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St John Fisher Church

1954-2024



70th Anniversary

"Come and See" John 1:39



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER—TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Holy Mass

Readers: Sudha and Serah

10.30am - 10.45am Confessions

11.00am Holy Mass—Michael and Brigid Ferguson RIP

Readers: Ciel and Sarah

6.00pm Holy Mass—People of the Parish

ADORATION OF THE LORD JESUS
IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AFTER ALL MASSES

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 9AM MASS

Monday 7th September—Feria

9.00am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass

Tuesday 8th September—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass—Special Intention

Followed by Reflections in the Presbytery

Wednesday 9th September—St Peter Claver, Priest

9.00am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass

Thursday 10th September—Feria

9.00am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass—Gloria, Esperanza, Maria Isabel Jimenez RIP

Friday 11th September—St Ambrose Barlow, Priest and Martyr

11.30am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

12.00 Midday Holy Mass—All who died on 9/11 RIP

Saturday 12th September—St Eanswythe of Folkestone

9.30am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

10.00am Holy Mass

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER—TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Holy Mass—Shirley Jago RIP

Readers: Christina and Simon

10.30am - 10.45am Confessions

11.00am Holy Mass—Knights of St Columba Council 418—Deceased Brothers

Readers: Jeremy and Akuchi

6.00pm Holy Mass—People of the Parish

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS FOR MARY'S MEALS

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COLLECTION: 30th August 2026

GA Envelopes: £68.00, Loose: £353.04

DONA (Card Machine): GA £50.17, Non GA £21.64

Total: £492.85

Direct debits received for the month of August: £2,546.33

(Weekly £636.58)

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THE AUGUSTINE CAMINO A sponsorship form is in the porch supporting Mary's Meals and any donations for those walking would be very much appreciated! Further details can be found on the email from Roy Peachy in the porch.



The Church is open every day for prayer
from 8:30am to 7.00pm.



The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will have its **Second**



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Reading and vote on

Friday, 11 September 2026. Our clear principled objection to this Bill remains and we renew our call for Catholics and people of goodwill to unite in prayer and compassionate action.

Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, explains our strong opposition to this legislation: This bill is wrong in principle. It is also deeply flawed and, if passed,

could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to **vote against** the Bill at Second Reading."

Visit: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote> to ask MP Lauren Edwards to vote **"NO"** at the Second Reading.

PLEASE COMPLETE A CARD – ASSIST US TO LIVE— ON THE PORCH TABLE—if you have not done so already—then leave it on the pew/porch table and they will all be sent to the Houses of Parliament. *Thank you*

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SYCAMORE – GROWING IN FAITH The Growing in Faith Together for married and engaged couples is an **ONLINE** course, which has been developed in collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the Agency for Evangelisation and Sycamore, a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang, (Bishop-elect Arundel and Brighton). Growing in Faith Together consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for: married couples to enrich their friendship and love; engaged couples who want to continue exploring their faith together. **The next course begins on Tuesday 8th September and continues on 15th, 22nd and 29th September from 8.30pm to 9.30pm.** For further information and to book a place, please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

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MARRIAGE HELP—Communication failure is a major cause of marital breakdown - 1,000's of couples have found Retrouvaille helped their relationship. **Retrouvaille** is not counselling but a programme to help married couples work through conflicts more effectively. We focus on helping restore trust and hope. **Bookings close 18th Sept.** www.Retrouvaille.org.uk +44 7887 296 983

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THE SYNODAL PROCESS has now reached its third phase – the *Implementation for a Synodal Church* – which will continue until December 2026. Between July and November, conversations across parishes in the Archdiocese are to be held using "A Feast for all Peoples" involving both the clergy and lay people. **There will be a meeting on Thursday 15th October in the hall, between 7:30pm and 9:30pm and everyone is invited.** The Parish Advisory Council are requested to attend as a priority.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see the separate sheet in the porch for:

- Altar server training;
- New young adults group (ages 18-35) and
- Day for readers