



# 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

20 July 2025

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## Choosing the One Necessary Thing

Last Sunday's Gospel focused on a lawyer who asked Jesus about inheriting eternal life. The answer was two-fold; loving God and loving one's neighbour. Having seen how we love a neighbour in the story of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37), today we reflect on loving God as the one necessary thing. In the first reading, Abraham generously welcomed three strangers – messengers of God (Gen 18:1-10), and entertained them well. He prepared a meal for them, during which they communicated that Sarah was to have a son by the same time of the following year (Gen 18:10a). *It is amazing that this week's Gospel scene is set before us on the Sanctuary every time we enter our Church, carved into the Ambo (Lectern). I wonder how many of us have noticed this or read about it on our website!*

Jesus visited two sisters, Mary and Martha. Whereas Martha chose to prepare the best meal for Jesus, Mary chose to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to him. Mary's posture is not just for listening but a practical expression of having become a disciple just as Paul also testifies concerning Gamaliel (Act 22:3). Jesus commends Mary's choice; listening to the Word of God takes priority, since it is an expression of love of God. after listening to the Word of God, one implements it in one's life.

Our love of God can be expressed through the choice of literature we stock in our homes and the amount of time we dedicate to it comparatively. How much time in a day do I dedicate to spiritual literature and prayer? What is my inclination towards gospel music, spiritual talks and programs on television, radios and other media? After listening to the word, we take time to meditate on it, and finally go out to put it into practice. Abraham put it into practice by welcoming strangers, and consequently his prayer for a child was answered. Finally, through Mary's choice in the gospel, Jesus has taught us that all people are welcome to be disciples irrespective of gender, education, social status, family background, race, etc.

**Fr. Bonaventure**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 20 JULY 2025 — 27 JULY 2025

<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>18.30:</b> Canon Anthony Charlton –Intentions ( <i>C Stevens</i> )
<b>Sun 20</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Christopher Salandha RIP ( <i>OLI Parish</i> ) <b>11.00:</b> Lourdes D'Souza - Recovery ( <i>C Stevens</i> ) <b>18.00:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Mon 21</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Fabian Nagendran - RIP ( <i>L &amp; B Louis</i> ) <b><u>ST MARY MAGDALENE - FEAST</u></b>
<b>Tues 22</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Private Intention <b>19.00:</b> Celestine & Felicia Iweka - RIP ANN. ( <i>V. Iweka</i> ). <b><u>ST BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS - FEAST</u></b>
<b>Wed 23</b>	<b>09.30:</b> John Bredl - RIP <b>19.00:</b> Allison Laban Astor - RIP
<b>Thurs 24</b>	<b>07.00:</b> Holy Souls <b>09.30:</b> Paul & George Hoskins - Intentions ( <i>D Kidd</i> ) <b><u>ST JAMES, APOSTLE - FEAST</u></b>
<b>Fri 25</b>	<b>07.00:</b> Holy Souls <b>09.30:</b> Maria Perera - RIP ( <i>M Peiris</i> ) <b><u>SS JOACHIM &amp; ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY- MEMORIAL</u></b>
<b>Sat 26</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Elaine Lisk - Recovery ( <i>C Stevens</i> )
<b>Sat 26</b>	<b>18.30:</b> Alan Wright - RIP ( <i>Nancy</i> )
<b>Sun 27</b>	<b>09.00:</b> People of the Parish <b>11.00:</b> Lourdes D'Souza - Recovery ( <i>C Stevens</i> ) <b>18.00:</b> Holy Souls

**REMEMBRANCE:** Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace. Amen

**THE SICK:** Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Pauline Ferrara, Thomas Haley, Frances Cox, George Trutwein, Mary Ryan, Rita Reginald, Sarah Mills, Thomas O'Connor, Ian Beard, Anita Smith, Tony Cook, Kathleen McGuinness, Nan Healy, Samar Staussi, Joan Frost, Shirlene A, Hazel D'Aguiar, Allan Cook, Claire Pender, Wendy Cook, Kathleen O'Connell, Tim Ryan, Ralph Smallwood, Elizabeth Jones, Nivetheni Robert, Gerry Hague, Mark Draper, Adam Martin, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Qiaochen Shi, Ida Rebello, Jisha Nelson, Vinitha Sherin, Ravenna Ahmed, Lionel Holland, Peter & Phil Tull, Julie Bria, June Munk, Jim Maynard, Liam Cawley, Deacon Al Callan & Sue Jones

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:**  
**MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):**  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
**ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA:**  
**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:**  
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:**  
**SYRO-MALABAR VIGIL**  
**YOUTH MASS**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8AM**  
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**SATURDAY: -** 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm  
**TUESDAY: -** After morning and evening Masses  
**WEDNESDAY: -** After morning and evening Masses  
**FIRST SATURDAY -** of the month, after morning Mass  
**FIRST FRIDAY -** of the month  
**LAST SUNDAY** of the month

# TODAY'S READINGS

## Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**Ps 53: 6, 8**

**Penitential Act:** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(And, striking their breast, they say:)* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. **Amen**

**GLORIA:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## Opening Prayer:

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## 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.'

**Reader: The word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15(14):2-3a. 3b-4b. 5. R1b**

***O Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?***

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**

## 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.

**Reader: The word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Cf. Luke 8:15**

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

## Gospel

**Luke 10:38-42**

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.'

**Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.**

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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. *(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow)* 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**

### Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Communion Antiphon

#### Ps 110: 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

### Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. BONAVENTURE AS HE CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY AND FEAST DAY** this week, May God continue to bless him and flourish his ministry among us. Ad multos annos.

**PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE FOR SUMMER** and have only an emergency service for the whole month of August. Please, if you have any issue that needs to be attended to before September, please, use the month of July to do it.

**MASS ENVELOPES ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND MASSES** can also be booked through the email or telephone Mass offerings can be made online to the parish account.

**JOURNEY MERCY TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS** who are travelling for their Summer Holiday, may God bless and protect you. May all those who are staying in our beautiful Tolworth and its environs also have a peaceful and restful holiday.

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY, NEXT SUNDAY 27TH JULY** is the opportunity to celebrate the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. This is a chance to show your love, appreciation and gratitude for these important members of your family and the wider community.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS)

Thank you to all parents and children for your wonderful support of the Children's Liturgy Group throughout this academic year. The group is now closed for the summer break and looks forward to welcoming the children back in September. Wishing you all a joyful and restful summer!

#### WALK THE AUGUSTINE CAMINO FOR MARY'S MEALS

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Join us for the whole pilgrimage or walk with us for a day. During this Jubilee Year we would be delighted if you joined us as Pilgrims of Hope on some or all of the Augustine Camino, starting at Rochester Cathedral, finishing at the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. The pilgrimage will take us to four of the designated Jubilee churches and shrines in Southwark Archdiocese:

*The Friars, Aylesford, St Jude's Shrine, Faversham, St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury & St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate*

To book your place on the pilgrimage, or to ask any questions about it, please contact Roy Peachey, the Mary's Meals Supporter Engagement Officer for Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South London, on [roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk](mailto:roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk) or 07593 447297.

#### CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivat-

ing, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit [aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs) for further information.

#### A SINCERE THANK YOU

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Tessa Rutter for her generous contributions to the Church. Tessa has kindly donated a substantial amount of cleaning materials for Church use and has also purchased a printer for the Parish Office. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

## PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SVP COLLECTION BOX IS NOW THE WARM WELCOME BOX.** The warm Welcome is charitable event that is run every Wednesday by Parish volunteers. It aims to provide a safe and comfortable space for everyone that would like to socialise or talk to someone. It has really helped a lot of people especially those that are experiencing loneliness and isolation. Two of the greatest health and social needs affecting people in our area is isolation and loneliness. You can help to support this project by volunteering, bringing required foodstuff on Wednesday or putting your donations into their box at the back of the Church.

**OLI YOUTH MINISTRY:** will be hosting their next event on Sunday 20th July 12.30-1.45pm in the main hall. Young people aged 12-21 are invited to come along. There will be free pizza, games and teaching.

**A LIFECHANGING OPPORTUNITY! DO YOU DESIRE TO KNOW JESUS MORE INTIMATELY?** The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course will commence on 18 October 2025 and the cost will be £400 per year. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £800. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

#### SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

There are still a few places available on the pilgrimage, which Southwark makes to Lourdes from 22 to 29 August this year. For information and booking please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/> There are a range of hotels available, though most Southwark pilgrims will be staying at the Hotel Eliseo. Further information is available from Bishop Paul [paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk) or Canon Perera [edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk)

**DONATION OF CLEAN EMPTY JAM JARS-** Jennifer is making Jam for charity and has asked for your clean empty jar jars.

Please drop off your jars at the back of the church or hand them in at the Presbytery. Thank you.

#### WHO ARE LAY SPIRITAN ASSOCIATES?

Together with the Priests and Brothers, lay Christians can join the Spiritan Congregation as Lay Spiritan Associates. They participate in the evangelization ministry by sharing in the spirituality and participating in the mission activities of the congregation. Every interested Parishioner is enrolled by filling in this form and returning it to any Spiritan priest. The interested parishioner will then undergo a period of training and at the end make a first commitment of membership.

Are you interested to become a Lay Spiritan Associate? Kindly pick a form at the back of the Church and we will contact you.



# INFORMATION & REMINDERS

**SPIRITAN CORNER: A BRIEF HISTORY OF SPIRITANS IN BRITAIN** - The first Spiritan to step foot in England was Fr. Jacques Bertout, from France. He arrived on 19/9/1792 as a refugee from the persecution of the Church during the French Revolution. He immediately began missionary work until he was able to return to France in 1802. The permanent establishment of the congregation in England was in 1904 in the Diocese of Clifton when a large property called Prior Park was rented. In 1907, Castlehead in North Lancashire was bought as a Junior Seminary and remained as such until 1978 when it was closed due to decline in vocations.

In 1925, the first Spiritan ordained from UK, Fr. Henry Parkinson, was sent to Sierra Leone and thereafter others who followed him were sent to Nigeria, Mauritius, East Africa and the Caribbean Islands. Fr. John Rimmer, from Widnes, was the first British Spiritan though trained in France. He joined the congregation in France in 1894 and was appointed Superior at Castlehead, and gradually under his leadership, the school flourished and vocations boomed.

In 1939, the Spiritans bought the Upton Hall in Nottinghamshire to be their Senior Seminary, but it was requisitioned at once by the government during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. It was later returned in 1945 and for many years served as the House of Philosophy and Theology. Later, as vocations declined, this seminary was sold and students joined the Missionary Institute in London. Around World War II, the General Council requested the British province to take responsibility of the Prefecture of Makurdi in Northern Nigeria and at least 97 confreres worked there over the years. They established schools and seminaries to strengthen the local church through education, medical services, etc. The same approach of ministry was used in other countries plus serving on international teams in Angola, Australia, Cameroon, Gabon, Pakistan, South Africa and Vietnam. The last British Spiritan to be ordained was Fr. Dereck McCartney, in 1998. After that, however, the province has continued to experience growth and renewal with mission-appointments of Spiritans from other Provinces of the congregation. Today, Spiritans in UK are involved in various ministries that include parish pastoral ministry, *Revive* (a project of supporting refugees and asylum seekers), *Just Youth* (empowering Youth with Christian Values), hospitals, prisons and military chaplaincies among others.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £328.25      Non-Gift-aid: £658.01  
Total: **£986.26**

2nd Collection (*Stella Maris*): £274.52

*Thank you for your generosity to your parish.*

**Please make cheques** payable to: *RCAS Tolworth*

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**IMPORTANT:** Please include your Gift Aid number in your online instruction to your bank. Non-Gift Aid donors, please include the letters NGA. Any queries? Please contact Lance Louis:

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

**“More people than ever are being driven to food banks and the sharp increase in people needing help is outstripping food donations.”** These are the recent words of the Trussell Trust. Your donations are vital to ensure food banks in our community can continue to help everyone referred to them. Thank you.

### Important Notice:

Please **do not donate fresh or perishable food items**. We deliver to the food bank **once a month**, and unfortunately, by the time fresh food arrives, it has often spoiled & must be discarded. Let's work together to make every donation count!

## LENTEN PROJECT 2025 EVENTS

### Dates for Your Diary

6th September – Lenten Project Charity Nominations Open

19th October – Lenten Project Annual General Meeting

**“Dad, I want to ask you a question,” said little Josh after his first day of Sunday School. “Of course,” said his Dad. “The teacher was reading the Bible, about the Children of Israel building the Temple, the Children of Israel crossing the Red Sea, the Children of Israel making the sacrifices,” said Josh. “So, what’s your question?” his Dad asked. Then, little Josh asked “Why didn’t adults do anything?!”**

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