu 14 th Aug.	9 am	St Maximilian Kolbe		Our Lady V
Fri 15 th Aug.	7.30 pm	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed V. Mary (Day of Obligation)		Our Lady V
Sat 16 th Aug.	12 noon	Our Lady on Saturday		Our Lady V
Sun 17 th Aug.	9 am	20 th Sunday in O.T.	Patricia Kershaw	Holy Family
Sun 17 th Aug.	11.15 am	20 th Sunday in O.T.	Mary Kensett 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, Pauline Hayes.

We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time: Anne McConnell, Marjory Ball, Christina Leeson, Dominic Ashton, Nancy Billington, Veronica Billington, Colin Saunders, James McInerney.

We pray for those who have passed away recently: Mary Kensett, Andrea Munro.

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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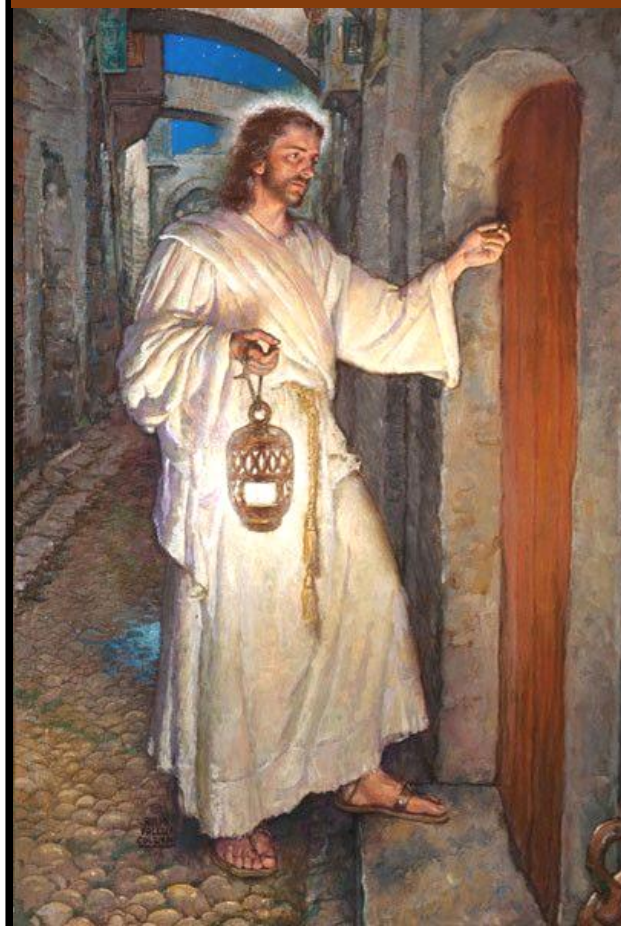
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19th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME: 10th August 2025

Are you ready? Ready for the Master's return?

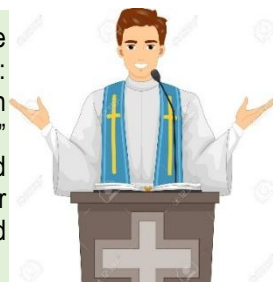
Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it.



We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed. The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him.

"Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus.

Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church.



Either way, the parables remind us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived. See that you have your belts done up and your lamps lit." What meaning can these words have for us, after so many centuries of Christianity? The belts and the lamps indicate the attitude that the servants should have as they await the return of their master. Whenever he comes, they need to be there with their sleeves rolled up and ready for action. They need to be there with the lamps lit, to have the house lit up and to keep themselves awake. We are called to live responsibly, not in a state of passive lethargy.

We are impressed at how Abraham obeyed when God asked him to leave the past behind and launch out into an unknown future. People who makes God their treasure see life as a journey leading to God. The same Gospel suggests that God also makes demands of us. If the saints in Scripture had many proofs of God's love, they also experienced suffering both as individuals and as a race. Often their faith was seriously put to the test, like that of Abraham and his wife Sarah, when it seemed that the promise of children could never be realized. The spirituality of Abraham ruggedly trying out to follow God's call in the obscurity of faith remains a template for Christian faith. We don't know in advance what demands God's love may make on us that will clash with our own plans. We cannot know when personal illness, bereavement or some other calamity will put us to the test. But we trust that our life will be a success if we set our hearts on being faithful to God. For those who belong to Jesus do not need to fear. Our faith, like Abraham's, leads us onward, always pointing to something still to come. If we have faith like his, at the end of our pilgrimage all of God's promises will be fulfilled.

This week I urge myself first and then all of you to be watchful (Gospel's Reading) and awake (A.de Mello's thought-provoking quote), so that we can be ready for the Lord's coming.

Father Sergio, Parish Priest

Spirituality means waking up. Most people, even though they don't know it, are asleep. They're born asleep, they live asleep, they marry in their sleep, they breed children in their sleep, they die in their sleep without ever waking up. They never understand the loveliness and the beauty of this thing that we call human existence.

— Anthony de Mello —

New report from Daughters of Charity exposes systemic poverty in UK asylum system. August 7, 2025:

A new report published this week by Daughters of Charity Services reveals the harrowing extent to which the UK asylum system inflicts poverty and destitution among people seeking safety. The report, titled Designed into the System: Poverty Among Asylum Seekers in the UK, was published on Tuesday (5th August) and brings together evidence from frontline organisations, think tanks and lived experience to present a stark picture of how current government policies are driving hardship, hunger and homelessness among thousands of adults and children.

First reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

The word of the Lord

Second reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Alleluia. Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Source: Universalis App – New Lectionary

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33(32)

R:/ Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just; for praise is fitting from the upright. Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he has chosen as his heritage. ***R:/***

Yes, the LORD'S eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine. ***R:/***

Our soul is waiting for the LORD.

He is our help and our shield.

May your merciful love be upon us,

as we hope in you, O LORD. ***R:/***

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in 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.

SPANISH MASS IN HIGHTOWN THIS SUNDAY AT 3 PM

Come along and share the experience of celebrating the Holy Mass in the Spanish Language. Food and Refreshments are Shared after the Mass with the opportunity of getting to know Catholics from many parts of the Spanish Speaking world.

MISA EN ESPAÑOL EN HIGHTOWN: ESTE DOMINGO A LAS 3 PM

Ven y comparte la experiencia de celebrar la Santa Misa en español. Después de la misa, se comparte comida y refrigerios, con la oportunidad de conocer a católicos de muchas partes del mundo hispanohablante.

In September the Spanish Mass will be celebrated on 28th and not on the second Sunday, only for this time!

