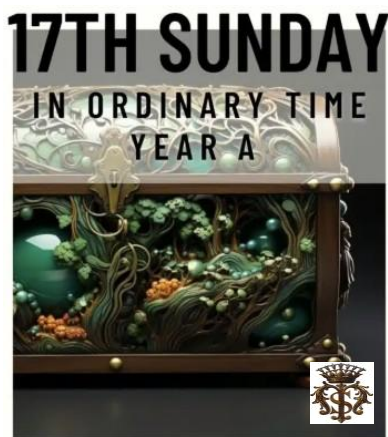




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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR. A 26TH JULY 2026

Reflection

The readings for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, invite us to reflect on the priceless nature of God's kingdom and the wisdom we need to pursue it.

The 1st reading from the first book of the Kings 3:5, 7-12, we hear the story of Solomon, who, when given the opportunity to ask for anything, chooses wisdom. This decision brings not only personal enlightenment, but also the ability to lead his people with justice and understanding. Solomon's heart was aligned with God's will, which led him to seek what is truly valuable.

The 2nd reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:28-30, we are reminded that God works all things for the good of those who love Him. This reassurance is vital for us, especially in challenging times. God is always orchestrating His plan in our lives, inviting us to trust in His divine wisdom, much like Solomon did.

The Gospel is taken from St. Matthew 13:44-52, we encounter parables that speak to the hidden yet profound nature of the Kingdom of Heaven. The treasure hidden in a field and the pearl of great price illustrate that the Kingdom is worth every sacrifice we might make. When we truly recognize the value of our relationship with God, we, like the merchant and the labourer, will joyfully give up everything to possess it.

In today's Eucharist/Mass the Lord questions each and everyone of us: Which are the things that are truly precious to me," the ones I consider real treasures in life? Am I prioritizing the fleeting pleasures of this world, or am I actively seeking the wisdom that comes from God?



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 (18th & 19th July 2026) - £1,200 was received in the main collection, and £621 in the second collection for Church Restoration. Thank you for your faithful kindness and wholehearted support.



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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 27th – St. Titus Brandsma
Tue 28th – Bl. Stanley Rother
Wed 29th – Sts. Martha, Mary
and Lazarus
Thu 30th – Bl. Solanus Casey
Fri 31st – St. Ignatius of Loyola
Sat 1st – St. Alphonsus Liguori



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 first book of

Kings **3:5,7-12**

In those days: The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.'



The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 119(118):57, 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130. R97a

R. O Lord, how I love your law!

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A) 26th July 2026

1. You, O Lord, are my portion;

I have promised to obey your words.

The law from your mouth means more to me than large quantities of silver and gold.
R.

2. Let your merciful love console me by your promise to your servant.

Show me compassion, that I may live, for your law is my delight. **R.**

3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold,

why I rule my life by your precepts, and hate false ways. **R.**

4. Your decrees are wonderful indeed; therefore my soul obeys them.

The unfolding of your word gives light, and understanding to the simple. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of

St. Paul to the Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and Sisters: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel

according to Matthew 13:44-46

At that time: Jesus said to the crowd:

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you,

Lord Jesus Christ



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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.