

23RD SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A



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 7th – Bl. Frederic Ozanam
Tue 8th – Nativity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Wed 9th – St. Peter Claver
Thu 10th – St. Thomas of
Villanova
Fri 11th – St. Cyprian
Sat 12th – Most Holy Name of the
Blessed Virgin Mary



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on **30th September
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.

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR. A 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Reflection

The readings for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, lead us into the profound responsibility we have toward one another as members of the Body of Christ.

The 1st reading from the book of prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9, the Lord appoints the prophet as a defender of the house of Israel. This image reminds us that we are called not only to care for ourselves but to watch over each other, urging us to speak the truth in love when we see a brother or sister straying.

The 2nd reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 13:8-10, expand the message of love to the fulfillment of the law. Our interactions with one another must be rooted in love, fulfilling the ultimate commandment given to us by Christ. Love compels us to reach out, intercede and sometimes confront when we see wrongdoings, always with a heart that seeks to restore rather than to condemn.

The Gospel is taken from Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus provides a concrete process for addressing wrongs among us. He emphasizes the importance of reconciliation and to approach conflict resolution with humility and respect.

The steps outlined urge us to work towards restoring relationships in a manner that reflects Christ's love and forgiveness.



Welcome Back! – A warm welcome back to all our parishioners returning from their summer holidays! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break and are feeling refreshed and energised for the new school year.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) –

A course will be held for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be. Application forms for this programme are now available from the Parish Office. The session will start on 12th October 2026 (Monday) at 7:15 pm at the Founders Room.

Appeal for the Lighting System – We are deeply grateful to our parishioners and everyone who has contributed towards the repair and upgrade of our church lighting system. We invite other parishioners and friends to help meet the remaining cost. Every gift, however small, makes a meaningful difference. Thank you for your generosity and continued support. May God bless you abundantly.

Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Dolours on 15th September – Everyone is invited to join in our International Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Dolours on 13th September 2026 at 11:00 am. Wear your traditional attire and share a dish from your country as we rejoice in our diversity. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated as well on Saturday, 12th of September at 6.30pm Vigil Mass.

Mass Collections (29th & 30th August 2026) – £1,547 was received in the main collection, and £370 in the second collection for Church Restoration. Thank you for your faithful kindness and wholehearted support.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 6th September 2026

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet

Ezekiel

33:7-9

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'



The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

1. Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks; let us hail him with a song of praise. **R.**
2. O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us, for he is our God, and we the people, the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of

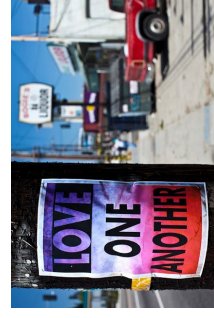
St. Paul to the Romans

13:8-10

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel

according to Matthew

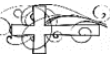
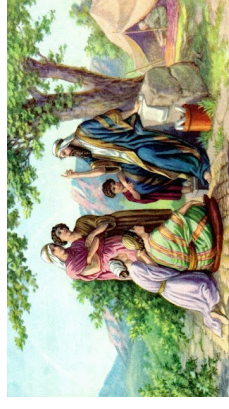
18:15-20

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

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.