

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 18th	6.00 pm	Fr Leo Stoker
Sunday 19th	11.00 am	Jean Richardson
Monday 20th	12.00 pm	Julie Wooding
Wednesday 22nd	12.00 pm	Noreen Kelly
Friday 24th	12.00 pm	Margaret Toale
Saturday 25th	11.00 am	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>
	12.00 pm	Private Intention
	6.00 pm	LISC
Sunday 26th	11.00 am	Sr Maureen

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish who have asked for our help and support:

If you would like us to pray for someone who is sick, who has recently died or whose anniversary is coming up please contact the parish office.



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'The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants.'

Your prayers are asked for...

As people of faith we can often be asked by friends and family for us to remember them our prayers. These prayers can also be asked of by the parish community as a whole, and included on the back of the newsletter. There is a simple form to be completed, so we comply with GDPR guidelines, but this should not deter us from offering the prayers of the parish to people or inviting them to be remembered in this way. If anyone would like a name to included on the prayer list please complete one of the forms at the back of church or speak to Fr Dominic

A Mother's Warmth: Icon Exhibition

The Metropolitan Cathedral will be hosting Mother's Warmth, an exhibition by Bulgarian artist and iconographer Dian Kostov. At the heart of the exhibition stands the image of the Virgin Mary as Mother – a symbol of protection, tenderness, and unconditional care. She is the figure to whom humanity turns in times of fear, uncertainty, and suffering, seeking comfort, hope, and meaning.

Through contemporary iconography, drawings, and artistic installations, the exhibition explores the power of compassion and human connection. It asks what helps us remain truly human in a world marked by division, anxiety, and conflict. The exhibition reminds us that the greatest strength is often found in tenderness, compassion, and our ability to care for one another. The exhibition is open from 30th June – 30th August. Admission free.

St Francis: A Saint for Today?

A retreat day with Hazel Bradley of the L'Arche Community. Saturday 1st August 9.30am for a 10am start, finishing at 4pm. At St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, Freshfield, Formby, L37 1PH. Sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/r1T8RkZshD>

Lourdes Pilgrimage Novena

As we prepare for this year's Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, we invite parishes to join in praying a nine-day Lourdes Novena. Copies are available at the back of church.

'I met a miracle' - the Jack Traynor story

Copies of the book 'I met a miracle' which tells the account of Jack Traynor's healing at Lourdes on the first Archdiocesan pilgrimage, are available in the Piety Stall.

Summer Holidays - Find A Mass

It can often be a struggle to find a Sunday Mass when abroad on Summer Holiday. This website however has thousands of Mass times from all over the world to help you find a Sunday Mass. Typing in 'Tenerife' for example brings up a dozen local churches and their respective Mass times. Find out more at www.masstimes.org

Feast Days

Wednesday 22nd - Feast of St Mary Magdalene

Mary was a follower of Jesus "out of whom he had cast seven devils". She stood at the foot of the cross as he died, and went to anoint the body in the tomb. On the morning of Easter Day she was the first to whom the Risen Christ appeared, according to St Mark's Gospel.

Thursday 23rd - Feast of St Bridget

Born in Sweden in the year 1303 of a rich governor of Upland, she was married to a young prince at the age of fourteen and gave birth to eight children, whom she brought up in a religious spirit. One of them was St Catherine of Sweden. She was a member of the Third Order of St Francis, but after the death of her husband she decided to lead a more ascetical life. She founded the Order of the Most Holy Saviour, known as the Bridgettine Order, built a double monastery for monks and nuns at Vadstena and became renowned, particularly in Rome, for her practice of virtue. She worked for the return of the Popes from Avignon. She was also famous for the visions and revelations with which God favoured her and about which she wrote. She died in Rome in the year 1373 after returning from a penitential pilgrimage to the Holy Land. She was canonised eighteen years later in the year 1391, and is co-patroness of Europe.

Saturday 25th - Feast of St James

James was the son of Zebedee and the brother of John, the apostle. He was one of three witnesses to Christ's transfiguration and the agony in the garden as well as being present at the raising of Jairus' daughter. James was the first apostle to die for the faith and was beheaded by order of King Herod Agrippa I of Judaea in 42 AD; according to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, where his shrine attracts Christian pilgrims from all over the world.

Church Cleaning - Wednesday at 10am, all are welcome.