



6 September 2026: 23rd Sunday of the Year (A)
Extraordinary Form: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Parishioners,

September begins with a number of opportunities for us to deepen our life together — through formation, prayer and fellowship.

This Saturday we held the first of our new Parish Formation Mornings, bringing together those who serve in the various ministries of the parish for Formation • Fellowship • Training. While each ministry has its particular work, we do not function as separate groups. We belong to one parish community: inspired by the charism of St Philip Neri, supported by the prayers of St Bernadette, and in communion with our Local Church, sharing in its worship, mission and life.

This coming Tuesday, 8 September, we have a particularly special opportunity. Fr Michael Lang of the London Oratory will offer a presentation on the sacred liturgy in the Parish Hall at 5.30pm. Fr Michael is a widely published scholar and internationally recognised authority in this field. We are very fortunate to have him with us.

On Thursday, 17 September, we begin our next series of evening gatherings: Foundations of the Eucharist. Over four evenings, we will explore the biblical foundations of the Eucharist, the witness of the early Church Fathers, some of its great theological insights, and finally what these mean for our participation in the Sacred Liturgy.

The series will lead us towards our celebration of the Forty Hours Devotion, beginning with Mass on Friday, 23 October at 5.30pm, continuing through the weekend and concluding with Benediction on Sunday evening.

September is traditionally the Month of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, while the Church also invites us during this time to reflect upon the care of creation. Both invite us, in different ways, to become more attentive: to God, to the suffering of others, and to the world entrusted to our care.

There is much happening, but through it all we hope to recognise one invitation: not simply to do more, but to allow the Lord to draw us more deeply into the life we already share in Christ.

Yours in Christ

The Fathers of the Oratory

Talk on the sacred liturgy by Father Michael Lang C.O.

On Tuesday 8th September at 17:30 Father Michael Lang will give a presentation on the development of the devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, and the liturgical propers that have arisen in connection with this feast, which is traditionally celebrated on Shrove Tuesday.

Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday 7 September

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.

GROW - SERVE - GIVE

Readings: Daily Missal – 1235; Sunday Missal – 388

Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Liturgical Week		Mass Intentions
Sat		18:00 John & Mary Mc Quaide RIP (Their family)
Sun	23rd Sunday of the Year	7:00 In thanksgiving (Colin & Pat Kennedy); 8:30 Special Int.; 10:00 In reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus; 18:00 Pro Populo
Mon	<i>Feria</i>	6:30 For the conversion of poor sinners, especially those at the hour of death; 8:30 Patricia Mavhiza RIP (Shields family)
Tue	Nativity of our Lady	6:30 Ints of Fr Stephen (Gardner family); 8:30 For Fr Stephen on his Priestly Anniversary (The Oratory)
Wed	<i>Feria / St Peter Claver</i>	6:30 Estelle Botha RIP; 8:30 Magdalena Heynse RIP (Her family)
Thu	<i>Feria</i>	6:30 For the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Petra Acho); 8:30 David Pickersgill RIP (Shirley Mandy)
Fri	<i>Feria</i>	6:30 For the Chowles & Marujo families; 8:30 In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat	<i>Feria / Mass of our Lady; Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	8:30 For Gabrielle Bathfield; 18:00 Andrée Desterbecq RIP
Sun	24th Sunday of the Year	7:00 Pro Populo; 8:30 Barbara Harvey RIP (Illenberger family); 10:00 For those on our Pious List; 18:00 Ints of Petra Acho

Parish Announcements

Ralph Powels passed away on Wednesday 2 September 2026.

Parish Notices

Catholic Women's Tea: Please join us for a special morning of friendship, prayer and laughter in the company of our Blessed Mother on Saturday 12 September at 9:30. RSVP to Trish on 083 391 1505 by 8 September.

Oratory Draw: The winners for August 2026 are: 1st prize –James Nicol, 2nd prize – Cecilia Gardner, 3rd prize – André Mukheibir.

Foundations of the Eucharist: Over four evenings, we will journey into the mystery at the heart of the Christian faith. All are welcome on Thursday evenings from 19:05 to 20:30, from 17 September. To register please use the Google form on the parish website, or mail peoratory@gmail.com.

Southern Cross magazine: The September issue of the Southern Cross magazine is available in the Repository at R40 per copy.

Diocesan News

Dementia Support Group: The support group for family members of persons living with dementia will meet at Nazareth House on Monday 7 September at 18:30 and at Sacred Heart Parish on Monday 21 September at 10:00. All are welcome to attend. For details contact Kaye on 083 299 1842.