

Mass Intentions

August 23rd to August 31st

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

6.00pm Purita Cioffi (RIP) 1 st anniversary.

Sunday 24 th 9.00am For the sick in the Parish

11.00am For the sick in the Parish

Monday 25 th No Mass church closed all day

Tuesday 26 th 9.00am Blessings for The Holy Trinity

Wednesday 27 th 9.00am Blessings for The Holy Trinity

Thursday 28 th 9.00am Blessings for The Holy Trinity

Friday 29th 9.00am Justina Mutakela (RIP)

7.00pm Adoration and Benediction (last Friday of the month)

Saturday 30th 10-11am Confessions (or anytime by appointment)

6.00pm James Quinlivan (RIP) 3 rd anniversary.

Sunday 31 st 9.00am Fr. Francis Wakumelo (RIP)

11.00am Fr. Roch Mwansa (RIP)

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



Jim Judge, Moyra Yates, Kathleen O'Neill,
James Mcilroy, Jenny Killington, Katherine Kinsella,
Michael Osarjo, Sheila Ryan, Gertude Warham,
Sarah O'Mullane, James Quinlavan

May they rest in Peace



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The last shall be first.

A man arrived at gates of heaven. St. Peter asked, Religion? The man said, Methodist. Peter looked down at his list and said, go to room 24, but be very quiet as you pass room 12. Another man arrived at the gates of heaven. Religion? Lutheran. Go to room 18 but be very quiet as you pass room 12. A third man arrived at the gates. Religion? Presbyterian. Go to room 14 but be very quiet as you pass room 12. The man said I can understand there being different rooms for different denominations, but why must I be quiet when I pass room 12. St. Peter laughs and goes Shhh, the catholics are in room 12, and they think they are the only ones here. Who or how many will be saved has always been an issue among many believers. Some have pegged it at 144,000, in literal interpretation of the book of Revelations 7:4, while forgetting the additional verse; 'great multitude impossible to count' in vs9 of the same chapter. The bottom line is that nobody knows. AS Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem in today's gospel, he is asked a question; "will only a few be saved?" The question reflects the belief of many Jews at the time of Jesus at they alone were God's chosen people, guaranteed of salvation. This idea is also found in Christianity and other religions. For a long time, Christians believed that only they will be saved. The slogan had been "Extra Ecclesiam nulla salus." (outside the church there is no salvation). Yet even among Christians there are divisions about who or which denomination is on the right path to salvation. As catholics, we can feel proud to be in direct line from the church of the Apostles and privileged to be the inheritors of the richest Christian traditions. Yet, what inspired the question "will only a few be saved" was such exclusivity and superiority. While the question focused on the numbers, Jesus' answer focused on how to be saved, which is "by entering through the narrow gate." Jesus described it as "taking up your cross every day and follow me." That is the path to salvation, that is open to all, without exception. "Men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in

the Kingdom of God..."

God bless you all. Fr. Henry.

21st Sunday in Ordinary time

First reading -Isaiah 66:18-21

Responsorial Psalm -Psalm 116(117)

Second reading - Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Gospel Acclamation - Jn14:23

Gospel -Luke 13:22-30

Parish Hall and Grounds Update

We are pleased to inform you that the parish hall will be ready for use from 7th September.

- Plumbing and heating works are now complete.
- Electrical work will be finished by the end of next week.
- The room behind the kitchen has been cleared and will soon be painted, with the intention of hiring it out for meetings and conferences to help generate parish income.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our two faithful parishioners who carried out the large task of cutting down the overgrown trees and deep-rooted weeds around the hall and church.

We are still seeking volunteers to assist with loading the skip. The first skip has already been filled, and another will follow once the current one is collected—evidence of how much overgrowth there was around the parish grounds.

Parish Community Activities

We kindly ask all those involved with the coffee mornings to assist in reorganising the kitchen, as the rewiring work has displaced several items. We hope to resume coffee mornings after all Masses. If you wish to host one for a special occasion, please speak with Eileen Bryant. Contributions are always warmly appreciated.

We would also love to hear from parish bakers! Please contact Glenda Spencer if you would like to participate in our upcoming

“St. Bede’s Bake-Off Morning.”

Looking ahead, our next major project is the kitchen renovation. We will be seeking support from local kitchen suppliers, but if you have any ideas or suggestions, please share them with Glenda Spencer.

Finally, we are delighted to share that the recent **Plant and T-shirt Sale** raised **£195.00**. Your generosity is, as always, deeply appreciated.

Please keep an eye out for further updates in the coming weeks.

With every blessing,

[Parish Priest/ Your Parish Council]

Donations for

Parish Mass

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

Offertory.

16th/ 17th August

Loose plate **£249.13**

Envelope **£395.70**

**Fr Henry would like to
thank you all**

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!

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 11am 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!

Baptism dates for 2025

All sessions are at 7pm
25th September

Altar servers Training for new servers

Saturday 06th
September @ 2pm in
the church

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We are seeking a few additional Eucharistic Ministers to help bring Holy Communion to the sick, residents in care homes, and those who are housebound.

If you feel called to this important ministry, please submit your name to Fr. Henry. Full guidance and support will be provided, including assistance with all necessary safeguarding requirements.

Parish Youth Choir

Our Director of Music, Tobias Butler, is looking for singers to establish a Youth Choir. The choir will meet on Saturday mornings from 11am -12 noon. This is a great opportunity to support the Parish, get involved in something fun as well as develop music skills. Ages 8+.

Parent helpers also needed to join a rota.

If you are interested or would like to nominate your child, please complete the form at the back of the church and return to Tobias, or leave on the Organ stool.

Youth Choir will start in early September.