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EIGHTEENTH AND NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2ND AUGUST & 9TH AUGUST 2026

To speak with Fr Marco: please email, call, or drop-in on Tuesdays 3.30-5.30pm :)

Baptisms: Please pick up a form after any Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: usually on Fridays at 5.30pm & Saturdays at 9am.

Rosary: every Tuesday–Thursday at 8.40am.

Confessions: Fri 6pm, Sat 9am & 6pm, Sun 9am and at any time on request.

For PARISH HALL HIRING: contact Mrs Cathy O'Toole – 07506 358587 (Mon–Fri, 10am–5pm)

The Parish operates in accordance with statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. As well as our Parish Safeguarding Representative, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 2306240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

	DATE	Time	Event
SAT	1	6.30pm	Holy Mass – Dennis McInerney; Eamon & Margette; May Simon
SUNDAY	2	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Amaya Braganca Holy Mass – Bill & Bridie Cantillon RIP; Mary-Ann Conway RIP; John Conway RIP Please pray for Katherine who will be baptised after Mass today.
	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
MON	3	6.30pm	Holy Mass – Holy Souls in Purgatory; Dsouza family
TUE	4 ST JOHN MARY VIANNEY, PRIEST	9am 6pm	Holy Mass – Pat Smith; Anne Cable-Barnard & Intns Reception of the late Darren Watkins
WEDS	5 ST MARY MAJOR	9am 1.30pm	Holy Mass – Brendan Atuchi & His wife Requiem Mass of the late Darren Watkins
THURS	6 FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	9am	Holy Mass – Jismol Jobi & Alosi Sabu 3rd Anniv; Kochuthresia Varghese 4th anniv.
FRI	7 ST CAJETAN, PRIEST	5.30pm 6.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions from 6pm Holy Mass – Darren Watkins RIP
SAT	8 ST DOMINIC, PRIEST	9am 10am 6.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions & Benediction Holy Mass – Pro Populo Holy Mass – Brian Keenan RIP; Margaret Harkins; Winefride Dorrington B'day
SUNDAY	9	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Philippe Bruneau Holy Mass – Eliga Frances 1st Birthday Please pray for Gracie who will be baptised after Mass today.
	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
MON	10 FEAST OF ST LAWRENCE, MARTYR	6.30pm	Holy Mass – Nancy McVey RIP
TUE	11 - ST CLARE, VIRGIN	9am	Holy Mass – Martin Dowling RIP
WEDS	12 - ST JANE FRANCES DE CHANTEL	9am	Holy Mass – Fr Bolmax Pereira RIP
THURS	13 - SS PONTIAN, POPE, & HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST	9am	Holy Mass – John Bradley RIP
FRI	14 ST MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR	5.30pm 6pm 6.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration Padre Pio Prayers & Confessions Holy Mass – Mr Elroy Pereira & Nishal Dsouza Thanksgiving
SAT	15 OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	9am 10am 6.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions & Benediction Holy Mass – Pro Populo Holy Mass – Ken Brown
SUNDAY	16	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Frank Michael; Expedito Rey RIP Holy Mass – Bridget & Hughie Owens; Sister Rose Ita
	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		

Retiring Collections 2nd August: Friends of the Holy Land (FHL)
16th August: Church Flowers

Parish Collection	19/7/26: GAD £202	Loose £491	Total £693
	26/7/26: GAD £193	Loose £456	Total £649

OUR HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST: For Evangelization in the City – Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity & loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Welcome to St John Fisher Catholic parish!

If you are new to St John Fisher or visiting us this weekend, a very warm welcome to you! Please make yourself known to our welcomers and stay for refreshments in the parish centre after the 9.30am or 11.30am Sunday Mass if you are able!

Regular Notices

Drop-in Sessions: Tuesdays 3.30-5.30pm in the presbytery, to speak with Fr Marco about any issue.

Cuppa & a Chat: on Mondays in the parish centre, 12noon – 2pm. Lifts available and all are welcome!

Rollers and Strollers: Meet every Friday at 10am in the parish car park for a walk. For more details, see the poster in the narthex.

Crafty Fishers: will pause for the summer!

Know someone interested in becoming a Catholic? Please speak to Fr Marco for more information.

WhatsApp Community: Please scan the QR code in the narthex to join our WhatsApp Community to be informed of latest parish events and news, and to get involved in any of our groups!

Gospel Fire 🔥: The Word of God is a guide for our daily lives. Join our WhatsApp group to receive one chapter of the New Testament a day, finishing by end of 2026.

Someone in need? Call the SVP! We are very blessed to have an active SVP Group here who help all parishioners in need of a personal visit or support of any kind. The parish SVP group can be contacted at any time by phone on 07774 842943 or email sjfcovsvp@gmail.com. Membership enquiries also welcome!

Recent News

Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) Appeal: On 1/2 August, Brendan Metcalfe from FHL will visit our parish and speak about the work of the Friends and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Palestine, Israel and Jordan. There will be a retiring collection and he will bring some leaflets/newsletters about the work of FHL. For more information, visit www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk.

Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall: on Sun 6 Sept 2026; Harvington Hall is a picturesque moated medieval manor house near Kidderminster known for its numerous priests' hiding holes used during the Catholic persecution in England. The coach will leave church at 11am and the return journey will begin at 5pm, the cost is £15. Bring your own chair and picnic for this outdoor event. Places are limited, please sign-up on the list at the back of church or see Sue O, Cath Mc, or Cathy O.

Testimony Night: many thanks to Elle who is planning an evening of fellowship and faith-sharing, including our own personal faith journeys. If anyone is interested in helping to organise you are invited to a planning meeting on Weds 5 Aug at 7pm in the parish hall.

SVP Foodbank: Thank you again to all who responded to this appeal!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I pray your summers are going well! In the Gospel of the 18th Sunday, we hear of Jesus retiring to a 'desolate place' on hearing of the death of his cousin John the Baptist. The following Sunday however, we celebrate the joyous event of our Lady's Assumption Body and Soul into Heaven. Just as the historical events of our Catholic Faith comprise moments of sadness and moments of joy, so too do our lives: through them all, through all the ups and the downs, let us live them close to Jesus who walks with us every step of the way. *Jesus, in You we place all our hope and our trust, let us never abandon You! With every blessing, Fr Marco*

8-DAY CANDLES (£5)

Shrine	This Week (2 nd August)	Next Week (9 th August)
Sacred Heart	Keenan families	Pat Smith
Our Lady's	Pat Smith	Cathy family & Friends
St Joseph's	Mary O'Rielly	Nishal
St Anthony's	-	-

We remember and pray for all those who have died recently:

Darren Watkins (5/8 at 1.30pm), **Dcn Gerry O'R.** (14/8, 1pm at Ctk) and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

🕯️ *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Recent & Upcoming Events

Fish 'n' Chips with Quiz Night: Sat 5 Sept at 7pm, more details and ticket sales to follow.

Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall: 11am on Sun 6 Sept, sign-up list now available in the porch, please see above for more details.

Visit of the Relics of St Carlo Acutis: Thurs 17/9 (see above).

Children's Disco: Fri 25th Sept. Please see poster for more details.

The Alpha Course: is postponed! This is because in our local cluster of parishes we have decided to do a joint **Journey in Faith** course starting in October. This is an opportunity to understand our Catholic faith better and is open to non-Catholics and Catholics alike. Please look out for more details.

Please pray for those who are sick – Elaine Watkins, Arthur & Bernadette Watkins, Derek Coyle, Kristy Ward, Cathy O'Toole, Daryl Talbot, Robert Freeman, Kathleen Freeman, John McCann, Aneta Luc-Kocur, Cathy Grant, Ian Connell, Margaret Buckley, James Lockyton, Winefride Dorrington, Jean Flannigan

Thank you for your generosity! Many thanks to the recent donations we have received, especially to the Padre Pio group for buying a new Holy Water dispenser in the narthex and for the parishioner who has sponsored the restoration of the statue of our Lady in the parish garden. The latter will be blessed after the 10am Mass on Sat 15th in preparation for the feast of the Assumption, the former after the Padre Pio prayers and Mass on Aug 14th. A lovely offering for God and our Blessed Mother!

Roof Update: many thanks for your patience with this, progress has been slow but steady! We have now obtained professional advice from a building surveyor who has assisted us with obtaining three quotes, the best value being £146,000 to replace all the flat roofs as recommended in the quinquennial survey. Many thanks for the generous donations and fundraising which have raised over £24k. We are hoping to obtain some grants and loans so that work can commence as soon as possible to reduce further damage from water ingress. All this is also subject to diocesan approval. Thanks so much to everyone involved, especially the SJF Property Team – we will keep you updated!

Catholic Bibles: we have Catholic Bibles available for sale from the piety stall, if interested please speak to Cathy at the back of church.

Visit of the Relics of St Carlo Acutis: we are very blessed to have Anna Johnston visiting our primary schools and bringing with her a first-class relic of St Carlo Acutis which we will venerate on the evening of Thurs 17th Sept after a 7pm Mass. We ask St Carlo to intercede for us, our families, our parish, and especially our young people, that like him we may develop a deep and strong love for the Gospel and the Eucharist.

Outside the Parish

Certificate in Catechesis: a two-year distance-learning course giving a solid grounding in Catholic Theology. Also suitable for anyone wanting to get involved in catechesis. Cost is £495 per year with bursaries available. For more info visit <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/certificate> or speak to Fr Marco if interested.

Short and Long Catholic Theology Courses: a range of different online courses are offered at www.lux-edu.com and www.claritas-st.com.

March4Life 2026: Please join us in a peaceful, joyful March in London on Saturday 5th Sept – celebrating life and challenging abortion. Two months ago abortion in the home, up to birth, was decriminalised. Around 1,000 unborn babies are legally killed every day in our country. Please join one of the few ways we can peacefully challenge all this – and the suffering it causes to every family. Coach leaves from Corpus Christi CV3 2QP at 9am, after 8.30am Mass, and returns about 7.30pm. £20 adults, £10 children. Call 07912 643626 to book a seat.

Catholic Retreats: needing a break and a spiritual recharge? A Catholic retreat is a great way to do this. A number of retreats are running at the Thornycroft Conference Centre near Macclesfield run by Opus Dei which promotes the message of St Josemaria Escriva, to seek holiness in everyday life. Dates for women are 1-4 Oct and 3-6 Dec; for men 19-22 Nov and 26-29 Nov. Speak to Fr Marco to find out more.