

OUR LADY AND ST. HELEN'S

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Mass times

Monday to Friday	10 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 pm
Sunday	10 am & 12 noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday	9:00 -9:45 am
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Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

Seventeenth in Ordinary Time -A

Sunday, 26th of July, 2026.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

You have asked for yourself understanding.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119(118)

Oh Lord, how I love your law.

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 28-30

He predestined us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

He sells all that he has and buys that field.

Reflection: What Do You Really Want from God?

Have you seen the movie “Bruce Almighty”? Bruce Nolan, played by Jim Carrey, is frustrated with his life. He blames God for his problems and complains that God is not doing His job properly. One day, God grants Bruce His powers for a short time and tells him, in effect, "If you think you can do a better job, go ahead." At first, Bruce is delighted. He uses his newfound powers for selfish purposes, including taking revenge on his enemies and pulling the moon to impress a lady. But soon, he becomes overwhelmed by the millions of prayers and requests coming from people around the world. No matter what he does, someone is unhappy. He eventually realizes that having power is not enough. What he truly needs is wisdom. The wisdom to know what is good for others and the humility to recognize that he is not God.

The movie leaves us with an important question: If God appeared to us today and said, as He did to Solomon, "Ask what I should give you," what would we ask for? Solomon could have asked for wealth, power, long life, or victory over his enemies. Instead, he asked for "an understanding heart". The wisdom to listen, discern, and serve God's people well. God was pleased because Solomon asked not for himself, but for the gift that would enable him to fulfill his vocation.

Perhaps our prayers reveal that we often ask God for what we want rather than what we need. Do we ask God for wisdom to become better parents who know how to guide our children? Do we ask for the grace to be honest and diligent workers? Do we pray for wisdom in running our businesses and managing our finances? Do we seek understanding and patience to become loving spouses, partners, and friends? Do we pray for a listening heart to show empathy rather than condemn? These are the accessories of Wisdom.

St Thomas Aquinas teaches that wisdom is the highest of the intellectual virtues because it allows us to see and judge all things in the light of God. Wisdom is not merely intelligence or accumulated knowledge. It is the gift and virtue that helps us recognize what truly matters and directs us toward our ultimate goal, which is “God.” A wise person learns to ask not, "What do

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I want?" but "What does God desire for me and for those entrusted to my care?"

Solomon asked for a listening heart. Perhaps that is the greatest prayer we can offer today. For when God grants us wisdom, He gives us the grace to live, to love, and to serve as He intends.

So, what do you really want from God?

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: Come and go with me	No. 205
Offertory: Lord, accept the gifts we offer	No. 443
Communion: Listen, let your heart keep seeking	No. 435
Communion 2: Our God loves us	No. 560
Recessional: O Lord, my God	No. 529

SS. Martha, Mary and Lazarus (Memorial, Wednesday), St. Ignatius of Loyola (Memorial, Friday), St. Alphonsus Liguori (Feast, Saturday).

The Funeral of **Margaret McAtee** takes place on Friday the 31st of July. Let us continue to pray for the family.

Death: *Ian Brough, James Reilley.*

Anniversary: *Kevin McCutcheon, Josephine Mooney, Margaret McAtee, Cathy O' Brien, Elizabeth Stokes.*

The Fatima Devotion comes up on the **1st of August**, with Mass at 10 AM. Rosary begins after Mass

Completion of the Parish Hall

We are delighted to announce that the Parish Hall has been completed, two weeks ahead of schedule. We thank God for this wonderful achievement

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and express our sincere gratitude to everyone whose hard work made it possible.

As we prepare to put the Hall into full use, we are looking for **three to four parish volunteers** to assist with its day-to-day management and coordination. If you are willing to offer your time and talents to this important ministry, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please speak to Fr. Paulinus or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council if you are interested in serving.

Community Meeting

You are warmly invited to our Parish Community Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, 19 August, at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a parish family, share ideas, and discuss matters that concern our community. We encourage everyone to attend and take part in the life of our parish.

Minna's Children

The annual payment for anyone paying by cheque is due for the sponsorship of their child. Please contact either Joann Ferguson or Mary Keegan, who will gratefully pay this into the charity account. Also, if you are interested in sponsoring a child, we would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

200 Club July Winners

1st No. 23

2nd No. 79

3rd No. 135