



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
Sun 31 st Aug	9 am	22 nd Sunday O.T.	Parishioners	Holy Family
Sun 31 st Aug	11.15 am	22 nd Sunday O.T.	Magda & Jeff O'Mullane (50 th W.A.) Dee Kelly (A)	Our Lady V
Sun 7 th Sept.	9 am	23 rd Sunday O.T.	Joseph Jackman (BR)	Holy Family
Sun 7 th Sept.	11.15 am	23 rd Sunday O.T.	Dee Kelly (A) Parishioners	Our Lady V
Sun 14 th Sept.	9 am	24 th Sunday O.T.	Parishioners	Holy Family
Sun 14 th Sept.	11.15 am	24 th Sunday O.T.	Dee Kelly (A)	Our Lady V
Sun 21 st Sept.	9 am	25 th Sunday O.T.	Parishioners	Holy Family
Sun 21 st Sept.	11.15 am	25 th Sunday O.T.	Geoff Bailey (LD)	Our Lady V
Fri 26 th Sept.	9 am	Weekday in O.T.	Andrea Munro (LD)	Our Lady V
Sat 27 th Sept.	12 noon	Our Lady on Saturday St Vincent de Paul		Our Lady V
Sun 28 th Sept	9 am	26 th Sunday O.T.	Parishioners	Holy Family
Sun 28 th Sept	11.15 am	26 th Sunday O.T.	Dee Kelly (A)	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, Irene Halsall, Mark Fieldsend.

We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time: Margaret Carney, Sheila Hayes, Vincent Mainey, Peter Kavanagh, Dee Kelly, Ena Larkin, Brian Stevenson, James Ashton, Fr. Anthony Roney, Margaret Hogarty, May Billington, Maria Helliwell, Peter Riley (Jnr), James Halladay, Vera Getchell, Mary Mooney, May Roxburgh, Bobby Hughes, John McNicholas, Desmond Billing, Thomasina Tyson, Cormac Ronan, Doreen Larkey, Catherine McNicholas, Sean Kennedy.

We pray for those who have passed away recently: Ann Vis

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22nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME: 31st August 2025



"Humility is the mother of all virtues; purity, charity and obedience. It is in being humble that our love becomes real, devoted and ardent. If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are. If you are blamed you will not be discouraged. If they call you a saint you will not put yourself on a pedestal."

~ MOTHER TERESA

In today's Gospel Reading Jesus receives and accepts an invitation from a Pharisee. At first sight he seems to offer a lesson on etiquette. Luke, however, calls the passage "a parable". Later on, the scribes are characterized as those who love "the places of honour at banquets". Jesus made that the object of a warning: One who has seated himself "in a place of honour" must yield place to the eminent guest for whom that place had been reserved, and since the other places will have been filled, must take the lowest place ... We are taken beyond the perspective of human relations and assured that God is no respecter of persons. The drift of the parable is clear: the scribes and Pharisees arrogated to themselves privileges and demanded preferential treatment because of their observance of the Law and their condition as "religious people". They took for granted that God would see things in this way too and render them like preferential treatment: the first places in the kingdom. Here they are warned that they may be fortunate to get the lowest places. St Luke, who last Sunday showed us the universalist note of his Gospel, today, shows us his concern for the poor and afflicted: they will take the first places at the messianic feast in heaven, because there were meek, gentle, kind, and humble. Pride and self-glorification raise a barrier to God's graciousness and to communion with our fellows.

Father Sergio, Parish Priest



Pope Leo will canonize Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis together on 7 September.

The canonizations of the two young saints—one from the early twentieth century, the other the first twenty-first-century saint—have been greatly anticipated due to the great devotion among the faithful.

Announcement by Pope Francis

The late Pope himself had announced the canonizations of BIs. Pier Giorgio and Carlo at the General Audience of 20 November 2024, prompting thunderous applause from the crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square.



The canonization of Acutis, who was beatified in Assisi on 10 October 2020, had originally been scheduled for 27 April, the Second Sunday of Easter, to coincide with the Jubilee of Teenagers, while Frassati's canonization had been set for 3 August, the culmination of the Jubilee for Youth.

The postponement of Blessed Carlo's canonization was announced on the day of Pope Francis' death, 21 April, and it was widely assumed that Blessed Pier Giorgio's canonization would similarly be delayed.

First reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire.

The word of the Lord

Second reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Alleluia. Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, "Give your place to this person", and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.'

He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Source: Universalis App - NewLectionary

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water flowing from the side of Christ, purify me.

Passion of Christ, comfort me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Hide me within Thy wounds.

Never permit me to be separated from Thee.

From the malignant enemy defend me. At the hour of my death call me, and cause me to come to Thee,

That with the Saints and the Angels, I may praise Thee For everlasting ages.

Amen.



Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68(67)

R:/ In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God; they shall exult with glad rejoicing. O sing to God; make music to his name. The LORD is his name. ***R:/***

Father of orphans, defender of widows: such is God in his holy place. God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity. ***R:/***

You poured down, O God, a generous rain; when your heritage languished, you restored it. It was there that your flock began to dwell. ***R:/***



The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Thank you

Thank You, Father Tony Frain, for supplying for Father Sergio while he is in Argentina visiting his family.

NOTE that from 2nd September until 25th September there will be **Sunday Masses** ONLY at both Parish Churches.

A Liturgy of Word and Sacrament may be celebrated on weekdays at the usual times depending on availability of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. See Notice on the glass door of OLOV Church for precise information.

CONGRATULATIONS to MAGDA & JEFF O'MULLANE:

on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 5th. May God bless you with the abundance of His Grace.

DEE KELLY:

Our beloved and committed parishioner Dee passed away a year ago. We pray for her Eternal Rest and accompany Michael with our prayers, friendship and support.

Ann Vis: Sadly, Ann Vis passed away last Thursday. We are very sorry for the loss of our parishioner and pray for her Eternal Rest.

