Mass Intentions

August 16th to August 24th

Saturday 16th 10-11am Confessions (or anytime by appointment)

6.00pm Olga Lawford (RIP)

Sunday 17th 9.00am Ernest Pougnet (RIP)

11.00am Fr. George Changwe (RIP)

Monday 18th No Mass Church closed all day.

Tuesday 19th 9.00am Brian Ilunga (RIP)

Wednesday 20th 9.00am Neville's Family thanksgiving.

Thursday 21st 9.00am Fr. John Lubunda (RIP)

Friday 22nd 9.00am Donald Rosario (RIP)

Saturday 23rd 10-11am Confessions (or anytime by appointment)

6.00pm Purita Cioffi (RIP) 1st anniversary.

Sunday 24th 9.00am For the sick in the parish.

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May the souls of the faithful departed rest in eternal peace

In your kindness, please pray for the following who are ill

Augustus Edwards, Louisa Travasso, Judy Ruck, Leroy Williams, Beveley Jones, Rosanna Joseph, Richard Lamb, Rachel n Antonella Rizzo Joe Travasso, Karen Oates, Kim Nichol, Micky Bennett, Emily Pougnet, Lucy Williams Jocelyn Hilaire, Alsene Gibbs, Wesley Leachman, Chantale Wildman, Kevin Madden, Helena Almel, Annette Crowe, Paul Smith, Aubrey Paul Marcus Elwin, Rizzo Enzo, Jimmy Lucy, Patricia Roberts, Isabel Edwards, Patricia Adams



Anniversaries



Mary Ruddle, Kevin Higgins
Mary Rogers, Mary Fuschillo
Thomas Byrne, Bridget Byrne
John Lee

May they rest in Peace



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"I came to cast fire on the earth..."

This Sunday's gospel passage has a definite shock value to it. The Jesus we meet in today's gospel is far removed from the nice and polite we know the gospels. The Jesus who is friendly with children, the Good Shepherd carrying a wounded lamb, Jesus who teaching, feeding the crowds or healing the sick. Jesus names things we tend to avoid fire, division and anguish or distress. The message he speaks is not mild, gentle or timid. Jesus' message offers us is lifechanging, radical and has the power to transform our life. Jesus calls us to follow him. The call of Jesus requires that we make some response, we cannotignore it.

If we decide to follow Jesus, then our life will be changed. He clearly spells out the cost of his good news and the cost of being his disciple. His coming brings 'fire'. His own baptism causes him pain. His preaching and radical message causes division even within the same family. When Jesus speaks, he does not soften his message. Instead, he clearly spells out the cost of living his good news.

Jesus' words and actions put before us the choice we are asked to make if we are to faithfully follow him. By following him we become new people living a new life. 'God makes all things new.'

Through Jesus all things are made new.

The choice to embrace and welcome this new life is ours. If we say 'yes' to follow Jesus, then we are also called to be made new and transformed. It is through the Spirit of God that we are encouraged and made new. The Spirit makes all things new.

We are a missionary Church not a static Church. May each one of us have the courage to open ourselves to the life changing message of Jesus.

God bless you all. Fr. Henry.

20th Sunday in Ordinary time

First reading -Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Responsorial Psalm -Psalm 39(40):2-4,18

Second reading - Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel Acclamation - cf.Ac16:14

Gospel -Luke 12:49-53

Over 50/60 Club

Thank you to all who gave their details to help set up this important service in our community. I am truly touched by so many who have given their names.

We are awaiting the refurbishment of the hall, but we need to get ready to meet compliances especially when dealing with disabilities and venerable people.

As all the volunteers covers our 3 weekend masses, we need to arrange meetings to ensure all attend, in order to capture everyone, we need to have a 10am and a 12:15 meeting on a Sunday, date to be arranged so we propose to put a list of all names at the back of the church so you can tick which meeting you can attend, then we can set a date.

Once we get the procedures in place we can continue this worthwhile cause.

May God Bless you all.

Hall Update

We are still awaiting final approval from the diocese for the hall upgrade, which has affected our Over 50/60 Club schedule. The parish council has decided to continue with our member consultations, so you can expect a call in the next couple of weeks if you volunteered. To prepare, we're arranging a first aid training session in the hall (date to be announced).

Please note: The hall will be closed until 07th September, however the toilets and the front will be open to parishioners during Mass days

Parish Social Evening

We've decided to defer our planned BBQ to June 2026 to accommodate families on holiday and allow for better planning. Instead, please join us for a celebratory social on Sunday, 23 November 2025, immediately following the 11 am Mass on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—a Holy Day of Obligation.

Bring your national costumes, dishes, dances, or anthems to share and celebrate the rich diversity of our parish family! The event will be held in the hall, so if you'd like to help organise an activity or performance, please let Glenda know.

We look forward to a joyful evening of community and celebration!

<u>Donations for</u> <u>Parish Mass</u>

Books

The parish is in the process of replacing the current Mass Books Anyone who would like to donate to help with the cost can do so by either;

Cheque

Made payable to:
Catholic Church
Chadwell Heath St.
Bedes

Online

Acc. No: 01017624
Sort Code: 40-13-22
HSBC
Thank you for your donations
God Bless You, Fr.
Henry

<u>Offertory</u>

9th/ 10th August

Loose plate £203.45

Envelope **£361.35**

Fr Henry would like to thank you all

Counters

Accurate accounting is vital to our parish operations, and we need two people present each time we count the collections. We operate on a rota, so your commitment would be no more than two hours per week—and even less often if we recruit 4–5 volunteers. Many hands make light work!

If you can help, please add your name and telephone number to the list at the back of the church. A member of the parish council will be in touch to confirm your schedule.

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Forms at the Back of the Church

If you or your family would like to participate in any of the following ministries or sacraments, please pick up a form from the table at the back of the church:

- RCIA (18+): For adults who worship with us but are not yet Catholic and wish to learn more about our faith.
- First Holy Communion (Secondary School): For children attending secondary school preparing to receive the Eucharist.
- Baptism for Older Children
- Readers: Volunteers who proclaim the Word of God at Mass.
- Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers who assist in distributing Holy Communion.

Completed forms can be returned to the parish office or placed in the designated box on the table. A member of the parish council will contact you with further details.

We look forward to walking together in faith!

Help Needed - Skip Loading

Two of our elderly parishioners have been working tirelessly over the past couple of weeks to clear the overgrowth at the back of the church and hall. We are now looking for extra hands to help load the skip.

If you are able to spare a couple of hours in the afternoon or evening, Monday to Friday, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Plants and Tee-shirts sale (to raise funds for our over 50/60 club)

After the 9am and 11am on Sunday

All welcomed

Please donate what you can and thank you in

advance for your generosity

Thank you for your continued support

Baptism dates for 2025

All sessions are at 7pm 25th September

Altar servers Training for new servers

Saturday 06th September @ 2pm in the church