



21 June 2026: 12th Sunday of the Year (A)
Extraordinary Form: 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Parishioners,

Among the devotions associated with Our Lord's Sacred Heart is that of the Litany of the Sacred Heart, a noble prayer of Catholic tradition, and one often used in our church. This week we include the text on our website and there are also copies available in the foyer. This litany (approved, notably, in its current form by Pope Leo XIII at the end of the nineteenth century) meditates upon the mystery of Divine charity and the infinite love that streams from the divine and human heart of Our Blessed Lord.

We give thanks for the recent visit of Father Paul Pearson C.O. from the Oratory in Toronto, Canada, and for the wonderful talk he gave for those able to attend this past Wednesday. Photographs and a brief description of the event are to be found on our website.

This coming Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist (see below). This beautiful feast speaks to us of the mission of St John the Baptist beginning already in his mother's womb – making us to reflect on God's loving plan for each of us even before we are brought into this world. The events surrounding St John's birth are especially described in the first chapter of St Luke's Gospel – an inspiring read around the time of this feast. They reveal the powerful action of God in the lives of two families, encouraging us to see the signs of God's action and love in the midst of our own lives, "the tender mercy of our God ... to guide our feet into the way of peace." (cf. Luke 1:78-79)

Yours in Christ

The Fathers of the Oratory

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Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

On Wednesday 24th June, as well as the usual weekday Masses at 6.30am and 8.30am, there will be a 1.10pm Mass (Extraordinary Form, Latin) and a *solemn sung Mass* at 5.30pm.

"Just as the Eucharist is the living presence of Christ, who nourishes us unceasingly, so too does the Holy Spirit imprint his character upon us in Baptism, which makes us Christians; in Confirmation, which establishes us as witnesses; and in Holy Orders, which constitutes ministers and shepherds for God's people. In every sacrament, he is the *dator munerum*, the source of holiness who multiplies gifts and charisms through prayer, works of mercy and the study of the word of God."

Pope Leo, Homily, Pentecost Sunday 2026

Church Schedule: Saturday: Mass 8:30; Exposition & Confession from 17:00; Benediction at 17:40; Vigil Mass 18:00 **Sunday:** Exposition at 17:00; Benediction at 17:40; Confession from 17:30; Mass 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 (EF) and 18:00 **Monday to Friday:** Mass 6:30, 8:30 daily. Rosary daily at 9:00. **Parish Office:** Open weekday mornings from 09:00 - 10:00. Kindly call or WhatsApp Ann on 073 247 1316 (09:00 - 12:00) to arrange appointments outside these hours. **Pastoral Care:** Call 073 247 1316 or 082 925 2549.

Readings: Daily Missal – 963; Sunday Missal – 348

Psalm Response: In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

Liturgical Week	Mass Intentions
Sat	18:00 Bill Clarke RIP (His family)
Sun 12th Sunday of the Year	7:00 Pro Populo; 8:30 Ints of Ayrton Hill; 10:00 Arthur Miller RIP; 18:00 In thanksgiving (Scholtz family)
Mon <i>Feria / Ss John Fisher & Thomas More; St Paulinus of Nola</i>	6:30 For the reversion of lapsed Catholics; 8:30 John Lambson RIP (His family)
Tue <i>Feria</i>	6:30 Ints of Petra Acho; 8:30 For the Chowles & Marujo families
Wed Nativity of St John the Baptist	6:30 Ints of Thomas Acho; 8:30 Ints of Denise Schaberg (Gaynor Laurie); 13:10 Ints of Kirsten Miller; 17:30 Pro Populo
Thu <i>Feria</i>	6:30 Ints of Carla Burger; 8:30 Ints of the Coyle-Dowling family
Fri <i>Feria</i>	6:30 In thanksgiving (Acho family); 8:30 Andrée Desterbecq RIP
Sat <i>Feria / St Cyril of Alexandria; Mass of our Lady</i>	8:30 Ints of the Thorne family; 18:00 John Mc Quaide RIP (Gloria Mulligan)
Sun 13th Sunday of the Year	7:00 Ints of Charlie Curtin (Gaynor Laurie); 8:30 Pro Populo; 10:00 Ints of Sandy Shields; 18:00 Ints of Bishop Vincent Zungu

Parish Announcements

Ozlo Rathbone-Baulch, son of Daniel & Andrea, was baptised on Friday 12 June 2026.

Valerie Barber passed away on Tuesday 16 June 2026.

Parish Notices

Special Collection: There is a special collection next weekend (27/28 June) for the Pontifical Mission Society in Rome. Funds raised support poorer dioceses around the world.

Living Faith: The Living Faith booklets for July to September (R55 each) are on sale from the Repository.

Holiday Club 2026: Our popular and much anticipated annual Holiday Club for Gr PreR – 7 will take place at St Bernadette's Parish from Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July. Drop-off from 7:00 daily, collect at 1pm. Bring a packed lunch (light snacks are provided). R20 per child per day to cover costs. Please see the parish website for online registration.

Diocesan News

Healing Mass: Fr Arinze Okeke and the PE Catholic Charismatic Renewal Group invites you to a Healing Mass at St Joseph the Worker, Chatty on Sunday 21 June at 08:00. Praise and worship starts at 07:30.

Deanery Seniors Retreat: The Pastoral Development Office warmly invite all senior parishioners to join the Mercy Sisters from Addo for a revitalizing retreat. This year's theme is "The Synodal Way," offering a meaningful opportunity for attendees to express their faith and connect with like-minded Catholics across the deanery. This retreat will take place on Saturday 4 July at Sacred Heart Parish, Kabega from 10:00 till 12 noon.

The Oratorians wish all fathers in the parish a blessed and happy Father's Day this Sunday.