



FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5TH JULY & 12TH JULY 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	4	6.30pm	Holy Mass – Abraham James 'Sunny' RIP; Laura Williams; Vincent Alfonso RIP
SUNDAY	5 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11.30am 1pm	Holy Mass – Pat Smith; Ben Demulder RIP; Abraham Sebastian RIP Holy Mass – Pro Populo (please pray for Ashton who will be baptised during Mass) <i>Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford</i>
MON	6 ST MARIA GORETTI, MARTYR	2pm 6.30pm	<i>Priestly ordination of Jithin Titto at St Chad's Cathedral</i> Holy Mass – Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUE	7	9am	Holy Mass – Aaron; Dr. A.A & H.G Wilson
WEDS	8	9am 10.15am	Holy Mass – Douglas & Vilma Duffield <i>Requiem Mass of the late Anne 'Nancy' McVey</i>
THURS	9 - SS AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS	9am	Holy Mass – Aurora Fundan
FRI	10	11am 5.30pm 6.30pm	<i>Priestly ordination of Tenny Anthony at St Chad's Cathedral</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration with Padre Pio Prayers & Confessions</i> Holy Mass – Norah Griffin 3rd anniversary
SAT	11 - FEAST OF ST BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE	12noon 6.30pm	<i>Holy Mass of Thanksgiving by Fr Tenny at St Thomas More's (CV3 5DE)</i> Holy Mass – In Thanksgiving
SUNDAY	12 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Pat Smith; Brian Mannion RIP Holy Mass – Dunne Family & Friends <i>Please pray for Emiliana who will be baptised after Mass today.</i>
MON	13 ST HENRY	6.30pm	Holy Mass – Azlan Costa
TUE	14 ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS	9am 6pm	Holy Mass – Darren Watkins Holy Mass – SJF Yr6 Leavers' Mass
WEDS	15 ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP	9am	Holy Mass – Brian Mannion RIP
THURS	16 OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL	9.15am	Holy Mass – St John Fisher School Mass
FRI	17 ST KENELM, PRINCE	5.30pm 6.30pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions</i> Holy Mass – Holy Souls in Purgatory
SAT	18 OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	9am 10am 6.30pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions & Benediction</i> Holy Mass – Private Intn Holy Mass – In Thanksgiving to St Anthony & St John Fisher
SUNDAY	19 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Mary O'Rielly RIP Holy Mass – Pro Populo <i>Please pray for Emory who will be baptised after Mass today.</i>

Retiring Collection 12th July: Apostleship of the Sea

Parish Collection 21/6/26: GAD £ 198 Loose £278.80 Total £476.80
 28/6/26: GAD £325 Loose £255.40 Total £580.80

OUR HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR JULY: For respect for Human Life –

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

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 anytime by phone on 07774 842943 or email sjfcovsvp@gmail.com. Membership enquiries also welcome!

Recent News

Marriage MOT!: Marriage isn't easy for anyone, and just as all cars need a regular check-up to keep them running smoothly, so do all marriages! The ProFamily Foundation have kindly offered to run one of their 'Marriage MOT' days for couples in our parish. This takes place 10am-3.30pm on Sat 11th July in the parish centre and includes a free lunch for couples and free childcare (children are asked to bring a packed lunch). Price is subsidised at £25 per couple. Please sign-up as soon as possible at <https://tinyurl.com/MarriageMOT>. Many couples have said how much this has helped their marriage, please God it can help yours too!

SVP Foodbank: Thank you to all those who contribute to the foodbank! More items are needed please, especially UHT Long-Life Milk, Cereal, Rice, Instant Mash Potato, Tinned Tomatoes, and Jam. Many thanks!

Congratulations to Elle! who was baptised Sun 28th June and all family, friends and parishioners who are supporting on her faith journey. Thanks also to Elle for supporting the Roof Fund with her cake sale which raised over £500. Please continue to pray for Elle and all those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation.

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

Outside the Parish

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford: The Catholic Fellowship is organising a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford on Sunday 5th July leaving at 1pm. You are warmly invited to join us for a picnic & open-air Mass. Coach Tickets £12. Please see poster at the back of the church for further details or contact Eddie Owens on 07930 211397.

Ordinations to the Sacred Priesthood: This summer we are blessed to have three new priests being ordained for our Archdiocese of Birmingham: Jonathan Henry (4 July), Jithin Titto (6 July) and Tenny Anthony (10 July). Please keep them in your prayers that the Lord may grant them a joyful, faithful, and fruitful ministry.

WeBelieve Festival of Catholic Life 2026: Friday 24th – Monday 27th July 2026 at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. The WeBelieve Festival aims to bring the Church in England & Wales together. It's an unmissable opportunity to connect with other Catholics, 100s of contributors, and has something for every age and stage of the faith journey. Join with a 33% discount on day tickets using the code 'BIRMINGHAM-DISCOUNT' at checkout. Book your tickets at www.webelievefestival.com.

Fr Tenny's Mass of Thanksgiving: Following his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood, Fr Tenny Antony will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 11th July at 12noon in St Thomas More (CV3 5DE). The Mass will conclude with the traditional First Blessing from a newly ordained priest. All parishioners from our Deanery are invited to attend, to pray and support Fr Tenny, but also to give thanks to God for the blessing of another priest within our Archdiocese. The Mass will be followed by refreshments. Those attending are asked to email the Parish Office at stm.covty@rcaob.org.uk.

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.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, our Gospel readings for the 14th and 15th Sundays in OT are linked by the theme of **humility**. On Sun 5th July, we hear Jesus speak of his heart as '**gentle and lowly**'; on Sun 12th, Jesus describes his word as a **small seed**. Jesus and his ministry is thus characterised by '**smallness**'. How this contrasts with the tendencies of the human heart, always seeking to inflate itself before the eyes of others so that our egos may be fed, often at the expense of others. Let us fervently ask the Lord then for the gift of humility, that by our small, constant and often unnoticed acts of love, we may remain small in the eyes of others, but greatly pleasing to the Lord. Please continue to keep those being ordained priests these days, may they be humble servants of the Lord. *Fr Marco*

8-DAY CANDLES (£5)

Shrine	This Week (5 th July)	Next Week (12 th July)
Sacred Heart	Mrs Graham	Pat Smith
Our Lady's	Pat Smith	Robin & Betsy Family
St Joseph's	Mary O'Rielly	Mary O'Rielly
St Anthony's	Aaron	-

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

Nancy McVey (8/7 at 10.15am), **Sally Wynne** (24/7 at 12.30pm),
Darren Watkins (28/7 at 2.15pm), **Brian Keenan** (31/7 at 1pm)

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

Marriage MOT: Please see above for details.

Fundraising: It's been a busy time for fundraising and a total of **£2489.50** has been raised over May and June towards the church roof!

The curry night raised £1082.00

The music night raised £550.00

The car boot raised £462.59

The summer raffle raised £395.00

A big thank you to everyone involved in either putting on the events, the organisation behind the scenes or supporting the events! Together with generous individual donations this brings our total to **£24,000** raised. Thank you so much to all donors!

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