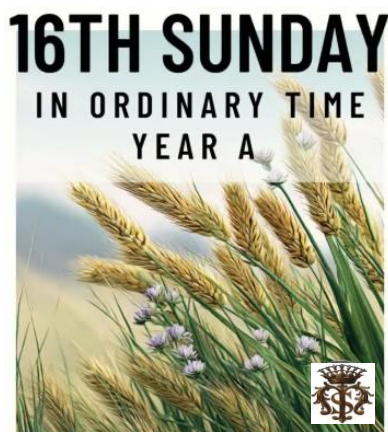




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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Yr. A 19TH JULY 2026

Reflection

The readings for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, focus on the patience and mercy of God in a world that holds both good and evil.

The 1st reading is from the Book of Wisdom 12:13,16-19, reminds us that God is a caring ruler; He is both just and merciful. This remarkable balance of justice and mercy is often difficult for us to grasp. In a world filled with sin and suffering, it can be easy to question why God allows evil to exist alongside. Yet, Wisdom reminds us that God's wisdom transcends our understanding, and His love encompasses all creation. When we reflect on the nature of God, we see a God who teaches us how to practice patience in our lives and in our relationships with others.

The 2nd reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans: 8:26-27, highlights that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, even when we struggle to find the right words. This reminds us that we are never alone in our pain or confusion. God is always with us, understanding our hearts and offering support in our deepest needs.

The Gospel is taken from St. Matthew 13:24-30, we hear the parable of the wheat and darnel/weeds. Jesus teaches us about the coexistence of good and evil in our lives and the world. Just as the farmer allows both to grow until the harvest, God exercises incredible patience. We are called to do the same – not to rush to uproot the weeds in our lives or in lives of others, but to trust in God's timing and wisdom.



Summer Mass - As the Priests in the Community will be taking holidays at different times during August, it was decided to have One Mass each weekday from Monday 3rd August to Friday 28th August at 10 am each day only. There will be NO 6.30 pm Evening Mass. Except on 26th August (Wednesday) for St. Peregrine Healing Mass at 6:30 pm. Though Saturday and Sunday masses will be as usual; Saturday at 10:00 am and Vigil at 6:30pm, Sundays at 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 am (Spanish Mass) and 6:30 pm.

Appeal for the Lighting System – We are deeply grateful to the generosity of our parishioners who donated £10,000 (which will increase to £12,500 through Gift Aid), two others who have generously donated £5,000 each, and others who shared towards the repair and upgrade of our church lighting system. We prayerfully invite other parishioners and friends of the parish to help us meet the remaining cost. Every gift, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference and is sincerely appreciated. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and continued support of our parish. May God bless you abundantly.

Mass Collections (11th & 12th July 2026) – £1,221 was received in the main collection, and £387 in the second collection for Stella Maris. Thank you for your faithful kindness and wholehearted support.



Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
 Sunday 9.30 am
 11.00 am
 Spanish Mass 12.30 pm
 6.30 pm
 Mon to Sat 10am & 6.30 pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
 6.00 – 6.30 pm
 Mon – Fri 6:15 – 6:30 pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
 (Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after
 10am Mass followed by Tea
 in the Founders Room.
 • Rosary also held on Sundays
 at 3pm in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the
 Parlour.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after
 10am Mass. The hour will include
 Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy &
 Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 20th – St. Apollinaris
Tue 21st – St. Lawrence of
 Brindisi
Wed 22nd – St. Mary Magdalene
Thu 23rd – St. Bridget of Sweden
Fri 24th – St. Sharbel Makhlof
Sat 25th – St. James



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
 Healing is on **29th July 2026** at
 6.30pm.

Relic of St. Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every
 Monday after our 10am Mass.

St. Carlo Acutis, Pray for us.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Neither is there any God besides you, whose care is for all, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the one who is righteous must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 86(85):5-6. 9-10. 15-16a. R5a

R. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, and attend to my voice in supplication. **R.**

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2. All the nations you have made shall come; they will bow down before you, O Lord, and glorify your name, for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R.**

3. You, O God, are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, O Lord, abundant in mercy and fidelity; turn and take pity on me. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of

St. Paul to the Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



(Year A) 19th July 2026

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-30

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?"' He said to them, "An enemy has done this." So the servants said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he said, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you,

Lord Jesus Christ.



NICENE CREED—See Laudate 479 (205)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (All bow for following three lines) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.